

St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes
2016, January 25
St. Anthony Village Pub – 7:00 PM

Call to Order: President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Attendees:

Rick Ballot, Jerry Welch, Rossi Cannon, Scott McCleary, Al Bates, Danielle Bogucki, Kirsten Stendahl, Jim Zusan, Jeff Peterson, JR Baumann, Janene Christy.

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 9:00 pm.

Approval of the Prior Meetings' Minutes:

Danielle moved, Scott seconded, to approve the minutes from last regular meeting (12/15/15). Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Al related that the 2015 Final Budget/Actuals Report had been emailed out. Figures of interest at 12/31/15 included: \$8,860.36 "in the Bank"; \$2,874.98 was added to the balance in 2015 (on an accrual basis, after \$665 encumbered and \$500 prepaid for 2016).

Significant receipts in 2015 included \$2,000 Huskies Diamond Club gift, profits from hosting the 8U Jamboree, and Spirit Wear Sales. Most of this was unexpected & not forecasted.

Discussion ensued on reaching a "common understanding" of what a "Good Balance Sheet" number was. Consensus was that a (year-end) Balance of \$5K - \$10K provides a good range, with operating cushion to allow for prepaying items and recovering cost after, and take advantage of opportunities, including matching grant money.

Coordinators Updates:

- Uniforms – Al
 - Online Store Holiday Orders were picked up today, and are available now.
 - We passed around a Sympathy Card that Al had personally purchased, and signed it for mailing to our Tahoe Sports rep, Adam, on the occasion of the passing of his Mom.
- Equipment – Al
 - We have purchased some Catcher's Mitts, Batting Ts, and some hitting balls.
 - We are renting Catcher Equipment @ \$5/player to 2015 Players attending Catcher Clinics.

- We intend to purchase more Catcher Gear to have 2 sets/team in 2016.
- First Aid Kits – Rossi – no update.
- Field Scheduling - Rick –
 - Preliminary Booster Field Scheduling meeting will happen first week in February; will involve Softball, Baseball, Soccer, maybe Lacrosse. Discussion ensued regarding field use/team and whether T-Ball is in “the right season” or if other options for field time existed – construction, rental from neighboring towns... Tabled to discuss options as more is known.
- Umpires – Dirk – no report.
- Facebook – Danielle/Rossi
 - 92 total “likes” so far. Nice photos from the HDC-sponsored teams at the MLK Day tournament posted. Let’s keep telling Coaches to use the site to post info.
- Spirit Wear – Danielle –
 - We sold a lot of headbands already
 - Can we sell t-shirts, and order them ahead of time to have them at Evals?
We had 42 T-shirts ordered last year. We would pay about \$10/shirt & sell for \$15. Danielle moved, Rossi seconded to authorized up to \$500 to purchase Spirit Wear, including T-shirts, Shorts, etc. Discussion ensued. Danielle moved, Al seconded to amend the motion to \$300 for T-shirts (only). Amendment passed. The amendment having passed, the motion was then voted upon, and passed as amended: \$300 has been authorized to pre-order T-shirts for Spirit Wear sales.

Player & Coach Development Update - Al:

- Pitching Clinics for 8Us & 10Us –
 - Jim:
 - Winter Break Pitching Clinic in the HS Upper Gym was a success, with 8 pitchers. Discussion ensued. Jim brought up the idea of a gift card “thank you” for volunteer Pitching Coach Stan Waldhauser. Rossi moved, Rick seconded to purchase a \$50 gift card. Motion passed.
 - Al:
 - Winter Skills Clinics will again be offered by MFA in the SAVHS Gyms, on Sundays, Jan 24, Jan 31, Feb 21, & Feb 28 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm (1:00-2:30 for 8U & 10U; 2:30-4:00 for 12U & 14U, (also open to 16U & 18U)); cost is \$75/player. We didn’t quite meet the 18/group minimum, with 25 & 14, respectively, but MFA waived the underwriting fee! Thanks, MFA! We’ll shift a couple of the more advanced younger players into the older group to even the groups out for better player-coach ratios.
 - We need volunteers for the remaining Clinics to be the StA “in-charge”:
 - Jerry & Jim will do Jan 31.
 - Jerry & Scott will do Feb 21; Rossi & Kirsten will do Feb 28.

- Open Gyms are scheduled for Wilshire Park Gym on Sunday Feb 7 & Sunday Mar 6, and have been approved to be extended, new times: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. We'll encourage the older players to come from 10-11:30, and the younger ones from 11:30-1:00.
 - Probable split: 12U & 10U in earlier slot; 8U in later slot
 - Volunteers for Feb 7: Rossi & Jim
 - Vols. for Mar 6: Rossi, Jim, Danielle, & Danielle will talk to Erik Lindgren
- Pitching Evaluations: Wilshire Park Gym on Sat, March 12, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. (3 sessions: 10U, 12U, 14U).
 - Need Volunteers; discussion tabled to next meeting.
 - Rossi suggested we should add Catcher Evals at this time, and so moved to add Catcher evals for 10U only. Danielle seconded. Motion passed.
- General Evaluations/Tryouts are scheduled for SAVHS Gyms on Sunday, March 13, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm (4 sessions).
 - Need Volunteers; discussion tabled to next meeting.
- April Warmup Clinics will be held Wed April 6, & Tues April 12, 19, & 26 in the Wilshire Park Gym, from 6:00-8:30 (two sessions). Al & Jim will run these; all help is appreciated.
- We discussed the Coach training opportunity with the Twins program; Al will talk to Baseball (Jason Peters) about this.
- Al presented a sample Coach Deck training tool to the Board. Consensus was to pursue purchasing some Coach Decks for Coaches.

Registration Update & Discussions:

- We have 35 players registered so far.
- Scott, Jeff, Danielle, & Janene expressed interest in understanding, & potentially changing to wider Board participation in the deciding the number of teams, and how/when to decide when to partner with other Associations.
- It was decided to hold a Board Meeting for Wednesday, March 2 @ 6:30 pm at the Community Center (This is after Registration officially closes, but before Evaluations/Tryouts, to review the number of players at each level – if the numbers are awkward -- ie: do not easily divide into teams). An example of an awkward range would be 27-32. Reference was made to the team roster size section of the Bylaws, reproduced here for information purposes:

Section 16.4 Every effort should be made to place every player on a team. However, SABSA recognizes that in order to provide the best possible playing experience for all players, team roster size cannot be unlimited. Roster sizes for League Fastpitch are complete at twelve (12), and must not exceed thirteen (13) at the 10U, 12U, and 14U levels, except by Board authorization with Coach consultation.

- The question as to whether to change the makeup of the Evaluations Committee was tabled for future consideration. Reproduced here for information purposes is the appropriate section of the Bylaws:

Section 16.5 Team rosters and Coach selections shall be compiled for Board ratification by the SABSA Evaluations Committee. The Evaluations Committee membership will be formed each spring from the SABSA Board, and will include, but need not be limited to the: SABSA President, Vice-President and Director of Evaluations/Tryouts, and Director of Player/Coach Development.

- It was suggested that if an age level was to field “even teams” that we should consider using a Draft process.
- Kirsten & Danielle shared a potential questionnaire for Pitchers & Catchers – if team levels aren’t even, this could be valuable in deciding if players will be given the opportunity to choose between a “Pitching or Catching Spot” on a lower level team (ex: C) vs. a “Non-Pitching or Non-Catching Spot” on a higher level team (ex: B). This was tabled for future consideration.

President’s Update (AI):

- The SABSA Protocol Document regarding Players missing Evaluations remained tabled. It was requested that copies of this document be provided at a future meeting when this is discussed.

8U Season Development (AI/Danielle):

- We will be doing a post-season analysis and rules tweaking for 2016. AI will try to schedule this for February 2016.
- Danielle has spoken with reps from Roseville and Columbia Heights regarding their interest; both sounded like they had potential.
- There was interest in creating an 8U Subcommittee. Tabled to a future meeting.

Fundraising:

- Jersey Mike’s – Kirsten – has reached out to Jersey Mike’s; hasn’t heard back yet.
- Chipotle – Lamar/(AI) – Scheduled for April 5, 2016. Joint fundraiser between HS Softball and SABSA planned (prior minutes have a typo – “SAVHS” is incorrect).
- Broadway Pizza – Scott will schedule a follow-up conversation now that we’re closer to the season.
- Scholarship Fund – an option to help Sustain the Scholarship Fund has been given a checkoff spot on the Registration site.
- DQ – Danielle will get Gift Cards (for use by 8U coaches) and solicit for a donation.
- Spirit Wear – Jerry reported we’ll be allowed to put a Spirit Wear table at the Band Pancake Breakfast on March 13 (evaluations day). Let’s put an announcement about this in the Evaluations Reminder email – (AI).

- Other – Jerry presented a Calendar Fundraiser for consideration. It does have a raffle component, which would require a one-time license.

HDC Liaison Update:

- Al – HDC has offered a date of Sunday, Feb 21 for a “joint session” w/SABSA @ 6pm, location TBD.
- A question about how to link up for joint fundraisers was brought up.
- A question about how to get Fall Ball practice field time was brought up.

Other Business:

- Al presented two Gift Certificates for \$25 each (Total \$50), good for SABSA merchandise (redeemable for Sprit Wear or through the Tahoe Online Store) to Scott to take to SANBE for their Silent Auction fundraiser at their Fundraiser Dinner on Feb 6 at Jax. Scott encouraged all to come support SANBE.
- Danielle got the Softball Registration is Open notice up on the Middle School billboard; thanks, Danielle! Al will follow up with MS Announcements, Words from Wilshire, and St. Charles Announcements. There was discussion about having the Wilshire Park Players wear their Softball Jerseys to school.
- There is a Suburban League Meeting coming up Feb 8; Danielle expressed interest.
- Jerry expressed interest in the Varsity Players doing a Clinic for SABSA Players. Al will follow up with Lamar.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President