

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes
August 25, 2014 Meeting
Village Pub – 6:00 pm.**

Call to Order:

President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Jerry Welch, Rick Ballot, Dirk DeWester

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 7:00

Approval of the Prior Meeting's Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of August 5 meeting by Rick, second by Jerry; motion passed.

Budget Update:

Al shared that the budget update emailed out on 8/11 does not reflect about 6 jerseys to be purchased for Fall (and presumably next Spring) use, and we still need to settle up with Umpires with the Huskies Diamond Club for 16U & 18U teams.

Fundraising:

Jamie Larson stopped by the meeting and brought a check from Jersey Mike's for \$540. Thanks, Jamie! Thanks, Jersey Mike's! Jamie volunteered to work with Jersey Mike's again next year (assuming her daughter plays again).

HDC Spaghetti Dinner is set for Saturday, October 25, from 2-6 pm at the Village Pub. The HDC is asking Fall Ball players/families to each sell a book of 5 tickets (for \$50 total). HDC Summer Players (16/18U) are being asked to sell 2 books each. SABSA Players also benefit from HDC activities, and are encouraged to help/attend.

Fundraising for 2015 was discussed, and the following ideas were favored:

- Repeat the Jersey Mike's fundraiser; try to get going earlier if possible.
- Increase summer fees a little rather than try to sell something.
- Volunteer for manning a Basketball Tournament, possibly in a joint effort with the HDC.

Coordinators:

Fields Scheduling Coordinator Rick Ballot – Rick is continuing to use the Boosters website to assist Community Services in scheduling fields in the fall, working with Priscilla at CS. Things are going OK, but it would be really nice to have C1 totally available – perhaps on designated days of the week.

Umpires Coordinator Dirk DeWester – Dirk will be putting together a reconciliation for final payment/payback relative to “advanced money”. We need to bill HDC for 16U & 18U yet, and Doug Schley needs to be paid for the last 18U (rescheduled) game. Dirk needs Doug's address; Al will get it.

Pitching Clinic Coordinator Jerry Welch – Al has purchased, and will send Coach Bill Broneak, the token of appreciation - a \$50 gift certificate. Fall pitching clinics, for Beginning Pitchers are being coordinated by Al, under HDC auspices, and are being run by the Minnesota Fastpitch Academy's Meggan Staton. There are 2 August sessions; the first was tonight with 10 players signed up. There will be 3 September sessions, and 12 players are signed up.

Uniforms Coordinator (Al Bates) – The Summer Fastpitch “Tsunami” Jersey is being discontinued by the supplier. Do we need to replace existing jerseys? Consensus was no, as long as we can find a very similar replacement. Slightly mismatched jerseys on the same team were not an issue this year, as long as there is no numbers overlap.

Equipment Update:

In addition to the need for smaller sized Catcher gear (mentioned last meeting), additional equipment needs were identified: Hitting Sticks for younger teams and more balls (for hitting, and new) to be handed out mid-season (to replace rain-soaked balls).

Tournaments Updates:

14U apparently did not/will not play an “in-season” tournament this year.

8U Off-Season League Work Needed:

Discussion on the 8U direction confirmed the desire to have the “northern league” (fastpitch for 8U) expanded with neighboring communities, but not to aspire to the level of play of this last summer’s “better Anoka-Ramsey team”. Competing at that level (essentially A-level) seems unrealistic.

HDC Fall Teams Report:

The 10U HDC Fall team lost both their first day’s games, but scored at least 4 runs in each game; pitching is a big issue. The 12U HDC Fall team won both their first day’s games. Both these teams had good experiences. The 14U player on the combined team with Irondale has been a frequent “no-show”. No report on how the 18U team did.

HDC Fall Pitching Clinic:

The first session of the HDC-sponsored Fall Beginning Pitching Clinic went well.

Bylaws Revision:

Bylaws revisions discussion remains tabled until the September meeting. Prep work is needed.

Other Business:

None.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Monday, September 22 at 6:00 pm at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President