

St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes

2016, May 15

St. Anthony Village Pub – 6:30 PM

Call to Order: President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 6:49 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Jerry Welch, Scott McCleary, Melody Herlofsky, Jake Herlofsky, Rossi Cannon, Kirsten Stendahl, Danielle Bogucki.

Meeting Ending Goal:

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

Approval of the Prior Meetings' Minutes:

Jerry moved, Rossi seconded to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2016 meeting. Motion passed.

Rossi moved, Scott seconded to approve the minutes from the March 16-17, 2016 virtual meeting. Motion passed.

Scott moved, Melody seconded to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2016 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Al shared that as of May 4, 2016, the "bank balance" with the Boosters Treasurer is \$17,182.24, but that this is not a meaningful number, as most 'revenue' has been received for the year, but most of the cost is not yet recorded. The traditional Actuals vs. Budget reporting will be updated after another round of Boosters Treasurer reporting, with more expenses in.

Player & Coach Development Update - Al:

- Coach shirts were received and distributed.
- "Trusted Coaches" signups are progressing. Some Coaches still need to finish this. Al will send another round of Email invitations from the Trusted Coach website.
- Warm-Up Nights in April Clinics were well attended, especially the earlier ones before teams began practicing. A suggestion was that multiple groups could potentially be segregated by experience, rather than age, for next year.
- Coach Decks (cards) have been delivered; Jerry Welch still needs his. Al will follow-up.
- Thank you gift cards (2 @ \$20 each) were purchased from The Unofficial, and given to Pitching Evaluators Steve Tusa and Jon DeMars. Both Steve & Jon send their thanks to the SABSA Board.

Registration Update:

- Our inquiries with neighboring associations on behalf of the final “waitlisted player” at 10U resulted in an offer to join a Columbia Heights team, but the player found a spot themselves, with a Blaine team.

Coordinators Updates:

- Equipment – Al
 - Purchased an additional Louisville Slugger Blue Flame pitching machine for 10U/6U practice use. Interested Coaches please contact Al.
 - Need to hear from Coaches as needs arise.
- Yard Signs – Danielle –
 - Yard signs were dropped off with Al, and are now back in storage at the CC.
- Fields – Rick (unable to attend, but sent a report):
 - All fields’ practice and games schedules have been posted through the first week in July. The remainder will be done once playoff schedules are out.
 - The lost top of the lock box at Wilshire Park has been replaced. The Wilshire keys have been located and put back in the box.
 - The “mound” at Emerald Park will be a portable one that is removed after each use, with no impact to softball.
 - REMINDER: Rake/drag the fields after use, and make sure the plugs are in before leaving the field.
 - Let Rick know if any other needs arise.
 - ✦ Discussion ensued about the north fence at Emerald Park not going all the way to the ground, and overthrows to 1st Base going under the fence.
 - ✦ Discussion ensued about the out-of-bounds fence along the 3rd Base line at Wilshire Park not going far enough into the outfield to stop overthrows to 3rd Base, and keeping children off the field when games are going on.
 - ✦ Al will follow-up on the above.
- Spirit Wear – Danielle
 - Cage Jackets have been received, and Danielle has started delivery.
- Umpires – Dirk (no report)
 - Al sent a Calendar of Home games to Umpire Starter Tim Klein
 - SABSA is paying Umpires by weekly checks, requested by Tim Klein through Al for Friday/Saturday mailings.
- Online Store – Tahoe Sports – Al
 - Online Store purchases have been picked up & delivered through Coaches.

- A few items remain on backorder (Blue defensive masks).
- Uniforms – Al
 - Jerseys were delivered through Coaches – one jersey for 10U-Bogucki still needs to be delivered. Danielle & Al will coordinate.
 - There are a couple of uniforms which got missed in the first ordering; those should be in shortly.
 - There was a mixup of jerseys between two players on 10U-Cannon. Al will follow-up.
 - Jessica Rengsdorf has volunteered to be our Uniforms Coordinator for 2017. THANKS, Jessica!

8U Update:

- The check has been cut for our 8U teams to attend the Roseville Rumble tournament at a reduced price of \$50/team.
- Northern League 8U play is underway.
- The Website (same as used last year) has been updated for 2016. It is free, but asks for Donations. We did not donate last year. Rossi moved, Danielle seconded, to donate \$25 to the website in appreciation, and to encourage other participating teams to do the same. Motion passed. Al will follow-up.

Coaches Updates:

- 6U – Al - Going well, back-to-back sessions are working, with a bunch of good Parent Assistants.
- 8U – Al -: Had an opportunity to attend the Soderville Slammin' 8s (today). There was some interest in a joint pay-to-play team; not sure that happened.
- 10U – Danielle & Rossi – 10U Bogucki & 10U Cannon played Tuesday; it went very well. Both coaches noted that if possible, scheduling to play each other in the first round worked very well to 'work out some kinks' before facing other league opponents. Encouraged by good quality of play and excited by how well this year's groups are playing, relative to prior years' – credit to 8U machine pitch league & 6U intro was offered. 10U Bogucki just finished taking second place in the Belle Plaine Tournament (and won a spot at 10UB NAFA Nationals. There is an offering for this in Eagan.
- 12U – Jerry – Played in Mora; won twice. New players seem to be doing ok.
- 14U – Jerry – First practice is scheduled for this coming Sunday.
- 18U – Lamar (HDC) – no update.

HDC Liaison Update – Melody:

- The joint fundraiser (HDC/SABSA) was a huge success! (\$1,070 in tickets were sold by SABSA). HDC Flower Sale went well, too!
- SABSA Night at SAVHS Varsity @ Central Park was also very well attended and received. Melody related Varsity Player comments about how inspiring it is for the Varsity Players to have the SABSA girls come to the game.
- The SABSA Board extended our thanks to the HDC for the participation in The Unofficial fundraiser and the SABSA Night at SAVHS Varsity in Central Park!

Fundraising:

- The Unofficial joint fundraiser: SABSA Board feedback: It was great! Can we do it again next year? And, if so, can we have the tickets come out earlier, so we could have them available for Evaluations?
- Jersey Mike's: Kirsten has the tickets! Dates are June 2 – June 5. We want to hand out cards that week. Looking to put a stack of cards at Wilshire Park, and to work with a Rep. from each team. Need to do an email blast or two to support this.
- Broadway Pizza – Scott has been talking with BP, and they would like to do a Pizza Buffet fundraiser night for us. Scott will be working on details.
- DQ – will be donating \$250 and coupons for a free cone for Coaches to use at 8U/10U. Danielle will follow-up.

Other Business:

- Field Space: Do we still need to investigate use of Roseville's Sandcastle Park due to field shortages? Discussion ensued; we're making do without outside fields right now.
- Baseball is pursuing wiring electric power to the pitching areas on the two fields at Silver Point Park. The total cost is \$2,800. Should SABSA contribute to this effort? Discussion ensued. The Consensus was that SABSA would be interested in supporting efforts to bring electricity to within reach of the Wilshire Park and Emerald Park fields, but that having electricity for powered pitching machines would not be used by Softball at Silver Point Park – primarily because of the use of Slingshot Pitching Machines throughout the 8U League. A "token donation" was discussed, but it was felt that such a donation would have to be in the \$500 range to be meaningful, and that \$500 towards a field improvement that would not benefit Softball would not be a good use of SABSA funds.
- Expanded roles on the Board:
 - We could use a Volunteer Coordinator.

- We could use an Equipment Coordinator.
- We need an 8U Jamboree Coordinator. Rossi will do this again this year; thanks, Rossi!! But, we need to define one for the future.

Let's try to get these roles filled for next year. Danielle volunteered to look at what other Boards do. Further discussion was tabled to the July-August time frame.

- Let's try to support the SAVHS Varsity by encouraging SABSA girls to go to any St. Anthony-hosted playoff games.
- Jerry may need a jersey for a potential late recruit at 14U.
- Danielle announced that 10U-Bogucki won an invitation to the NAFA Nationals by coming in second at the Belle Plaine B-C tournament! Congratulations!! Discussion regarding Nationals attendance ensued. There is an option to attend at Egan.
- Al & Jane Bates extended their thanks for the gifts presented from the Board Members at last month's meeting.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 22 at 7:45 pm at the Village Pub. The delayed start is due to the timing of the 6U practices that day.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President