

## SABSA Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2018, St. Anthony Community Center Room CS9

Attendees: Erik Lindgren, Danielle Bogucki, Pat Clark, Al Bates, Natalie Dougherty, Teresa Turner, Kirsten Stendhal, Lora Kohan

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Al Bates.

### Meeting Length:

Al voiced a target adjournment time of 8:30 pm.

### Approval of prior Minutes:

Kirsten moved, Pat seconded to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2017 meeting. Motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report – Kirsten:

Balance as of Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 was reported as \$14,682.51, but this may not be final. \$100 is encumbered for SAVHS upper gym ceiling tile project.

### President's Update – Al:

*Al reported on the January Sports Boosters Meeting:*

- City Maintenance folks were in attendance; we expressed our appreciation for their fine field work during the last year. They asked to be notified when seasons end.
- The various Sports have been asked by the Boosters Board to keep track of how many times each sport has to go outside St. Anthony for sports practices.
- They have also asked that we report on our scholarship budget as a percentage of our registration fees.
- We were also asked to let boosters know when our official start and end dates for our softball program are; we have tentatively replied early March through the first week of August.
  - Al will follow-up with a copy of that information to SABSA Board Members.

Additional SABSA discussion ensued about adding the availability of "Scholarships/Fee Assistance" to our website. Al will follow-up.

*Al & Rossi reported on the January Tri-County Directors Meeting:*

- We expect an increase in fees for state qualifier and state tournaments next year. Team league fees will remain unchanged for this year.
- In the 2018 season there will be no B1/B2 split, but by request of the Directors, the League will use a ranking system for B teams (similar to Fall Ball).
- The league is looking to go paperless for Birth Certificates.
- They are also looking to ensure that rosters are Uploaded and Verified before tournaments.

- There was a discussion about affiliation with NAFA or USSSA sanctioning for the 2018 season. Tri-County will not be providing us with NAFA or USSA sanctioning paid for via our League fees, just USA Softball sanctioning. The dropping of multi-sanctioning is new, and controversial.
- Reminder of coach requirements for ACE certification, background checks, and concussion training.
- Also, a reminder that our insurance has to meet USA Softball minimums.

Registration Update: 26 Players have registered so far.

Player and Coach Development - Danielle:

- Open Gym times have been requested and are up on the website. Volunteers are needed for Feb 25<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> Open Gym.
- Pitching Clinics are going well for newbies, 4 out of 5 are full for the second session.
- March 14<sup>th</sup> Coaches' Clinic for Catching skills will be 7-8:30 pm at MFA suite 6, cost is \$10 per Coach.
- Once Coaches are set for the season, a ½ day clinic will be announced for coaches. Part will be optional; part will be required.

Evaluations/Tryouts – Danielle/Al:

Dates are Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> for Pitchers and Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> for General Evals.

Sunday's times are:

8U: 8:30-10:00 am  
 10U: 10:00-12:00  
 12U: 12:15-2:15  
 14U: 2:15-3:15

Volunteer sign up will go out later for help at Evals. If a player requests to Play Up, they must go to their Natural Age Eval and also to the Requested Age Level Eval (both Pitching and General).

There was a discussion about having a Parent Meeting during evaluations. Rossi will follow-up with a presentation to deliver to 8U and 10U parents.

Equipment - Al:

More equipment has been ordered (larger catchers gloves, smaller bats, league balls).

Fields - Pat:

Nothing to Report.

### Umpires:

We need an Umpire Coordinator!

Rossi reported that Umpire Training has been set and posted several places. We are looking to be able to cover 8U and 10U games next year. Al will forward the notice to our 8U League partners.

### Spirit Wear:

Checks have been received for our 'profit' from the spirit wear sales: \$369.85.

### Online Store:

There was discussion about what we might want to sell on the online store and what items we would like to have available at Evaluations. (Cooling towels/headbands, sunglasses, socks, tie headbands?) Erik will follow-up.

### Uniforms:

There was discussion about uniforms. Erik has done a lot of research, and provided some estimated cost figures. Screen printing was lower cost than Sublimated jerseys. Erik provided some sample jerseys, and the preferred model was selected. Al Moved to outfit Fastpitch players with Screenprinted jerseys, pants with piping, and a belt, the cost for which would be approximately \$4200; Rossi seconded. Motion passed. It was decided to offer socks for sale, separately.

The discussion about new uniforms for 8U and 6U was tabled.

### Fundraising:

- Jersey Mike's – Kirsten – has verbal confirmation that we will be able to do a fundraiser this year; trying to secure the first weekend in June.
- DQ – Erik reported that DQ will do a fundraiser night for us.
- Pop fly fundraiser – consensus was to allow teams to pursue if they wished.

### 8U League:

No report.

### HDC Liaison:

The February HDC Meeting was postponed due to snow.

### Other Business:

- We received a SANBE request for a donation for their silent auction. Citing questions about the appropriateness of one non-profit donating to another, and the ramifications for our Registration Fees and Donors, the Board declined the request. Al will follow- up with SANBE.
- Discussion regarding 12U eligible 7<sup>th</sup> graders was tabled.

Next meeting: Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm at St. Anthony Community Services.

Meeting adjourned: 10:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Natalie Dougherty, Secretary.