

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes  
March 9, 2014 Meeting**

Call to Order:

President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Jerry Welch, Rick Ballot, Dirk DeWester, Lamar Brendemuehl

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 9:30

Approval of the Prior Meeting's Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of Feb 13 meeting by Rick, second by Jerry; motion passed.

Clinics Updates:

The Slapping Clinics have concluded and the first of four Catching Clinics was earlier tonight. 7 Players attended the Slapping Clinics and eight players have signed up for the Catching Clinics. Six sets of Catching Gear have been rented out to players for the Catching Clinics @ \$10 each. One set was secured from the HDC, and we will be passing the rental fee on to them. One Chest Protector is falling apart.

Equipment:

Al summarized purchases to date – largely balls & ball storage bags.

Fundraising – for Equipment Replacement:

Lamar had forwarded a Dick's Sporting Goods Clinic offer, where participants pay \$20 and get a \$20 Dick's gift card at the end of the clinic; there was discussion about asking participants if they wanted to donate those cards to the Equipment Fund.

We have received a \$100 donation from Metro Cleaning Solutions, Inc. (Michael Dick) and \$50 from Al & Jane Bates. Thanks!!

We have a Jersey Mike's fundraiser with 1000 cards to give out set for May 16-18; cardholders bring the card and at least a \$2 donation to SABSA and get a free sub! Jamie Larson set this up for us. Thanks, Jamie!! Booster Softball night at SAVHS Varsity Game is set for May 6; this would be a good time to give out cards.

We have received a \$1,500 Safety Equipment Grant from Hennepin Health Foundation. Julie Philbrook helped us apply for this. Thanks, Julie!! This will help cover Defensive Masks, Catcher Equipment, and other protective equipment.

Coaching Clinics:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> (of 4) Coaching Clinics offered by the MMFL was attended by Jerry, Dan, Al, & Aaron Rosha. UST Coach John Tschida was the guest speaker, and the session was excellent.

### Coordinators:

Umpires Coordinator Dirk DeWester reported he has been working on lining up Umpires. Lamar and Al will forward Dirk more information they have.

Fields Scheduling Coordinator Rick Ballot is working on the combined on-line Baseball/Softball fields schedule. Rick reported 10U can pick 4 home dates to reserve Wilshire Park. We think other fastpitch teams should be able to schedule all home games on C1.

Rick is also working on getting 3 weeks of Gym Time starting March 30. These will be proportionally assigned among Baseball and Softball teams. Softball will have 4 teams from Slowpitch-12U interested.

Rick also presented the concept of (summer) practice on fields before games, with practice Coach and game Coach responsible for repairing the grooming and chalking of the field after the practice. This may push back game starts slightly, but our fields have lights which would enable this, and better use the fields. We still want the City to groom and chalk (earlier) on all game days.

Lamar also offered the possibility of practices on C1 from 8:45 – 9:45ish after SAVHS home games.

### Registrations Update:

Fastpitch Registration is closed, with some waitlisted players. Slowpitch and Intro Registration is still open. We still would like a few more Slowpitch Players, to round out two teams. New Intro flyers, with some of Rossi's suggested wording, are going out at Wilshire Park & St. Charles, to Kindergarteners and First Graders.

### 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.

### HDC Update:

HDC will be sponsoring teams at 16U and 18U. The 18U team will only take 2014 graduating Seniors, and will go outside St. Anthony if necessary to fill the roster, concentrating first on 2013 graduates still eligible for 18U. The 16U team rostering will be comprised largely of returning players and be coordinated with SABSA Evaluations.

### In-Season Tournaments:

It was decided to wait until after teams are formed, and to prompt newly named Coaches to select their tournaments right away. Perhaps 10U and 12U could attend the same tournaments, if not this year, then maybe next year.

### Bylaws Revision:

It was decided to wait for bylaws revisions discussion to a future meeting, after team formation. This may have to be a special, one-issue meeting.

SABA Issues:

For the upcoming SABA meeting on Wednesday:

- Al will take the Board's authorized Softball's vote to the Boosters Meeting.
- Al will offer the token donation of \$100 from Softball for SAVHS Upper Gym Ceiling Sound Panels.
- Al will present our offering of a revised Boosters Logo, including a Softball above the crossed bats and a Donation Acknowledgement Letter template.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be THURSDAY, March 20 at 6:30 pm at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Bates, President