

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes  
February 13, 2014 Meeting**

Call to Order:

President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Jerry Welch, Rick Ballot, Dirk DeWester, Rossi Cannon

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 8:30, but deferred to the large agenda.

Approval of the Prior Meeting's Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of Jan15 meeting by Jerry, second by Rick; motion passed.

Wilshire Park Presentation update:

Al updated the Board on a successful half-hour presentation of softball skills to over 100 girls at Wilshire Park, given by Al & SAVHS Varsity players Courtney Norlien, Rosie Robberstad and Irene Memorich. A big THANK YOU TO THE VARSITY PLAYERS!

Clinics Updates:

Al reported the 4 Winter Skills clinics (at SAVHS) have concluded. We have not yet followed up with MFA, but will need to, for planning purposes for 2015. 2014 attendance was about ½ of the 30 attendees we had hoped for. Thanks to Dan Paulson for being the St. Anthony Softball Authority Person for the Feb 15 Clinics!

MFA Slapping & Catching Clinics begin soon, sponsored for any St. Anthony Softball player by HDC. SABSA is renting Catcher Gear to interested players @ \$10 for the catching clinics duration.

Open Gyms Update:

3 of the 4 Open Gyms have concluded, with attendance of 7, 10, and then 14 players. The increased interest as the Open Gyms progressed was nice to see. Open Gyms conclude Sunday Feb. 23 from 10-12 at Wilshire Park. Next Year's Open Gyms should perhaps be at the HS if attendance increases.

Coaching Clinics:

We are in-between the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> (of 4) Coaching Clinics offered by the MMFL. Al introduced/recommended another offering, by S&C Sports (Sean Hall). It was decided to explore that opportunity in 2015.

Coordinators:

The Board approved Dirk DeWester's offer to be 2014 Umpires Coordinator. Thanks, Dirk!

### Registrations Update:

Following discussion about Registrations progress, Al moved, Rick seconded, to authorize a \$20 late fee to accept Registrations after (Slowpitch & Fastpitch) Registrations close on February 23. Late Registration/payment of the Late Fee does not guarantee a spot, but a place on a “waiting list”.

Rossi Cannon offered suggestions to improve the Instructional Softball Registration Flyer, including comments from “Instructional Softball alumni” parents, and language stressing for girls only, skills-based, fun activities, and progressive instruction. Al will rework the Instructional Flyer for distribution.

### League Update:

Al (& Jim Ledwein for HDC) attended the Suburban League Associations Presidents meeting on Feb 10, getting info on the upcoming season. Al gave a brief update, including the new ball standardization. The next League meeting is a Coaches Meeting, and we will need Coaches to attend for all Fastpitch Levels. SABSA will file a combined teams list (with HDC), and be reimbursed for HDC-sponsored teams.

### Field Scheduling:

Rick and Al attended the Boosters Field Scheduling meeting on Feb 12. Rick has volunteered to be the Field Scheduling Coordinator for Softball (and Baseball), and will be updating the online schedule for the Central Park/Wilshire Park/Emerald Park fields. Thanks, Rick!

### Budget Report:

Al presented that the actual spending for 2013 was adjusted (causing unbudgeted additional 2014 expense of \$108.11), and presented a new Draft 2014 Budget with that expense added. The next version of the Budget will be released after Registrations.

### Equipment:

Al related that we have purchased the new balls required by the Suburban League for 2014, and also whiffle balls for each team. Al distributed a rough draft of an Equipment Inventory & Replenishment Plan, which indicated a (rough draft) equipment need of closer to \$2,000/year than the \$500 we have budgeted. The Board approved elimination of purchases of Helmets from the replenishment budget, and suggested players should purchase their own. Existing team helmets will still be used.

### In-Season Tournaments:

It was noted that the more popular tournaments fill up quickly, and the Board decided to revisit the subject of when to sign up for tournaments in the next meeting.

### SABA Issues:

From the Boosters Field Scheduling Meeting, two issues were sent to the Sports Boards:

- A group of St. Anthony parents wishes the Boosters to accept Rugby as a Provisional Sport. Discussion was held, and Al will share the powerpoint presentation given by the group. The Board authorized Softball’s vote to send with Al to the next Boosters Meeting.
- Boosters is looking for donations to add some sound panels to the SAVHS Upper Gym. Discussion was held, including the lack of Budget for equipment, and the Board voted to offer a token donation of \$100 from Softball.

Bylaws Revision:

The Bylaws revisions, now in typed Draft form, with suggested changes highlighted, were handed out for Board members to review before the next meeting.

Tryouts Practice:

Rick suggested scheduling an Evaluations/Tryouts Practice session, after Open Gyms and before Evaluations/Tryouts. It being a bit late for that this year, the Board agreed to incorporate this into 2015 planning. Still to be decided was the question of whether to charge for this.

Other Business:

We need to collect birth certificates (and could keep them on file for future years' use).

We need cloth bags for the Rip-It Masks in team bags.

SABSA Coaches in Central Park need access to the Softball Cage and access to C1 Bases.

Can Boosters accept "Charitable donations targeted for Softball?" AI to follow-up.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be SUNDAY, March 9 at 8:00 pm at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

AI Bates, President