

SABSA Board Meeting

APRIL 7th 2024 / 6:00 PM / COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Attending: John, Fred, James, Lane, Brittany, Maggie, Sarah

Agenda

Call to Order

- Welcome and opening remarks

Last Meeting Follow-up

- Approve [March 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes](#)
 - Motion to approve: Fred moves, Maggie seconds, all in favor

New Business

- Treasurer Report
 - Updates and transactions
 - Venmo donations. [Venmo - Transaction Spreadsheet](#)
 - No recent transactions
 - SABSA owes HDC or Aaron Rosha
 - \$122 - SABSA owes half for equipment - This is paid
 - Future note: will figure out swap with HDC when SABSA pays for summer high school league and HDC pays for fall ball
- Fields - Steve Munson & Fred Bainbridge
 - Calendar - <https://stanthony.ce.eleyo.com/facilities/calendar>
 - To-do: document how it works when there are more than 2 teams in one level with field rotation
 - C-2 Banners going up for all sports
 - Draft sent to representatives from each sport [\[link\]](#)
 - Sarah Ksiazek helping with softball branding
- Equipment
 - Coaches have their equipment - [SABSA - Equipment Inventory](#)
 - First Aid Kits - Cold Packs & Bag Count
 - Net Bags
 - Tanner Tee
- Secretary & Website Update

- Extensive communication with families regarding Sports Engine registrations
 - 6U registration is still open
 - Provide Sarah with any registration feedback - will start creating 2025 registration now
 - How would you like to volunteer? question
- Meeting Minutes - 2024
- Communication
 - Youth Clinic April 27th - All SABSA teams
 - Steele & Hopps fundraiser April 30th - 3-6 p.m. - Cathy
 - Youth Night April 30th - All SABSA players welcome - meet at 6:30 by the scoreboard
- MN Softball
 - All teams registered for leagues and tournaments - Ryan S & Scott C (Lane to help with compliance)
 - Compliance - Ensure all Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Parent Helpers get through MN Softball requirements:
 - [MN Softball - ACE](#) (Head Coach Only)
 - [MN Softball - SafeSport](#)
 - [MN Softball - Concussion Training](#) (Lane/Ryan - Trusted Coaches?)
 - [MN Softball - Background Checks](#)
 - Make sure coaches know any expense will be reimbursed with this process!

To do: get log in for Trusted Coach (possibly from Andrew softball@saboosters?) - Lane

To do: Copy coach registration form in SportsEngine - Sarah

- Tournaments - Scott Campbell
 - Updates & Status
 - Nationals?
 - To do: write communication about Nationals for coaches
- Uniforms/Spirit Wear - Jen Pajerski
 - Updates, questions, concerns
 - Question about 8U uniforms, but since both teams have the same shirts there is no issue
- SAVHS Varsity Coach & Evaluations - Melissa Brandenburg - Coach B
 - Evaluation Feedback
 - 2 hour evaluation window with 15 or more players (offense & defense)
 - Is it possible to do the same day as pitching & catching? Too much?
 - Fall evaluations?
 - Data for board to refer to during team formation
 - Current evaluation ranking

- Fall coach evaluation/feedback
 - Include game awareness
- Once the board forms teams a roster move can be made if both coaches and families involved all agree?
 - Changes worked out well this year, but having a more solid process would lead to more consistency
 - Should have a written policy for clarity
 - Could consider stronger friend request policy
- Fred Bainbridge - 10U recap recommendations
 - Make full level of data available and transparent
 - Ensure that previous players have evaluations on hand in case they are not available for evaluations
 - Going forward the vice president could be responsible for that data
 - Think more through the lens of player development, especially when it comes to number of players on each team (a bigger team might be better)
 - Coaches (once they are known) should be kept in regular communication
 - Consider having a top and two even teams or any other combination
 - Give more time and information to coaches for coach pick
 - Level of play - MN softball recommends even teams at the same level
- When to confirm coaches? - after teams are formed
- Maggie Dreon
 - Example of better process around coach picks from hockey
 - Work with a tryout coordinator (single person)
 - Top certain number of players are locked in
 - Coach then picks the rest of the players from the next so many players (for example, three players out of the next six players by score)
 - Consistency on when we grant play up requests and when we don't

To-do: Check in with Katie Brustad about HDC schedule to avoid conflicts in the future (John)

To do: check website for language about 14U and high school season - it is not required and we should make sure we don't have that language in there (Sarah)

To do: small group will work to put together recommendations for Coach B: Brittany, Maggie, Fred, James (John available as well)

- Fundraising - Cathy McHone, Katie Brustad & Ryan Sypherd
 - Cathy: Steele & Hops - Trying for 4/27 with 4/30 as a backup - Update?

- Katie: fundraising app option for 12U and 14Us - Update?
 - Request: can we have a wish list of things to prioritize for fundraising dollars - Specialized training - Pitching, Catching, Hitting, net vs galvanized fence at C-1
 - 8U League Coordinator - Lane Belling
 - GameChanger - organizational set-up options (Lane)
 - Sarah, Scott maybe John, maybe league coordinators
 - **To-do: Figure out how to set up GameChanger org (Sarah)**
 - Centennial Contacts - Ann & Jeremy Hugger are contacts - share emails
 - Timeline to register 8U teams with Centennial Lakes?
 - Consider 8U jamboree again this year
 - Maggie and Ryan volunteered to help coordinate
- To-do: Maggie and Ryan talk about 8U jamboree**
- 6U Introductory - Fred Bainbridge
 - Review timeline and scheduling for summer
 - Include a few shared practices with 6U & 8U
 - 7 registrants
 - Last year first practice was 5/17
 - **To do - Send Fred contact information for 6U registrations (Sarah)**

Motion to adjourn: Maggie, James seconds, all approve

Notes

- Next Meeting Date - tentatively May 5th, but waiting to hear back from HDC
 - Each coordinator to create basic cheat sheet for their coordinator role
- St Anthony Facilities - Community Services Facilities and Sports (Reservations)
 - Jason Wong - 612.706.1172 - jwong@isd282.org
 - <https://stanthony.ce.eleyo.com/facilities/calendar>

Action Items from previous meeting:

John:

- Check in with Katie B. about HDC schedule to avoid conflicts in the future

Sarah:

- Copy coach registration form in SportsEngine
- Check website for language about 14U and high school season - it is not required and we should make sure we don't have that language in there
- ~~Figure out how to set up GameChanger.org~~
- ~~Send Fred contact information for 6U registrations~~

Lane:

- Get log in for Trusted Coach (possibly from Andrew softball@saboosters?)

Brittany, Maggie, Fred and James:

- small group will work to put together evaluation recommendations for Coach B

Maggie and Ryan:

- Partner on 8U jamboree organization

All:

- Each coordinator to create basic cheat sheet for their coordinator role

SABSA - COMMON LINKS

[SABSA - Website](#)

[SABSA - Bylaws](#)

[SABSA - Team Formation & Tiering \(Overview\)](#)

[SABSA - Player & Coach Development](#)

[USA Softball \(Main Focus By Age\)](#)