

SABSA Board Meeting

August 3, 2025 / 6:30 PM / St. Anthony Community Center

Attending: Katie Brustad, James Smith, Maggie Dreon, Andrew Kagol, Brittany Ranollo, Jen Northwick, Fred Bainbridge, John Grindeland, Kim Morelli, Sarah Ksiazek

Agenda

Call to Order

- Welcome and opening remarks - Fred
 - Thanks to everyone for a great season. Everything went smoothly!

Last Meeting Follow-up

- Review minutes: [SABSA - Meeting Agenda 2025 - March 10](#)
 - Motion to approve: John motions, Katie seconds, all approved

Old Business

- Bylaw update: small update approved at the last meeting in March to clarify that SABSA coaches can observe tryouts. Bylaws on the website were updated shortly after the meeting.

Updates:

- Treasurer's update:
 - Budget: [SABSA 2024 Budget revised.xlsx](#)
 - Still a few things to update that are now getting updated
 - Some additional fundraising to sort through
 - Likely about a \$4k surplus from the year (with a generous \$3k donation, we are at about a \$1k surplus for the year)
 - Still a healthy balance in the account for future investments (field improvements, budget shortfalls, etc.)
 - There is money in the budget for pitching/catching instruction - we should definitely use it next year
 - Nationals fundraising
 - Venmo deposit

- Season recap
 - 6U
 - Two alumni coaching, from all accounts it went great
 - We only paid \$150 for coaching could definitely consider more
 - Think about 6U in terms of developing coaches as well
 - 8U
 - 8U went great! The kid pitch league was a good option, heard feedback that some of the other 8U teams were really good
 - Communicate whether 8Us can evaluate for 10s and make it clear, based on the plan
 - 10U
 - Fun, very busy season. Lots of growth and development
 - 12U
 - 12U Blue - lack of practice time was difficult in the middle of the season. With the leveling of teams, should have thought more about pitching and catching on both teams. Exposed to some really negative opponent energy from parents and teams, and St. Anthony parents and staff handled it really well.
 - 12U White - really tough season. They wished they had been a C team and want to be sure in the future that levels are thoughtfully considered. Concern there might be a lack of involvement from parents given the frustrations. Team worked really hard to maintain positive energy, get better and have fun.
 - C1 warmup space for games during school season - need good communication about space overlap
 - High school/12U schedule overlap feedback?
 - It condensed the season a lot - there was a lack of practice time in the beginning of the season because of school ball, and the players doing both were tired without a lot of break in between.
 - Suggestion that if practice time is hard to find, you can add time to the warmup
 - 14U
 - Very successful season - over 40 wins
 - Consider playing up if kids are playing at a high level, if numbers make sense
 - Possible need for non-parent coach next year
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Overall program recap and suggestions for next year

- Pitching development - can we provide any guidance to coaches about how to rotate pitchers for both short term and long term success?
- Nationals - consider more support from the SABSA budget
 - Fred proposes that we double the Nationals contribution
 - Could consider covering the lower of the gate fees (Monsta) and if the teams need more then they need to fundraise above that
 - John makes a motion to cover registration and gate fees for the amount charged by MN softball nationals fees.
 - Fred seconds, approved
 - Boosters should pay up front for the pins and handle the reimbursement directly
 - Consider program-wide Nationals fundraising so everyone can work together
 - Would need a booster-wide coordinator to be successful
 - Create a “what to expect” fundraising packet
- Future - next season, consider a full fundraising program and coordinator
- Past fundraising included:
 - Jersey Mike’s
 - Apparel window that was not on-demand (people bought more). Sense of urgency
 - Could consider fewer options - lots of combos out there
- Gym space during the season for rained out practices - consider exploring
 - Check with Lane to see what the next steps might be
 - TJ and Mary Clare might be able to help
- Reserve Winter gym space now - Fred
 - Sundays - 2-5 or 1-4 so the high school players can make it after domeball
 - Appoint a winter clinic director.
 - John happy to run one of the gyms

Fall ball update

- SABSA partnering with HDC to create teams
- Consider contacting Stella and June about pitching and catching session before fall ball starts
- Consider a fall ball kickoff
- Make roster with contact information available to all coaches
- Fields - have to be raked after fall ball because the city doesn’t
- Reminder:
 - Keep the storage area neat and tidy
 - Rake the bullpen in addition to the fields

Equipment :

- The varsity softball cage was a mess at the end of the season. Add this as an item on the coaches meeting.
- Consider a clean-up event after the booster season
- Explore tractor situation - opportunity for an update?
 - HDC would probably be interested in supporting a tractor

Uniforms:

- Extras for fall ball?
- Any changes for next year?
 - Could consider - multiple jerseys, practice shirts

Fields:

- Thank you, Lane!

Annual meeting and elections:

- Interest level of current board/coordinators in continuing?
 - Fred willing to continue, but also willing to bring someone else in
 - Sarah would like to reduce role, but willing to continue
 - Katie willing to continue HDC liaison
 - Brittany willing to do more
 - John planning to step away
 - Nick likely willing to take on a role
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- Potential new members?
 - Fred to do some recruiting
- Schedule for next two meetings - nomination meeting and annual meeting

HDC:

Connect potential players with HDC to be sure they are on the contact list

Sarah to send Emily the list

Fred motions to close, James closes, all approve.

Notes

- Next Meeting Date:
 - September 21, 6:30
 - October 26, 6:30

- St Anthony Facilities - Community Services Facilities and Sports (Reservations)
 - <https://stanthony.ce.eleyo.com/facilities/calendar>

Action Items:

Sarah:

- Look into paid GameChanger options

SABSA - COMMON LINKS

[SABSA - Website](#)

[SABSA - Bylaws](#)

[SABSA - Team Formation & Tiering \(Updated 2024\)](#)

[SABSA - Player & Coach Development](#)

[SABSA - Budget](#)

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

[St. Anthony High School Softball website](#)

[St. Anthony High School Softball Calendar](#)

[SABSA field schedules](#)