

## SABSA Meeting Minutes

February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, St. Anthony Community Center Room CS19

Attendees: Rossi Cannon, Natalie Dougherty, Lora Koha, Danielle Bogucki, Scott McCleary, Al Bates, Erik Lindgren, Andrew Kagol, Aaron Roscha, Kirsten Stendhal, Pat Clark, Teresa Turner

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Al Bates.

### Meeting Length:

Al voiced a target adjournment time of 9:00 pm.

### Approval of prior Minutes:

Rossi moved, Kirsten seconded to approve the minutes of the January 24 meeting. Motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report – Kirsten:

Balance as of December 31, 2017 has been confirmed as \$15,492.21.

2017 was a positive operating year, in the amount of \$3,307.72.

\$100 of the balance remains encumbered for the ceiling tile project at the SAVHS upper gym

Check requests for the rebates for the pitching clinics have been submitted.

### President's Update – Al:

An e-mail was sent to Troy about the possibility of bleachers at Wilshire Park, and possibly also at Emerald Park; there has been no reply yet.

NAFA/USSSA Sanctioning meeting to be held at Radisson North on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

SLP has contacted us with an adaptive softball opportunity; it has been sent to Wilshire Park, SAMS, and St. Charles.

Season length definition as requested by the Boosters Board: Al moved to offer the language that our season will run from Mid-March through the 1<sup>st</sup> full weekend in August. Seconded by Rossi. Motion passed.

Registration Update: 84 players so far

Al announced the makeup of the Evaluations Committee; it will consist of Lamar, Jeff, Melissa, Dirk, and Al. The Evaluations Committee makeup was accepted by consensus.

### Player and Coach Development - Danielle:

Open Gym Times have been updated and reserved, Dates and times are up on the website.

10:00-11:30 for 2nd year 10Us – 14Us

11:30-1:00 for 8U-10U 1<sup>st</sup> year players

Open Gym volunteers will be:

Sun Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Rossi and Kirsten

Sun March 4<sup>th</sup> Erik and Al

MFA clinics at SAVHS are approaching their final day. Natalie, Erik, and Lora to be in charge.

Pitching clinics: The first round of pitching clinics has concluded. The names of players have been forwarded to Kirsten for rebates. Round 2 has started and has 2 weeks left to go.

Catching clinics: MFA catching clinic – will attempt to schedule for April.

Warm up clinics scheduled for Tuesday nights in April at Wilshire Park format to change slightly from previous years and focus more on stealing, signs, and bunting.

Coaches clinics: For Coaches on helping catchers: March 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm at MFA suite 6, cost: \$10.  
For Coaches on hitting - with Lamar: March 10<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6:30 SAVHS upper gym, cost: free.  
Date for Coaches Meeting tabled for next meeting. Equipment handout date tabled for next meeting.

Looking to do an Intro to Pitching Clinic for 10U in preparation for a potential MFA 4 week Pitching clinic in April.

#### Evaluations/Tryouts – Danielle/Al:

Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> (pitchers) and Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> (general).

Evaluators are scheduled for the weekend and volunteers have signed up. Working on finding a space for Rossi's presentation for 8U and 10U parents.

Lunch will be provided for evaluators.

There will be a spirit wear table with some items available for sale that day.

#### Coordinators Updates:

##### Equipment – Al/Teresa:

Need to get rented catchers equipment back.

Equipment donation flyers have gone out and been sent to all schools. Items will be collected then inventoried, priced and sold at evaluations.

##### Fields - Pat:

Nothing to report

##### Umpires:

Still need an umpire coordinator

20 people came to umpire training hoping that we will be able to cover our own 8U games this year through this umpire training program. Follow up process to get certified - needs to be done by all that attended.

##### Spirit Wear/Online Store:

Fastpitch Uniforms: will have samples of the new jerseys and pants at Evaluations for players to try on.

Discussion about when to phase in the new uniforms for 6U and 8U teams. Al moved, Danielle Seconded, to get the new style of jerseys for 6U and old jerseys for 8U. Motion passed, with one vote in opposition.

Erik is making final decisions about offerings for the online store. We are hoping to have it up and running by Evaluations.

#### Fundraising:

Jersey Mike's - Kirsten is emailing and trying to get confirmation for dates of May 31-June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Coordinator still needed for fundraising; this was tabled.

Date is needed for DQ night for Boosters; this was tabled.

#### 8U - Erik:

A tentative schedule has been made up, Erik will contact our Northern League partners soon.

#### HDC Liaison – Scott/Al:

Discussion about 14U kids going up to 16U and the general ramifications of that. Al and Jeremy Donaldson, HDC Pres. have been discussing this via e-mail and phone.

Next HDC meeting at the Unofficial - Monday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Kirsten and Natalie to go as SABSA liaison(s).

#### Other Business:

There was a general discussion on team makeup and the potential of tiering teams. We clarified that to us, "tiering" means having an A team and B team(s) at the same age level, not two same-age-level teams of differing abilities.

The Evaluations Committee would like requests and recommendations of the Board as to what to make sure gets considered (when recommending teams) distilled to bullet points; an e-mail thread is to follow.

It was stressed that the Board needs to hear reasons for the team makeup recommendations when the Evaluations Committee presents the team recommendations to the Board.

There was a discussion about the possible number of girls that will be playing school ball for STA, particularly 12U-eligible 7<sup>th</sup> graders playing school ball. This will be among the points taken into consideration when forming teams; a better view will be possible when registration has closed, and numbers finalize.

Al will be sending out an email out to parents about "playing up" request procedures.

Next meeting, if needed: March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, Community Center.

March Meeting to follow evaluations: March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, Community Center.

Natalie will reserve rooms.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Natalie Dougherty, Secretary.