

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes**  
**2015, October 21**  
**St. Anthony Village Pub – 7:00 PM**

Call to Order: President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Danielle Bogucki, Jerry Welch, Kirsten Stendahl, Scott McCleary, Dirk DeWester, Rick Ballot, Jim Zusan.

Meeting Ending Goal:

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

Approval of the Prior Meetings' Minutes:

Danielle moved, Scott seconded, to approve the minutes from last regular meeting (9/23/15).  
Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Approximate Balance at Sep 21 is \$9,500, which reflects being approximately \$2,900 positive on the year (so far). Expenses and income are not final. Al had distributed the R2 Budget/Actuals statement by category prior to the meeting.

Coordinators Updates:

- Uniforms – Al
  - Online Store w/Taho Sports: Al reported that our rebate check for \$250.50 has been mailed by Taho. No report yet, though. Al will follow up 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.
  - Jim Zusan has volunteered to coach a HDC Tournament team for the weekend of Oct 24-25. There was a consensus that SABSA should lend (at no charge) a set of equipment to this team, which is comprised of 10U-eligible 5<sup>th</sup> graders, all of whom played Fall Ball on HDC teams that rented equipment from SABSA for the Fall Season. Appreciation was expressed to Kirsten, who fielded the opportunity for the tournament from MFA, and selected a team in a way that seemed fair to the SABSA Board. The tournament is free to this team, but requires two game balls. Danielle moved, Scott seconded, to donate two game balls to the team for the tournament. Motion passed.

- Jerry indicated his willingness to Coach a tournament team(s) for the MLK and Presidents' Day tournaments MFA will be offering. This will be a "players pay-to-play" team(s). Al moved, Danielle seconded, to lend (at no charge) SABSA equipment to this/these team(s), which will be comprised of players who played HDC Fall Ball (and rented equipment from SABSA). Motion passed.
- Field Scheduling - Rick – nothing new to report
  - In a related discussion, Al stated that while prepping the field for the last Fall 8U session, which was held on C1 – really fun for the 8U'ers – we were able to rake, but not chalk baselines, because the machine was out of chalk. Also, we used some chalk, presumably paid for by Boosters Baseball, when prepping the fields for the 8U end-of-season Jamboree. Danielle moved, Scott seconded, to purchase some chalk to replenish Baseball. Motion passed.
  - Appreciation was expressed for the City Field Crews, who kept the bases in at Silver Point Park through the end of the season, and apparently groomed fields some during the Fall Season.
- Umpires – Dirk – nothing new to report.
- Facebook – Danielle –
  - The SABSA page now has 84 likes!
  - Trying to get coaches access to be able to post & upload. If anyone needs access to upload info/photos, please let Danielle know.

#### Player & Coach Development Update (Al):

- Several Coaches have checked out DVDs and the Card Deck. Those not already returned, please return them asap.
- We are planning for a series of Winter Skills Clinics again, trying to get Sunday afternoon gym times in late January & February, and negotiating with MFA to run the clinics.
  - The cost is going up a bit; older players' sessions can stay at \$75, but the younger players' sessions will need to move from \$65 to \$75, unless SABSA wants to subsidize. Consensus was not to subsidize.
- We are planning for a series of Warmup clinics again (mostly Tuesday nights in April), trying to get Wilshire Park gym times; Jim Zusan will assist Al Bates in running the clinics.
- Pitching Clinics for 8Us & 10Us – Kirsten –
  - MFA has a slot reserved for us for winter pitching clinics – at \$125/pitcher. Al volunteered to email the 10Us in the first pass, 2<sup>nd</sup> year 8Us in a second pass. Time to publicize...
  - Jim Zusan has a line on a volunteer who might run a Winter Break Pitching Clinic (low cost, may have to rent the gym); Al will follow up on trying to get gym time at the HS.

- The Board expressed interest in reviewing where we stand with a Scholarship fund for players' fees. Al will research past minutes and usage, and email information in advance of the next meeting.

#### President's Update (Al):

- The SABSA Protocol Document regarding Players missing Evaluations remained tabled.
- Further Strong Encouragement of Defensive Masks was discussed.
  - Al asked Tahoe Sports to see if they could/would carry a couple of different models on our Online Store site. Awaiting a response from Tahoe.

#### 8U Season Development (Al/Danielle):

- We will be doing a post-season analysis and rules tweaking for 2016. Al will try to schedule this soon.

#### Fundraising:

- Jersey Mike's – Kirsten – no update.
- Chipotle – Lamar – no report.
- Broadway Pizza – Scott reported Broadway would be willing to assist us with a fundraiser; details are yet to be worked out.
- Fall Accessories Sale – Danielle –
  - There is an opportunity to tie in with a Booster Football offering. Discussion ensued, and the draft flyer was reviewed. The consensus was not to tie in with the Football offering.
  - There was interest in a "Huskies" headband that Danielle brought a sample of. Danielle will follow up with her source. We would likely have to purchase a stock in advance of a sale. Dirk moved, Rick seconded, to authorize an email vote for advance purchase, upon receiving an update from Danielle. Interest in a larger Fall Accessories sale did not warrant further action.
- Fall Online Store Opening – Tahoe is willing to open up the Online Store for Fall purchases (Christmas delivery). There was consensus in pursuing this.
- Spirit Wear Sale – Danielle reported she had sold remaining product left over from this Spring, and will be sending a check.

#### Timing of a joint session with the HDC:

- Al will follow up with the HDC. There was no report from Rossi on whether the Doodle attempt to pick a meeting time garnered any dates. There was consensus to continue efforts to reach out to the HDC for a joint gathering. Al will follow-up.

Nominations for Board Positions were received:

- President – (Al Bates, incumbent) Nominated by Danielle, seconded by Scott.
- Dir. at large – (Rick Ballot, incumbent) Nominated by Scott, seconded by Danielle.
- Dir. at large – (Danielle Bogucki, incumbent) Nominated by Scott, seconded by Rick.
- Dir. at large – (Rossi Cannon, incumbent) Nominated by Scott, seconded by Danielle.
- Dir. at large – (Dirk DeWester, incumbent) Nominated by Scott, seconded by Rick.
- Dir. at large – (Scott McCleary, incumbent) Nominated by Jerry, seconded by Al.
- Dir. at large – (Jerry Welch, incumbent) Nominated by Scott, seconded by Danielle.
- All nominations were accepted, and the nominations were closed, with all spots running unopposed, for re-election.

Other Business:

- Rick moved to draft an addition to the Bylaws whereby an interested person could gain voting rights at Board Meetings via a series of meeting attendances, similar to that used by Baseball, Danielle seconded. Motion carried. Al will draft a proposal for discussion.
- Jerry expressed an interest in pursuing overhead netting for Central Park. There was consensus in reaching out to other concerned parties; Al will pursue this.
- Basketball is running 3 tournaments this Winter. There was consensus to reach out to Basketball and offer volunteers to fundraise. Al will pursue this.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, November 18 at 7:30 at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President