

St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes
2015, November 18
St. Anthony Village Pub – 7:30 PM

Call to Order: President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Rossi Cannon, Jerry Welch, Scott McCleary, Rick Ballot, Aaron Rosha, Kirsten Stendahl, Jim Zusan.

Meeting Ending Goal:

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

Approval of the Prior Meetings' Minutes:

Rick moved, Scott seconded, to approve the minutes from last regular meeting (10/21/15).
Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balance at Sep 21 is \$9,514.51, which reflects being approximately \$3,700 positive on the year.
Al will distribute the R3 Budget/Actuals statement by category in the near future.

Coordinators Updates:

- Uniforms – Al
 - Online Store w/Taho Sports: Al reported that our rebate check for \$250.50 has been received & deposited.
 - Online Store will be opened for Holiday Ordering, with new offerings including:
 - “Advanced” SB Pants & Belt
 - Champro Defensive Mask (attempts to get an additional mask listed were not successful)
 - Jacket
- Equipment – Al –
 - After discussion, Scott moved, Rick seconded that SABSA should lend (at no charge) a set of equipment to winter weekend tournament team(s) comprised of girls that played Fall Ball on HDC teams that rented equipment from SABSA for the Fall Season, including, but not limited to, the anticipated HDC teams for the MLK and Presidents' Day tournaments MFA will be offering. Motion passed.
 - We are attempting to outfit all 2016 10U & 12U teams with Catcher's Mitts.

- Catcher Gear was discussed, and the consensus was that all 10U – 14U teams should have two sets of Catcher’s Gear (Mask, Chest Protector, Leg Guards, Knee-Savers). The second sets can be older ones. Different sizes on each team can help fit players.
- First Aid Kits – Al asked for a volunteer to take “First Aid Kits” – out of the Equipment Coordination. Rossi volunteered. Thanks, Rossi!
- Field Scheduling - Rick –
 - It is not necessary to purchase, or replenish chalk; the City handles this. The machine was just empty at the time of the last 8U Fall scrimmage, as it was probably expected that all seasons had concluded already.
- Umpires – Dirk – no report.
- Facebook – Rossi –
 - We’ll use this to post “news”
 - Rossi suggested putting a link to the Facebook page in emails, and will follow-up with Al to assist with this.

Player & Coach Development Update - Al:

- Several Coaches have checked out items still outstanding.
- Pitching Clinics for 8Us & 10Us – Kirsten –
 - MFA has a slot reserved for us for winter pitching clinics – at \$125/pitcher. Kirsten sent out the first email, to the 10Us. Al volunteered to email to all in a second pass.
 - Jim Zusan has organized a Winter Break Pitching Clinic; the HS Upper Gym has been reserved. Clinic will be led by Pitching Coach Stan Waldhauser. We may have to rent the gym; that’s unclear at this time). December 23 & 29, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (two hourly sessions). Pitchers must bring their own catcher, and should bring a kneeling pad. Consensus was to charge a small fee (\$10), similar to the charge when the HDC’s Steve Tusa led Winter Break Pitching Clinics several years ago, and to promote this as a “If you want to Pitch” Clinic.
 - Winter Skills Clinics will again be offered by MFA in the SAVHS Gyms, on Sundays, Jan 24, Jan 31, Feb 21, & Feb 28 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm (1:00-2:30 for 8U & 10U; 2:30-4:00 for 12U & 14U); cost is \$75/player. SABSA has to guarantee attendance of 18/session. There was interest in ala Carte attendance; that has been discussed with MFA, and should be available – the rate is preliminarily set at \$25/session. Would this be opened to neighboring associations who have partnered with us? Consensus was, not as a first pass, but likely as a second, if we didn’t fill up.
 - Open Gyms are scheduled for Wilshire Park Gym on Sunday Feb 7 & Sunday Mar 6, 10:00 am – Noon. (We’ll likely split times among the age groups).
 - Pitching Evaluations are scheduled for Wilshire Park Gym on Saturday, March 12, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. (3 sessions: 10U, 12U, 14U).

- General Evaluations/Tryouts are scheduled for SAVHS Gyms on Sunday, March 13, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm (4 sessions). We'll need to be out of the Lower Gym by 2:15, and the Upper Gym by 3:00, but we'll be turning the Gyms over to a Baseball group, so no "teardown" will be necessary.
- There was discussion about the need for a Catcher's Evaluation, especially at 10U. This decision was tabled until Registration results start coming in.
- April Warmup Clinics will be held Wed April 6, & Tues April 12, 19, & 26 in the Wilshire Park Gym, from 6:00-8:30 (two sessions). Al & Jim will run these; all help is appreciated.

President's Update (Al):

- The SABSA Protocol Document regarding Players missing Evaluations remained tabled.
- Further Strong Encouragement of Defensive Masks was discussed.
 - Taho Sports were only able to add one model of Defensive Mask on Online Store site (Champro).
 - Let's put some Defensive Mask encouragement on our Facebook site.
 - Let's put some Defensive Mask encouragement in our email blasts, especially to 10Us, as the season approaches.

8U Season Development (Al/Danielle):

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

Fundraising:

- Jersey Mike's – Kirsten – no update.
- Chipotle – Lamar/Al – Lori Larson (HDC) has a date of April 5, 2016 from Chipotle. This was described as a joint fundraiser between HS Softball and SAVHS at the HDC meeting.
 - Let's try to get flyers to hand out at Evaluations.
- Fall Accessories Sale – Rossi –
 - Deferring to a Spring Spirit Wear/Accessories Sale.
 - We'd like to have Spirit Wear available for sale at Evaluations.
 - Interest in Sunglasses. Al volunteered to look into this.
- Broadway Pizza – Scott is trying to connect with Broadway to work out details of a pizza fundraiser.
- Scholarship Fund – We discussed the Scholarship fund, including the possibility of approaching groups like the Lions. Rossi moved, Jerry seconded, to set the Scholarship Fund cap at \$300, and use Spirit Wear Funds to replenish the fund, as needed. Scott offered an amendment to the motion to move the cap to \$500, Jerry seconded the amendment. The amendment passed; the motion (as amended) then passed.

HDC Liaison Update:

- Al & Dirk attended the HDC meeting on Sunday, November 1. The HDC elected Don Siggelkow as President, to fill the vacancy from Rob Lowe's resignation. Al reported on Fall Ball numbers and results. Al left when the HDC meeting discussion turned to the upcoming Florida trip for the HS players.
- Timing of a joint gathering with the HDC – no update. Tabled to the January – February time frame.

Elections for Board Positions for 2016:

Ballots were distributed, collected and tallied by Jim Zusan, with the following results:

- President – Al Bates
- Director at large – Rick Ballot
- Director at large – Danielle Bogucki
- Director at large – Rossi Cannon
- Director at large – Dirk DeWester
- Director at large – Scott McCleary
- Director at large – Jerry Welch

Other Business:

- Scott brought up the idea of making a donation to SANBE for their Silent Auction at their Feb 6 Fundraiser Dinner. Some Boosters sports donate a "Registration". Discussion regarding this, and other ideas, including Spirit Wear/Accessories, ensued. During the discussions, new Spirit Wear/Accessories items were suggested, including Buckets & Bags. Scott volunteered to pursue these with MFA, as MFA is now offering to Associations some logoed items like this for sale.
- Al read a letter from Chrissy Skwarek about Photos of the Varsity, signed by Players, and how well-received one such gift was (by a younger player). Chrissy's letter included the idea of adding some Photo component to SABSA Night at Central Park with the SAVHS Varsity. Discussion ensued. The consensus was that a different venue might be better; perhaps Chipotle, if the Varsity girls were there.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be TUESDAY, December 15 at 7:00 at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

Rossi moved, Scott seconded, for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President