

## **St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes**

**2016, March 2**

**St. Anthony Village Community Center – 7:00 PM**

Call to Order: President Al Bates called the Closed (to Board Members only) meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

### Attendees:

Rick Ballot, Jerry Welch, Rossi Cannon, Scott McCleary, Al Bates, Danielle Bogucki, Dirk DeWester

### Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 7:45 pm.

### Coordinators Updates:

- Equipment – Al
  - Still need 1 set of catcher's equipment returned.
- Yard Signs – Danielle
  - Will collect and turn into Al for storage.

### Player & Coach Development Update - Al:

- The last Open Gym is scheduled for Wilshire Park Gym on Sunday Mar 6, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Older players should come from 10-11:30, and younger ones from 11:30-1:00.  
Vols. for Mar 6: Al (early slot), Rossi, Danielle, & Danielle will talk to Erik Lindgren (later slot)
- Pitching Evaluations: Wilshire Park Gym on Sat, March 12, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. (3 sessions: 10U, 12U, 14U).
- Volunteers: Kerry, Kirsten @ 10:45am, Scott @ 11:45 & 12:45, Jim, Scott, Dirk for outside room Hosts.
- Evaluators will be Melissa Brandenburg, Steve Tusa. Al will catch.
- It was determined that 10U Catching Evals are not needed.
- Discussion of the Pitching Questionnaire determined that it was premature at Evaluations. We need to see what we have in terms of Pitchers first, before knowing if we want to use a Questionnaire to determine player preference between pitching and playing on a stronger team.
- General Evaluations/Tryouts are scheduled for SAVHS Gyms on Sunday, March 13, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm (4 sessions). Volunteering already for Greeting Table are: Tom Korba 8/10/12Us, Jerry Welch 14Us. Al will rough out stations needed, and follow-up for Volunteers for next meeting.

- Al shared a potential Coaches list with the Board.
- Coaches pre-season meeting will be coming soon.
- There is a new requirement for Boosters Coaches this year: getting certified by the Trusted Coaches Program. Al will send out an email to the Coaches.

#### Registration Update:

- 14U remains open, with 7 players registered.
- 12U is closed, with 15 players registered,
  - Plus 1 waitlisted, a 2015 out-of-district player who wants to return
  - Plus 1 waitlisted, who wants a partial season.

Danielle moved, Jerry seconded, to provide a full refund to the out-of-district player if she does not want to pursue a spot after Evaluations. Motion passed.

- 10U is closed, with 35 players registered.
- 8U remains open, is due to close March 11. 27 players have registered so far.
- 6U/Intro closed early (was due to close April 18). 18 players have registered, plus 1 waitlisted, plus 2 additional inquiries.

#### Team Selection Methodology:

Discussion of team selection methodology (the reason for the Closure of the meeting) ensued:

- For 14U, Jerry suggested that 12U-eligible players (so registered) who were also playing HS Ball would miss a lot of early 12U games, and moving these players (who are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade) up to 14U would accommodate the 14U, 12U, and school ball scheduling. Also, they wouldn't have to bounce between facing 40' & 43' pitching. The consensus was that this is a good idea, perhaps 3-4 players would be moved up, and we would want to have 11-12 on the 14U roster. Al will follow-up with Lamar to get a list of these players to compare against registrations. The consensus was to try to fill the 14Us by pulling players up before going outside to recruit, going outside if we get only 10 on the roster.
- For 12U, the waitlisted (in-district) player has to pay the full season's fee, and will be encouraged to come to Evaluations (registration received, but not paid yet). It appears we will be fielding 1 team @ 12U after player move-ups. The waitlisted out-of-district player should be encouraged to come to Evals also, and their situation will be addressed by the Board, after Evals.
- For 10U, 35 players have registered. If we were to move up 4 from 8U, we'd be at rosters of 13, and the Board would have to authorize that.
  - Tiers/levels of play will be decided by Evaluations results. Pitching evaluations will be important! The consensus was that we would need to have more than 6-7 B-level players at 10U to make a B team.

- It was reiterated that we use last year's Coaches Evaluations of Players as a 'tiebreaker' to help determine placements. Last year's coach's opinions were regarded as important; Rossi stressed the elements of "attitude" and "effort".
- Using a Coaches draft if possible at 10U was preferred (for balanced teams).
- If we are not going to make balanced teams at 10U (all playing at the same tier), it was suggested that a 12U coach's input might be valuable.
- For 8U it was decided to leave Registration open up to Evaluations (as normal), and to pursue a Coaches' selection for team makeup.
  - It was suggested that we encourage Coach Candidates at 8U to watch the Evaluations.

Other Business:

- Interest in moving the next meeting time up was expressed.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be the Post-Evaluations meeting, Monday, March 14 at 6:00 at the Community Center. That meeting will be closed (Board Members only) to discuss Evaluations results and the Evaluations Committee recommendations, until 7:00 when it will be opened to the Association Members. Al will book the room.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President