

St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA)
February 7th, 2017

Attendance:

Danielle Bogucki, Al Bates, Natalie Dougherty, Pat Clark, Scott Mc Cleary, Andrew Kagol, Teresa Turner, Lora Kohan

Call to order 7: 37pm

Approval of January meeting:

Motion to approve by Danielle, seconded by Pat. Motion carries, minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Kirsten will be taking over treasurer report starting next meeting.

Balance as of Dec \$12, 184.49

(\$1,000 is encumbered for C1 field nets project & \$100 for SAVHS Upper Gym Ceiling tile project).

\$84 of late charges for the Biffs at Wilshire Park in 2016 will hit in 2017.

Actual unencumbered balance for 2016 was thus closer to \$11,000.

President's Update:

Registration is ongoing, ends Feb 28th for Fastpitch.

An e-mail blast will be sent out the week of Feb 16th to remind those that have not registered to do so, the marquee will have registration information on it as well.

The last week of registration we will reach out to those players that have played before but have not yet registered to see if they are interested.

Registration numbers are as follow so far:

6U:10, 8U: 23, 10U: 22, 12U: 18, 14U: 9

There is an estimated potential for registrants for 8u to go to 43, 10U to go to 37, 12U to go to 24, and 14U to go to 12.

The guestimate for teams is as follows: 6U 2 teams, 8U 3 teams, 10U 3 teams, 12U 2 teams, 14U 1 team plus HDC 16/18U 1 team

T-ball might start early this season. baseball will not be starting early as of this time.

It will be a tight time frame to get the teams set up before spring break. Evaluations will be held on Saturday March 4th (pitching) and Sunday March 5th (general).

Coaches will need to be selected and teams formed by March 9th.

Evaluations committee needs to be ready that Tuesday the 7th and 8th to put the teams together. The evaluation committee will start to put together teams and then get input from the coaches.

MMFL appears to be in crisis with a new state organization forming Minnesota softball. There will be a directors meeting held on Monday February 13th at 7:30 pm.

There was an e-mail to Al sent out about a new league forming called the "Big West" Al responded by email and will follow up with a phone call at a later time this week to gather more information about the transformation that is taking place.

Some questions to be asked are:

What will happen to the suburban league?

Will there be a Fall Ball league for us?

Is there a 16/18U league?

Bylaws Proposed wording change:

The Evaluations Committee shall be comprised of at least 3 members, and will include, but not be limited to, the director of Evaluations/Tryouts, and two SABSA volunteers, preferably including the President, and/or Vice President, and/or Director of Player and Coach Development, excepting that no perspective current Fastpitch Head Coach candidate may serve on the Evaluations Committee.

There was a lengthy discussion about the wording of the proposed change. This was to ensure that there is no bias at evaluations.

Motion to approve changes by Pat and then seconded by Al. Motion carries and the wording change passes.

Player and Coach Development:

MFA January and February skills clinics:

28 registered at 10U and 18 at 12/14U. The clinics are going well the last one will be held on February 26th.

April warm-up Clinics:

Starting April 7th in the Wilshire Park gym

Schedule is as follows for now: April 7th, 11th, 18th, 26th.

We are looking for someone to help with each session. There is a possible conflict of times once 10U start to practice. There is a possibility that in the future we could move the warm up clinics to a different day of the week.

Open Gyms:

Sunday Feb 12th, and Feb 26th

10/12U 10-11:30 pm

8/10U 11:30-1pm

If you are in your 2nd year of 10U then you would go to the earlier session.

Volunteers are needed to help run these open gyms.

Danielle will try to get Wilshire Park gym for March/ April just in case the weather is bad and we are not able to get the girls outside for practices.

Evaluations are Scheduled:

March 4th is the pitching evaluations; time will be shifting to the afternoon. Most likely 1-4 pm. Scott Mc Cleary has also volunteered to help with the warm up room on Saturday. We still need other volunteers for evaluations and a sign-up sheet will be coming out later this month with sign up times.

Al is looking into Alyssa Fox coming to be a pitching evaluator.

There will most likely be 3 sessions for pitchers.

14U will most likely not be there due to basketball and there will only be 1 team at that level.

March 5th general evaluations will start about 8:30am and end at 2:45pm, with a lunch break scheduled in the middle for our evaluators. Paul Barrett has volunteered to help; Tom Korba has volunteered to be at the sign in table for evaluations.

Rick Ballot has volunteered to help with evaluations on Sunday.

Volunteers are needed and there will be a sign-up sheet that goes out later this month with the times that are needed.

Coaches application:

The board has agreed to look over the current application that was sent out in the fall to all coaches and will hold a virtual meeting to discuss any changes and questions that they would like to see added to the current application/questionnaire. The board will also discuss the policy for the coaching questionnaire.

Coaches' Clinic:

Saturday March 25th from 9am to 2:30pm in the high school gym.

So far there are 3 guest speakers coming Lamar, Megan, and Julie. They will be giving information on basic tips for hitting/ pitching. There will also be general best practices techniques and skills. Al and Danielle will talk with MFA and see if we can get a flat rate for them coming rather than paying for each person. Then we will see if we are able to open up the clinic to assistant coaches also and parent volunteers.

Coordinators Update:

Equipment:

Teresa and Al have finished up the inventory for all of the catcher's gear.

Fields:

Pat and Al will go to the fields meeting to be held on Feb 8th. T-ball and coach pitch are most likely to have more teams than last year. The plan is to be able to again split the field at Wilshire Monday- Thursday with soccer. Then have Saturday for soccer only.

Spirit Wear:

We made a total of \$223 from the hats that were sold. We are done with hat sales. Diamond Club donated some items and told us that we can keep all the proceeds from the sales. These items will be made available at clinics and also evaluations.

Al still looking into Ngin sales for a couple of items. We are currently looking for dri-fit long sleeve t-shirts, zip up jackets and all also a pullover jacket option. These items will be made available on the website.

Umpires:

Still need to recruit a volunteer for the upcoming season!

Online Store:

Looking to get going within the week.

Uniforms:

Looking into a possible uniform change starting with 10u for next year. Questions remain about the potential phase-in. Currently you are given your first uniform shirt and then if another one is needed you would have to purchase the second one.

Danielle will look into the possibility of new pants (intensity brand)

Fundraising:

Tabled until next meeting when Kirsten will be here to give an update.

HDC Liaison:

Scott reports that HDC will be doing to Unofficial fundraiser again and they will be giving the tickets out to coaches to pass out to their teams after spring break.

Scott is also able to report that there will be repairs made to the pitching mound and 3rd base along with permanent foul poles with lights to be added to the fields.

8U 2016 Follow Up/ 2017 development work:

Al reports he needs to schedule this. Spring Lake park is IN; Columbia Heights might be joining the league.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 8th at 8pm, or possibly March 9th at 7pm.

Adjourned at 9:50pm

Respectfully submitted, Natalie Dougherty, Secretary