

St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes May 18, 2014 Meeting

Call to Order:

President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 7:58 pm.

Attendees:

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

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 9:00

Approval of the Prior Meeting's Minutes:

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

Budget Update:

Al shared that registration numbers were good, and that expenses were running a bit high, but some of that is equipment, supported by the grant we received. Dirk said that Umpires were running close to budget. It will be easier to get a better picture after May statements are received from Boosters Treasurer.

Coordinators:

Fields Scheduling Coordinator Rick Ballot – 14U & HDC 16U & 18U teams getting going next week will affect scheduling. 14U Dan Paulson has requested 3-4:30 on Mon & Wed and will help prep for evening games after his practice; this helps a lot.

Umpires Coordinator Dirk DeWester – 2 games so far, going well. Dirk has been Umping the 8U games himself. HS Softball Players should be used for 8U games if possible. Dirk will provide a 'budget estimate' and we'll request funds to cover the season as Dirk has been paying out-of-pocket so far.

Pitching Clinic Coordinator Jerry Welch – Pitching Clinics have been going very well with Coach Jerry, Coach Bill Broneak, and Coach Danielle Bogucki on Friday nights at 6:30. Pitchers need to provide their own Catcher.

Uniforms Coordinator (Al Bates) – Uniforms and Online Store orders have arrived and been delivered, except for the last 2 jerseys and backordered Visors and XXL Hoodies.

Registrations Update:

Final Numbers: 6U:13, 8U:24, 10U:12, 12U:11, 14U:12 = 72 SABSA Players! +12@ HDC16U & +12@ HDC18U = 96 St. Anthony Softball Players this summer!

Coaches Reports:

6U – Al Bates – 13 players, great help from ~6 Parents! Having Fun.

10U – Rick Ballot – Record: 2-1-1, Doing well. Having Fun.

12U – Jerry Welch – Record: 2-2 Some joint practices w/14Us. 12U Team is young! Good practices.

Equipment Update:

- Need Safety First Bases for Silver Point.

Tournaments Updates:

No report if 14Us have signed up for a Tournament. 3 of 10Us are playing up with 12Us for their Tournament in June.

Slowpitch/8U Leagues Updates:

We are in the Fridley Slowpitch league, and playing in the "Northern 8U League" (Anoka-Ramsey-Islandale group). Fridley Slowpitch games could benefit from rules changes. Specifically, suggest we try to get implemented: Pitch from 30' (need a throwdown pitching rubber) & bring in Coach to pitch at 3 balls instead of 4.

Coach Clinic Reimbursement:

The Huskies Diamond Club sent reimbursement checks and a nice thank-you letter to the 4 SABSA Coaches who attended the MMFL-sponsored Coaching Clinics: Al Bates, Jerry Welch, Dan Paulson, Aaron Rosh. Many thanks to the HDC!

Bylaws Revision:

Bylaws revisions discussion stayed tabled to a future meeting. This may have to be a special, one-issue meeting.

Other Business:

- The Bases Box on C1, when unlocked, yielded a set of bases, but no safety first base.
- Can we do a Summer Clinic? Potentially led by Lamar, possible dates: last two weeks of July?
- Can we do an ongoing "Hitting Clinic" (or should this be a Preseason Offering)?
- What about a 'mini-pitching clinic' for 8U Pitcher wannabes?

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be SUNDAY, June 22 at 7:30 pm at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Bates, President