

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes
August 5, 2014 (“July”) Meeting**

Call to Order:

President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 8:05 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 June 22 meeting by Jerry, second by Dirk; motion passed.

Budget Update:

Al shared that we are positive on the year by about \$1,200 at June end with July expenses to come.

Coordinators:

Fields Scheduling Coordinator Rick Ballot – Scheduling went really well. Online Calendar worked well, eliminated double-scheduling of fields! Easy to see what team was scheduled where, when. Teams seemed to get what they needed. After-school practices and 12U on C1 helped, too. Baseball seemed happy too.

One issue that came up was C2 Fence Maintenance after the HS Season. Who, how do we do this? No current process. Rick will coordinate with Lamar for the future, and Al will communicate this to Baseball.

Umpires Coordinator Dirk DeWester – Dirk will be putting together a reconciliation for final payment/payback relative to “advanced money”. We need to bill HDC for 16U & 18U yet, and Doug Schley needs to be paid for the last 18U (rescheduled) game. We got good feedback on Umpires and will look to use Tim Klein again next year. But, next year, we should be able to get by cheaper at 10U (and 8U fastpitch). Dirk volunteered to do Umpires for next year. THANKS, Dirk!

Pitching Clinic Coordinator Jerry Welch – Went well, with help from Danielle Bogucki and Bill Broneak. Bill indicated he’d keep helping. THANKS, Bill! Rick moved, Dirk seconded, to send Bill a token of appreciation in the form of a \$50 gift certificate. Motion passed.

Uniforms Coordinator (Al Bates) – no report.

Coaches Reports – Season Wrapups:

14U – (Al): Dan Paulson reported he had a good season.

12U – Jerry Welch reported they went 2-2 at State. Had a good season, lost some very close games and went 16-16 on the year. Intend to play B next year.

10U – Rick Ballot reported they went 1-2 at State. Played really well; lost a heartbreaker in 2nd International Tiebreaker inning.

8U – (Al/Jerry): Both teams finished the ‘fastpitch’ season with a “Jamboree” at Irondale, which was great.

8U Slowpitch 'season' was not the experience we were hoping for. Fastpitch experience was mixed, but ended on a high note.

6U – Al Bates reported they had a great season, with a nice finish 'scrimmage/game' at Spring Lake Park. The season was extended a week after that for those who wanted, to play a Coach-pitch game at Anoka-Ramsey, and it was a very good experience. (The A/R Coach pitched about twice as fast as our pitcher!). We held our own in the field (and at the plate).

Villagefest Parade Update:

We had about 20 Coaches & Players walk in the parade, probably the 2nd biggest Booster group. A very good turnout! Thanks to all who participated!

Equipment Update:

We have purchased a mechanical pitching machine for 8U use. We could use another one, too. Other needs include a new double first base for C1; maybe we can exchange with C2? Also, we need more smaller sized Catcher gear.

Tournaments Updates:

14U may yet play a tournament before fall.

8U Off-Season League Work Needed:

We need a plan for next year. Need to encourage Pitching development. The Christmas Break Pitching Clinic is ESSENTIAL. We should do the MFA winter clinic, but go to Sundays instead of Saturdays. Later Sunday afternoons might work best, after 4pm. Getting 30' Pitching rubbers installed this year was a big help. We definitely want to repeat a season-ending 8U Tournament, perhaps even hosting it on a rotating basis (at Silver Point and bring in concessions). Is an 8U in-season Tournament an opportunity for the future?

HDC Fall Teams Report:

Huskies Diamond Club Liaison Al Bates reported the HDC will field teams at 18U, 12U, 10U, and will have an "in-house" offering for 8U for the first time ever. 16U players will play up to 18U; 14U players will have an opportunity to play with a joint team with Irondale.

SABSA will rent equipment to HDC teams. There was some concern we should have an equipment waiver signed, and we will pursue this.

HDC Fall Pitching Clinic:

HDC has authorized a Fall Pitching Clinic. THANKS, HDC!

Bylaws Revision:

Bylaws revisions discussion stayed tabled to a future meeting. This may have to be a special, one-issue meeting. A September date was decided upon.

Other Business:

- Still awaiting feedback from Jersey Mike's on the fundraiser; Al will follow-up.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Monday, August 25 at 6:00 pm at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Bates, President