

## **St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes**

**2016, June 22**

**St. Anthony Village Pub – 6:30 PM**

Call to Order: President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 7:58 pm.

### Attendees:

Al Bates, Danielle Bogucki, Rossi Cannon, Dirk DeWester, Lamar Brendemuehl, Kirsten Stendahl.

### Meeting Ending Goal:

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

### Approval of the Prior Meetings' Minutes:

Rossi moved, Danielle seconded to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2016 meeting. Motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

Al again 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.

### President's Update:

Al shared the following comments: "We had a conflict between two of our coaches that got out of hand, and it spilled out into a larger, *inappropriate audience* via an email from one of the participants. That reflected badly on us, and on me. And, as it turned out, at one point over the time it took for an issue to develop into a "conflict", we were actually so close to having a resolution that I am virtually certain we could have resolved it easily, *if there had been a third party involved at the right time.*

*I view being that third party as part of the President's job. I am here to help resolve conflicts, I want Board Members and Coaches to use me in that capacity, and I would very much appreciate it if the language we used amongst ourselves always stayed civil, and our disagreements are aired only amongst ourselves. That being said, I don't want to delve into this particular conflict, which I consider resolved as well as it can be."*

### Player & Coach Development Update - Al:

- Clinic needs were discussed, and Pitcher Clinics were rated as the no. 1 need, with Catcher Clinics rated as no. 2.
- For Pitcher Clinics, the consensus was to try to organize them for the 2-3 weeks preceding the HDC Fall Ball season, and to aim them primarily at the 10Us (and just-finishing-2<sup>nd</sup> year 8Us), but accept any 12Us or 14Us that wish to attend. Al will follow up with MFA for availability.

- Catcher Clinics were not pursued.
- For the Post-Season Parent Survey (which was missed last year), Danielle has worked up a Googleform based on the existing survey language - to move the Survey online. There was general consensus to pursue the online survey, to have it 'returned' only to AI. Names will be anonymous. Danielle and AI will finalize the language with a goal of having it out by the Wednesday after each State tournament.

#### Coordinators Updates:

- Equipment – AI
  - There has been a request/offer for sale by a parent of their player's relatively new bat that has become a 'team favorite' at 14U. And, of the new bats we have purchased recently, none have been "14U-sized". Danielle moved, Dirk seconded, to purchase this still-under-warranty 32"/10 drop bat for 14U. Motion passed.
  - Other specific needs mentioned were Catcher Helmets and Catcher Chest Protectors. AI will follow up at Season's End for Catcher Gear needs when equipment is re-inventoried.
- Fields – Rick (unable to attend, no report)
  - The Board expressed thanks to Rick for the great job he has done this year managing field scheduling. THANKS, Rick!
- Spirit Wear – Danielle
  - Danielle reported that all money has been turned in, but a small amount of product remains available.
  - Erik Lindgren, 8U Coach, submitted for consideration: interest in a Zip-up Sweatshirt or Warm-Up Shirt. We will look at this for the 2017 Spirit Wear offering.
  - Also recommended was a Royal Blue Tank Top (for wearing under racerback uniforms). Lamar recommended looking at East Bay for sourcing. This is another item for 2017.
- Umpires – Dirk
  - Dirk mentioned that he'd like to attend a HDC 18U game to ask for more 8U Umpires; Lamar OK'd that.
  - Dirk offered that he was having difficulty in getting 8U Umpires, and suggested that we might have to consider paying more than \$25/game next year.
  - It was suggested that at least one of our 10U ("Professional") Umpires has a very narrow/overly narrow (up & down) strike zone for 10U. Dirk will follow up with Umpire Starter Tim Klein to see if we can address that for more consistency among Umpires at 10U.

- There was a game played at 12U where the Umpire was a no-show, and a parent did the Umpiring; it was discussed as to whether this parent should be paid. Our practice has been to pay the volunteer Umpire when this happens, and the consensus was to continue this practice.
- Online Store – Tahoe Sports – Al
  - Our new Rep at Tahoe is Dan Terhaar.
  - There was some dissatisfaction expressed about the response on the few items remain on backorder (notably the Blue defensive masks).
  - Also, Rossi observed that the Women’s Sweatpants didn’t really have a women’s cut. Rossi volunteered to help with product selection for next year.
  - It was mentioned that having sizing charts available would help.
  - And, having Samples available at Evals would go a long way towards helping folks get the right sizes.
- Uniforms – Al
  - It was mentioned again that we could really use a Uniform Coordinator. We are looking forward to Jessica Rengsdorf’s help.
  - Lamar noted that East Bay is good with team orders.

#### 8U Northern League Update:

- Northern League 8U play continues, and Dirk reported that the quality of play is good. Earlier tonight during an 8U game at Silver Point, there was a 4-pitch half-inning, and 2 double-plays turned!
- Dirk shared that one of the Irondale Coaches reported that one of the Roseville teams has been doing “Coach Pitch”; we may need to follow-up on that.
- Al reported that we did make the \$25 donation (authorized last meeting) to the League Scheduling Website we’ve been using.
- End-of-Season Jamboree: Erik Lindgren is coordinating the Jamboree this year, and Stephanie Lindgren will handle the Concessions Coordination. Thanks, Erik & Stephanie! Rossi forwarded Erik her planning information from last year’s Jamboree. Thanks, Rossi! The Jamboree seems to be coming together, and all 8 teams will be in attendance. Al will forward details of the games schedule to Dirk for Umpire recruiting.

#### Coaches Updates:

- 6U – Al - Going great, 22 Players!
- 8U – Dirk and Rossi - reported that 8U seems to be going great from what they’ve seen and heard.

- There was interest expressed in not forcing 8Us to move up to 10U for HDC Fall Ball if there is room for them at 8U. There was consensus that this is a good idea.
- 10U – Danielle – 10U is going great; having fun. All positive. All 3 teams have qualified for B Nationals! All 3 teams will play at the B1 Level in the Qualifier Tournament.
  - It might help to share Player Birthdate info for team selection next year.
  - “Our” Section of the 10U League is a bit disappointing, competition-wise. We have a legitimate complaint with the way the Suburban League allowed the split of the 10U teams. Can we do anything about this? Do we want to switch leagues? Can we? We got into some better competition by playing two mid-season tournaments this year. How can we pass the wisdom of doing two tournaments on? Discussion was tabled to a future meeting.
- 12U – Kirsten – reported that the team has been challenged by having a range of player abilities. But, they took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the regular season, and will play at the B1 level in the Qualifier Tournament! Dirk expressed that they have become a good team.
  - Rossi reported that her 10U team went to watch a 12U game, and it was good for them to see the next level of play.
- 14U – Jerry – not in attendance/no report.
- 18U – Lamar (HDC) – 6 games into the season with 11 players; doing pretty well; making progress and developing consistency.

#### HDC Liaison Update – Al:

- Reiterated the success of The Unofficial joint fundraiser (HDC/SABSA) and SABSA Night at SAVHS Varsity @ Central Park.

#### Fundraising:

- The Unofficial joint fundraiser with HDC – Al: \$1,070 raised for SABSA! Thanks to all who sold and bought tickets. Kirsten did a great job coordinating this. Thanks, Kirsten!
- Jersey Mike’s: Kirsten - Raised \$1,258 for SABSA! A great team effort. Putting tickets at each (Saint Anthony) school went well. But, placing tickets at St. Charles wasn’t a great success. The timing was perfect – the second week before school got out; let’s try to do it again next year at the same time. And, having it over 4 days was a huge part of the success. The folks at Jersey Mike’s were great to work with! A big THANK YOU! to Jersey Mikes!
  - Let’s put a thank you on our Facebook page.
  - It appears we may have enough interest for another Spirit Wear Sweatshirt order; let’s do another order, get the shirts to say FASTPITCH. If we get 6 to order, one will be free.
  - Danielle moved, Rossi seconded, to dedicate that 6<sup>th</sup> Sweatshirt to Jersey Mike’s Manager. Motion Carried. Danielle will follow up.

- Broadway Pizza – Scott (not in attendance/no report)
- DQ – Danielle presented a \$250 check from DQ! And, they also provided some extra ice cream cone coupons to distribute. Thanks to DQ! Thanks, Danielle!

#### Other Business:

- Expanded Roles on the Board – we still have interest in having:
  - Volunteer Coordinator
  - Equipment Coordinator
  - Fundraising Coordinator
- Field Use Rules:
  - Do we need to discuss this? The general consensus was that there isn't really a need to discuss. Current rules are adequate.
- Villagefest:
  - Will we march in the Parade? Yes! We need more candy than we had last year, and a volunteer placed halfway along the parade route to “refill the marchers’ supply”. Al will sign us up for the Parade. Rossi will organize us.
- Nationals? Should we encourage teams to attend? Should we do a combined team?:
  - Dirk suggested effort was better spent at encouraging (for those interested), attending a different post-season tournament, other than Nationals, for lower cost.
- Disputes & Discipline:
  - There was discussion on what our disputes/discipline procedures are. Al explained that we fall under the Boosters protocol, and will investigate and report back on what Disputes/Grievances procedures cover us currently. The consensus was to pursue this after the Season ends.

#### Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 pm at the Village Pub.

#### Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President