

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes
2015, September 23
St. Anthony Village Pub – 7:00 PM**

Call to Order:

President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Rick Ballot, Jerry Welch, Rossi Cannon, Danielle Bogucki, Kirsten Stendahl

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 8:30 pm.

Approval of the Prior Meetings' Minutes:

Rick moved, Jerry seconded, to approve the minutes from last regular meeting (8/23/15).
Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance at "August end" (Sep 15th statement from SASB Treasurer) was \$8,713.95, which reflects being \$2,893.57 positive on the year (so far). However, expenses and income are not final. Al had distributed category-defined expenses & income by email earlier in the day, and will be updating the Budget Format soon.

A Reconciliation to prior reporting follows:

Balance at Beg. Yr. per January Reporting:	\$5,570.38
Retroactive December 2014 adjustment	+ 250.00 (Basketball Tourney Fundraising)
Income to date @ 9/15 per SASB	<u>2,893.57</u>
Balance per SASB Bal. Sheet @ 9/15/15	\$8,713.95
Receivables from HDC	+ 960.00
Committed to HS Ceiling Tile	- <u>100.00</u>
Tentative Balance, Sept. 23, 2015	\$9,573.95

Coordinators Updates:

- Uniforms – Al
 - Online Store w/Taho Sports: No report or rebate yet. Al will follow up again with Taho.
- Equipment – Al –
 - Need to get all Equipment checked back in (even if it has been rented to a Fall Ball team with the same coach). Al will coordinate with remaining Coaches.

- Needs to be addressed that were mentioned were:
 - More 12" Practice Balls.
 - Defensive Masks that fit better.
 - Smaller batting helmets.
 - Would be nice to have 2 sets of Catcher Gear per team.
 - Jugs Pitching Machine "revival"; it's in our storage area.
 - Also discussed:
 - Can we straighten bases & review how many pitching plates are at the fields?
- Field Scheduling - Rick –
 - Kudos to Rick for a great scheduling year; THANKS, Rick! Rick volunteered to be back to schedule (joint Softball/Baseball) in 2016!
 - We need to ensure we get adequate access to Wilshire Park in 2016. There wasn't enough time for Softball practice when Soccer took the whole Wilshire Park field this year. Soccer games need the whole field, but Soccer practices should really only need half the field (for each soccer team).
 - It was noted that 10U teams could practice at Silver Point, despite shorter baselines.
- Umpires – Dirk – No update.
- Facebook – Rossi –
 - We have some more 'views'.
 - Rossi noted that Facebook is a good tool for Inter-ages support & marketing Softball.
 - We'll look into giving Coaches rights to post on the Facebook site; it's a great place to put celebratory photos!
 - Al asked that anyone with good photos please email them to him for potential posting on the Softball website.

Player & Coach Development Update (Al):

- Several Coaches have checked out DVDs and the Card Deck. Those not already returned, please return them asap.
- Pitching Clinics for 8Us & 10Us – Kirsten –
 - Consensus was to go with the MFA offer to set up two sets of winter pitching clinics – each at \$125. Al volunteered to email the 10Us in the first pass, 2nd year 8Us in a second pass.

President's Update (Al):

- First ever All-Star Series. We have collected for all 8 Players registered, \$60 each.
- Sept. 16 Sports Boosters Meeting was held. Al reported on the discussion on:
 - Trusted Coaches Program: We would get a discount from the \$35/Coach rate – to \$27/\$10/\$10 (for 3 years), alleviating our cost concerns.

- In Season & Out-of-Season Declarations for each Boosters Sport, effective Dec. 1. This would include a definition of the “Season” and a method of including “pre-season clinics” as exempt from facility fees, hopefully. We discussed: Softball Season ends July 31 (consensus); when it begins depends on how Pre-Season Clinics are considered – Could be from December 15 to March 15, potentially, for the Season Beginning Date.
- The SABSA Protocol Document regarding Players missing Evaluations remained tabled.
- We discussed again the idea of further Strong Encouragement of Defensive Masks for more positions, or increasing the number of positions we mandate to wear them. We decided the current position was the right one at this time, but expressed interest in how to enhance our “encouragement”.
 - We decided to provide 5 masks/team @ 8U; 3 masks/team at 10U-14U for 2016.
 - Al volunteered to see if Tahoe Sports could/would carry a couple of different models on our Online Store site.

8U Season Development:

- Al -
 - We will be doing a post-season analysis and rules tweaking for 2016.
 - Danielle & Rossi expressed interest in being involved.

Fundraising:

- Jersey Mike’s – Kirsten – will keep trying with Jersey Mike’s.
- Chipotle – Lamar – no report.
- Broadway Pizza – Scott – no report.
- Other – We discussed having a fall (delivery in time for Christmas) spirit wear sale.
 - This could include Pitching Buckets (for Catcher parents) with swivel seats, possibly blue with logo? What’s available? Al will try to check.
 - Rossi volunteered to collect/receive emails regarding items for sale ideas.

Timing of a joint session with the HDC:

- Rossi set up a Doodle for date selection, with 3 Sunday nights as options. Al will email the Doodle link to the Boards.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, October 21 at 7:00 at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President