

# SABSA Board Meeting

October 27, 2024 / 7:00 PM / SA COMMUNITY CENTER

Attending:

Coach B, Jen Pajerski, Brittany Erickson, Ryan Sypherd, Cathy McHone, Lane Belling, Scott Campbell, Fred Bainbridge, John Grindeland, James Smith, Katie Brustad, Sarah Ksiazek, Nick Schwartz, Lisa Stoll, Kim Morelli, Jen Northwick

## Agenda

### Call to Order

- Welcome and opening remarks - John

### Last Meeting Follow-up

- Review minutes: [SABSA - Meeting Agenda 2024 - September 22](#)
  - Motion to approve: Ryan
  - Second: Fred, all approve

### Old Business

- Treasurer Report - James Smith - Next meeting - Annual budget
  - Budget will be presented next month and distributed for review before the next meeting
- SASB - these requests from previous meeting are acknowledged - Sarah noted this:
  - Soccer would like to work with us even more on coordinating practice times
  - Update SportsEngine access to ensure it is current for softball
    - Sarah removed old users and now only Sarah and John have access. Sarah will make any needed changes after today's meeting, or TK can make updates as the St. Anthony Boosters webmaster
  - Ensure sports are only accessing and making changing to their own information since there is no way to partition within SportsEngine
- Equipment
  - Updates
    - Fall Equipment Return - October (Fred)
      - Confirm how many dozens of softballs to order through MN Softball - \$75 dozen
        - 6 dozen 11"
        - 6 dozen 12"

- Softies for 8U?
    - SABSA/HDC - Keep a handful of extra jerseys for Fall Ball each year for new to the program players. Do we have belts?
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    - **To-do: collect gear from fall ball and do inventory (Fred, Lane, Brittany)**
    - **To-do: ensure there are enough pitching machines, especially if there is a machine pitch 8U team**
- Future equipment needs
  - First Aid Kits - Fred completed
    - Obtain more ice packs each year
  - Pitching rubber w/spikes (1 per team)
  - Bucket Lids (Likely need 6-8)
    - Bucket lid with pad?
  - Home plates (Rubber with colored lines - official home plate size)
  - Pop Up Nets - Bownet - Easy to install and bags don't rip as easy (order next fall?)
    - [Bownet - 7x7](#)
- [Equipment List - Template for each team](#)
  - **Lane and Fred: To-do: full equipment audit after this year and ensure any new equipment is bought now (OCTOBER after equipment return)**
- Each Board & Coordinator to prepare template/cheat sheet of responsibilities for future volunteers: [SABSA roles & responsibilities manual](#)
  - Recommend board continues to keep this updated as roles change over time

## New Business

- HDC Liaison - Katie Brustad
  - HDC in need of future board members and Fall HDC/SABSA Team Formation & Coach Selection Coordinator
    - Specifically looking for someone to shadow HDC treasurer before a transition year
    - Next meeting is next Monday at 7 p.m., Village Pub
- Winter Clinics and evaluations:
  - SAVHS Contacts
    - Ellie Munson - P, OF
    - Caitlyn Rosha - MIDDLE INF, CF
    - Scarlett Cannon - 2B, RF
    - Josie Boguscki - CF, 2B
    - Abby Neimi - UTL
  - Clinic Dates - Need access to building and gyms (key, access code, and alarm code)
    - Can anyone volunteer to be the primary organizer?

- Brittany, Jen Northwick, Lisa Stoll, Morelli (Kevin?)
  - Encourage coaches to attend
  - Registration and payment?
    - Do sportsengine registration this year (but still encourage walk-in, drop-ins)
    - Payment, scholarship option, donation
    - Try for free -
    - Waiver?
  - Sundays | 1-4:30pm \*Reserved with MC
    - Jan 12
    - Jan 26
    - Feb 9
    - Feb 23
    - Mar 9 - evaluations
- League Coordinators (Lane & Ryan) and registration (Sarah)
  - Review numbers/ natural age groups groups for teams next year (those registered for summer and/or fall ball with those we don't expect to play SABSA):
    - 14U: 15 players
    - 12U: 29 players
    - 10U: 23 players (many 8U eligible players played 10U last year)
    - 8U: ~~23~~27 players (it was hard to track fall players, so this is way low) +4 from Lane
    - 6U: 5 players
  - TENTATIVE number and levels of teams with the membership now, making it clear that nothing will be finalized until after registration
    - 14U: one team at A or B
    - 12U: two teams, A and B
    - 10U: three teams (assuming several 8Us move up), A, B and C or A, B, B
    - 8U: 2 teams, possibly divided between coach and machine pitch
  - To-do: Find a way to poll or ask players about their intentions to return
  - To-do: Explore hosting 8U tournament
- To-do: gather a list of potential coaches to start talking about that
- Early bird registration? Delay payment?
- Line item in budget for a pitching coach for the association
- To-do: find a successor to shadow Jen for uniform coordinator
- SABSA Board Elections

- Per the bylaws, all members in attendance can cast one vote per player registered for the 2024 SABSA season.
    - One registration contact per player votes (for example, one parent or guardian if there is one registered player)
    - Multiple votes can be cast if there are multiple registered players (for example, two parents or guardians can each vote if there are two registered players, or one parent or guardian can cast the number of votes there are registered players)
    - Current board members who are members (registration contacts of one or more 2024 season registered player) are eligible to vote
  - Review nominations received prior to the meeting: [Board nominations 2024](#)
  - Call for additional nominations
    - Nick Schwartz interested in getting involved - open discussion on options
  - Open forum for questions or feedback
- Voting and results read
    - President: Fred Bainbridge
    - Vice President: John Grindeland
    - Secretary: Sarah Ksiazek
    - Treasurer: James Smith
    - Directors at large:
      - Maggie Dreon
      - Brittany Erickson
      - Ryan Sypherd
  - Coordinator roles:
    - New potential role: team manager/logistics/communications with teams etc. - Kim Morelli
    - Coordinator update: Lane will do umpire, Nick will do 8U
  - (Fred): Heartfelt thank you to John for all of his contributions over the years and for putting in the time to develop kids over the years.
  - Motion to adjourn: Fred
    - James, second

## Notes

- Next Meeting Date:
  - Late November/early December
- St Anthony Facilities - Community Services Facilities and Sports (Reservations)
  - <https://stanthony.ce.eleyo.com/facilities/calendar>

## Action Items:

### James:

- Prepare and present the budget at the next meeting

### Fred, Lane, Brittany:

- Collect gear from fall ball and do inventory
- Ensure there are enough pitching machines, especially if there is a machine pitch 8U team

### Sarah:

- Create clinic registration in SportsEngine
- Find a way to poll or ask players about their intentions to return
- To-do: gather a list of potential coaches to start talking about that
- Update season registration to prepare for January 1 launch

### Nick, Ryan, others:

- To-do: Explore hosting 8U tournament

## SABSA - COMMON LINKS

[SABSA - Website](#)

[SABSA - Bylaws](#)

[SABSA - Team Formation & Tiering \(Updated 2024\)](#)

[SABSA - Player & Coach Development](#)

[USA Softball \(Main Focus By Age\)](#)