

St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes

2016, July 20

St. Anthony Village Pub – 6:30 PM

Call to Order: President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Danielle Bogucki, Rossi Cannon, Rick Ballot, Kirsten Stendahl, Melody Herlofsky, Jim Zusan, Pat Clark, Natalie Dougherty.

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 8:00 pm.

Approval of the Prior Meetings' Minutes:

Rossi moved, Danielle seconded to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2016 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Al again shared that as of May 4, 2016, the "bank balance" with the Boosters Treasurer is \$17,182.24, but that this is not a meaningful number, as most 'revenue' has been received for the year, but most of the cost is not yet recorded. The traditional Actuals vs. Budget reporting will be updated after another round of Boosters Treasurer reporting, with more expenses in.

President's Update:

Al thanked everyone for their patience during this busy season-ending time, and noted that the Villagefest Parade has been canceled.

Player & Coach Development Update - Al:

- Pitcher Clinics needs were discussed; with the goal of trying to organize them for the 2-3 weeks preceding the HDC Fall Ball season, and to aim them primarily at the 10Us (and just-finishing-2nd year 8Us), but accept any 12Us or 14Us that wish to attend. Discussion ensued, and it was decided that a two-pronged approach might be better. Jim volunteered to check with Stan Waldhauser on his availability for the younger/less-experienced Pitchers. Danielle volunteered to follow up with Megan Staton at MFA for her availability for the older/more-experienced Pitchers.
- Catcher Clinics were discussed. Rossi mentioned that Catchers have a steep learning curve. Kirsten noted that many 10U Catchers were moving up to 12U. Al mentioned that he had discussed Catcher Clinics with recent Spring Lake Park Varsity Catcher alumna Maddy Iskeira, who might be interested in leading a Clinic. Jim Zusan indicated his willingness to help. We discussed having two

different levels, possibly an Intro offering in August, and a more advanced offering through MFA in September.

- There was consensus on SABSA 'underwriting 50% of the cost of the Pitching and Catching clinics, to encourage attendance.
- Kirsten noted that Hitting Clinics would also be a good idea, and volunteered to follow up with MFA on availability.
- Danielle has the Parent Survey ready for AI to send out. AI will do so.
- Coaches' Evaluations of Players are due back soon.

Coordinators Updates:

- Equipment – AI
 - We have purchased a still-under-warranty 32"/10 drop bat for 14U from a Parent.
 - We purchased two smaller bats for 10-12U, and two small batting helmets at the Sports Authority going-out-of-business sale.
 - Equipment needs to be turned back in for Inventorying; we set 6:00 pm at the Community Center (Room CS9) for this, on Wednesday July 27. Jim Zusan volunteered to help AI at the Equipment Return. AI will email the Coaches regarding the return.
 - We still need more Catcher Gear.
- Fields – Rick
 - With 1 week left of the Season, Rick is almost done. We'll need someone else next year. Rick's willing to train his successor, recommends one person to do both Baseball & Softball. Possible 'volunteers' to solicit names mentioned were Jeff Bjork and Jesse Kiemele.
- Spirit Wear – Danielle
 - No report.
- Umpires – Dirk
 - No report from Dirk, but Rick proffered that the Umpires were great this year. And Dirk organized the Umpires for the 8U Jamboree, too. Thanks, Dirk!
- Online Store – Tahoe Sports – AI
 - No update.
- Uniforms – AI
 - AI will be curtailing his activity, looking forward to turning over Uniform Coordination to Jessica Rengstorf.

8U Northern League Update:

- End-of-Season Jamboree (AI):

- Good attendance; all 8 teams participated.
- Good atmosphere.
- Good finish – STA vs. STA in the final game, which went into an extra inning, and down to the last out!
- Good concessions – Net profit of \$541.72.
- Good net profit: Concessions \$541.72 + \$300 visiting team fees + \$100 STA team fees - \$310 Umpire fees = \$661 profit total.
- Thanks to Erik & Stephanie Lindgren, Ryan Dougherty, and all the volunteers!

Coaches Updates:

- 6U – Al - Season finished yesterday at Spring Lake Park. Good season w/22 players!
- 8U – Went well from what everyone saw. Danielle reported some Roseville parents related they were very satisfied with the League.
- 10U – Went well; tournaments were great.
- 12U – Had fun and made great improvements; Played in Tier 4 at State, really finished the year playing like a team!
 - Rossi reported that her 10U team went to watch a 12U game, and it was good for them to see the next level of play.
- 14U – Jerry – not in attendance, sent a report: Finished 3rd in League play, but beat the top 2 teams last week! Went 3-2 in Qualifier; Placed in Tier 2 for State. Good Luck!
- 18U – Melody – Made Tier 1 for State, will be playing in St. Peter. Good luck!

HDC Liaison Update – Melody/Al:

- The HDC Annual Meeting is Tuesday, July 26 @ 7pm at the Community Center, Room CS9; all are encouraged to attend.
- With enhanced interest in Fall Ball Coaching, initial discussions with the HDC regarding the Coach Selection Process are underway; it is expected to mirror the SABSA process. Interest was expressed in having the HDC give guidance in team selection also.
- A “Fall Ball Move-up email was suggested, stressing the benefits of playing at next year’s level in the fall, especially for the move from 8U to 10U.

Fundraising:

- The Unofficial joint fundraiser with HDC – Al: \$1,070 raised for SABSA! We expect this to settle at the HDC July 26 meeting.
- Jersey Mike’s: Kirsten/Pat - Raised \$1,258 for SABSA!
 - We need to set a date for the presentation/photo op. Kirsten will set the date and send out an email on the date & time, and invite teams to come to Jersey Mike’s. All are encouraged to come.
- Broadway Pizza – Scott (not in attendance/no report).

- DQ –Thanks to DQ for the \$250 donation! Thanks, Danielle!
- Al is pursuing another, currently anonymous, opportunity.

Other Business:

- Expanded Roles on the Board – we still have interest in having, and want to seek out, and recruit Volunteers before Fall to be:
 - Volunteer Coordinator
 - Equipment Coordinator
 - Fundraising Coordinator
 - 8U Coordinator (Rossi mentioned Dirk as a possible candidate)
 - Secretary
 - Communications Coordinator
 - We briefly discussed how these roles might fit into an expanded Board, and tabled that discussion to a future meeting.
- Thanks again!
 - - to Kirsten & Danielle for all the great fundraising work!
- Meeting Agendas:
 - Rick suggested that Agendas be sent to all Association members.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30 pm at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President