

SABSA Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2018, St. Anthony Community Center Room CS19 (closed meeting)

Attendees:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Al Bates.

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

Rossi moved, Natalie seconded, to approve the Minutes of the Feb 21st meeting. Motion passed. Kirsten moved, Natalie seconded, to approve the Minutes of the March 1 Virtual Meeting. Motion passed. (The Minutes of the March 4 meeting have not yet been finalized).

Treasurer's Report (Kirsten):

The Bank Balance as of March 3, 2018 was \$28,683.51.

Al reported that the Boosters Board has decided to pay for the 'sportsmanship signs' for the fields, so SABSA will not be charged our expected share of the cost of approximately \$350.

Also, \$200 from a registration fee for a player that dropped out was donated to us. We received an additional benefit of \$250 that was given back from a tournament registration from last year.

President's Update (Al):

Thanks to all the volunteers that helped at evaluations!

Player and Coach Development (Danielle):

- The Catching Clinic this Wednesday at MFA will be a catching clinic for coaches to learn techniques of coaching Catchers. Cost is \$10 to attend.
- Warm up clinics on Tuesday Nights in April at Wilshire Park Gym are in limbo, final format yet-to-be-determined.
- Coaches' Clinic with Lamar were held March 10 in the SAVHS Upper Gym. Went well.
- The Coaches Preseason Meeting Date is yet-to-be-determined.
- Danielle is reserving gym space for indoor practices in case of bad weather.
- We are looking to do another intro to pitching for interested 10U players, in preparation for a MFA 4-week long pitching clinic in April.

Evaluations/Tryouts:

Suggested improvements for next year included:

- More time for pitching tryouts,
- Sending out an email about the parent meeting to be held for 8U and 10U parents at evaluations. (Rossi will also send out the power point to all new 10U parents this year that were unable to make it to the meeting).
- Moving the pitching machine back further, and specifying speeds for each age group.

Things that went well were:

- The number of volunteers was good.

Coordinator Updates:

Equipment (Teresa/Al):

- A date is needed for equipment hand out.
- \$78 was brought in from the equipment sales at evaluations.
- \$10 was received from Play it Again Sports for the donated items that did not sell.

Fields (Pat):

We need to look into renting space from surrounding areas. We are willing to work with soccer if they have a last-minute cancellation.

Umpires:

We need an Umpire Coordinator.

Spirit Wear and Online Store (Erik):

Erik will consult with Rossi about final pricing on items and the Online Store with Dave's Sport Shop should be up and running after spring break.

Uniforms (Erik):

After receiving feedback at evaluations about the fit of the pants that were chosen, we have decided to look into a different type of pants for our fastpitch teams.

Fundraising (Kirsten/Erik):

- We are trying to lock in the weekend of May 31- June 3rd with Jersey Mike's.
- Erik is working on securing a date with DQ for a DQ night.

8U (Erik/Al):

Columbia Heights is looking to start a team. Unfortunately, the Irondale Girls Fastpitch Association has closed their doors and will no longer be fielding a team.

HDC:

Nothing to report

Report and Recommendations of Evaluations and Coach Selection Committees:

Evaluations Committee:

Al presented the Age Level composition numbers by age group as recommended by the Evaluations Committee (post-invitations for "Play Ups" to 16U from the 14U pool). The recommendation included two SABSA "Play Up" recommendations, and is summarized below:

Evaluations Committee Age Level Composition Recommendation:

Level	#of players	-	+	result	#of teams
6u	14	1	n/a	13	1
8u	31	1	+1	31	3
10u	27	6	+1	22	2
12u	32	6	+6	32	3
14u	12	6	+6	12	1
16u	6	na	+6	12	1

Rossi moved, Pat seconded to accept the framework of team numbers as recommended by the Evaluations Committee, including, in addition to the granting of many of the “Play Up” requests, the authorization of two additional “Play Up” invitations to be issued (at other levels than the requests covered). Motion passed on a 6-1-2 vote. Opposing the motion was Natalie Dougherty.

Team Makeup discussions began:

Discussion next focused on the specific 14U Level Players and the evaluations results. Al moved, Rossi seconded to accept the Evaluations Committee recommendations for the makeup of the 14U team. Motion passed on a 7-0-2 vote.

Coach Selection Committee:

Al presented the recommendation of the Coach Selection Committee, which was to accept the volunteer non-parent Coach at 14U, and at lower fastpitch levels to go with the candidates whose Players were in their natural age group. The Board accepted the 14U Coach recommendation, but rejected the ‘Players at their natural age group’ logic recommendation at 12U, and modified the recommendation to a different slate of fastpitch Head Coaches, preferring to retain the 2017 Head Coaches were possible.

Return to Team Makeup discussions:

Discussion then returned to the makeup of the lower age group teams. With the Coaches having been selected at 12U, Teresa moved to accept the Coach Selection Committee/Board modified Coach Selections and Evaluations Committee/Board modified recommendation of a partially completed, ‘core player’ (mostly pitchers) roster to be completed by a Coaches’ snake draft, including specific requirement for when the 2nd Cannon player must be drafted. Erik seconded. Motion passed on a 7-0-2 vote.

The next discussion was regarding the makeup of the 10U teams. Al moved, Pat seconded to accept the Evaluations Committee recommendation of a 6-‘core player’-Player-deep initial rostering to be completed by Coach drafting, and the Coach Selection Committee

recommendation for the one Head Coach application and to recruit other coaches. Motion passed on a 9-0-0 vote.

At 8U, it was decided that teams will be drafted once registration closes. The two returning Head Coach candidates were accepted, and one coach will be recruited.

Discussion on the overall satisfaction of the results ensued. Kirsten moved, Danielle seconded to reconsider the numbers on the table for 12U and 10U at a later date. Motion failed 2-7-0. On a voice vote, In Favor were Danielle Bogucki and Natalie Dougherty, opposing the motion were Kirsten Stendahl, Rossi Cannon, Al Bates, Teresa Turner, Pat Clark, Lora Kohan, & Erik Lindgren.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Natalie Dougherty, Secretary & Al Bates, President