

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes  
November 10, 2014 Meeting  
Village Pub – 6:30 pm.**

Call to Order:

President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Dirk DeWester, Rick Ballot, Jerry Welch, Rossi Cannon, Scott McCleary

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 7:40

Approval of the Prior Meeting's Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 13 meeting by Rick, second by Jerry; motion passed.

Posting of the Revised Bylaws:

Al reported the 2014 Revision of the Bylaws, approved last meeting, has now been posted on the website. The website now also has enhanced visibility for Meeting Minutes, in a new tab next to the Board tab.

Report from the November Sports Boosters Board Meeting:

Jerry covered for Al (who was ill) for the Nov. 5 Boosters Board Meeting. Jerry reported that Soccer expressed satisfaction with the "indoor clinic mode for Fall", and much discussion revolved around playing time for Football. Jerry delivered the "Football HOME & AWAY Signs" to Football. Thanks Jerry!

Budget Update:

Al shared that with most transactions settled, we have \$5,570.90 in the bank, which is among the lowest of the Boosters sports. We got there by being about \$1,500 positive on the year; however, we have not settled one partial refund (\$65) and we have not paid (\$100) authorized for the SAVHS Upper Gym Tile donation. Also of note is that of the \$1500, about \$900 should be considered "remaining unspent Safety Equipment Grant money", and that about \$350 is due to 14U not attending a mid-season tournament. With all above items considered, we are essentially less than \$100 favorable for the year. Typically, there will still be some trickle-in costs, too.

Coordinators Updates:

Fields Scheduling Coordinator Rick Ballot – Michelle Helfrey-Sullivan is taking over for T-Ball/Coach Pitch. There may be an opportunity to explore staggered scheduling, especially with T-Ball, to relieve some Silver Point field pressure.

**An additional point of discussion involving fields was raised by Jerry – that the Pitching Plates on Wilshire Park's field may need to be made removable. They are too close together, and unsafe.**

Umpires Coordinator Dirk DeWester –Dirk confirmed that the money advanced him happened to tie out perfectly to Umpire expenses, and has provided an accounting for the files.

Equipment Coordinator Al Bates – Al reported that we need to complete the “Post-Season Inventory” to plan for purchase needs for 2015. Rossi mentioned that 8U helmets provided were too big. Helmet inventory appears to be a sub-issue of its own. Discussion ensued, and generally the Board supported providing helmets through 8U, and “fallback” helmets at older ages, while strongly encouraging Players to purchase their own helmets at 10U and above.

Uniforms Coordinator Al Bates – Al reiterated a desire to have a Uniforms Coordinator take over, and coordinate Jersey numbering for 2015 (schema is basically set), Jersey ordering, Tsunami jersey (discontinued) replacement with similar ones if possible (allowing for those with Tsunami Fastpitch Jerseys to continue wearing them), and setting up the online store with Tahoe Sports. Perhaps (Huskie Blue) helmets could also be offered thru Tahoe’s online store for us?

Yard Signs Coordinator – we need a Yard Signs coordinator to distribute, track, collect, and (re)-store the yard signs for Open Registration Jan 1 – Feb 28. Also mentioned was a need to get Registration announcements on the Community Center and Schools Lighted “Announcement Signs”.

#### Player & Coach Development Updates:

- MFA is offering their own Pitching Clinics over Winter Break. They do not have additional time available to add a “St. Anthony Pitching Clinic”. Alternatives were discussed, and it was decided to do an email blast to encourage Pitchers to take advantage of the MFA Clinics instead of attempting to find another resource.
- January-February Skills Clinics, run by MFA to be held at SAVHS are in the final planning stages. Dates are set for Jan 25, Feb 1, Feb 8, & Feb 22.
- Open Gyms – were discussed, and it was decided to investigate SAVHS available gym time, but to schedule just two slots this year – Mar 1 & Mar 8 – the two weekends after Skills Clinics and before Evaluations. Wilshire Park Gym works if SAVHS is not available, but times may need to be expanded/split between younger & older players if that happens. It was reiterated that these Open Gyms are primarily for fielding & throwing; that there are hitting cages available nearby for hitting practice.
- Evaluations/Tryouts – Wilshire Park Gym reservation request has been submitted for Sat. Mar. 14. It was decided not to ‘evaluate’ 8U Pitchers. SAVHS Gyms have been reserved for Sun. Mar. 15 for main evaluations. Need to be out of upper gym by 2pm. Will need to coordinate volunteers for both Evaluations.
- Sean Hall of S&C Sports has been contacted, and is willing to bring us a Coach’s Clinic. Al will follow-up with Sean and attempt to zero into a time & place.
  - There was discussion on the need to teach Coaches how to teach Bunting.
  - There was also discussion on pursuing a separate Coach Clinic/Synergy discussion with Lamar, primarily for 12U & 14U Coaches – to build consistency of messages/language used.
- Fundamentals Clinics on Tuesday Nights in April – Wilshire Park Gym reservation request has been submitted for all 4 Tuesday nights in April 6-8:30.

#### 8U Off-Season League Work Needed:

Off-season discussions with neighboring communities, on the direction for 8U, has not yet begun.

Registration:

- Registration should open on January 1 and close on February 28.
- We discussed Registration enhancements including address and potentially birth certificate loading through the registration process.

Fees for 2015:

2014 results were analyzed, with a breakout of “contribution per payer at each level” to the program. Anticipated changes for 2015 were also discussed. As a result of the review, Rick moved, Jerry seconded, motion carried, to set 2015 Fees at: 6U = \$60; 8U = \$100; 10U = \$170; 12U & 14U = \$190.

Other Business:

Given the time, a discussion on potentially hosting a tournament was tabled for a future meeting.

Nominations:

The following people put their names into nomination for 2015 offices; voting will be held at the Annual Meeting.

President: Al Bates.

Directors at Large (6 Positions available): Jerry Welch, Dirk DeWester, Rick Ballot, Rossi Cannon, Scott McCleary.

Annual Meeting:

December meeting will be the “Annual Meeting”. We have typically held this at the Community Center.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Monday, December 8 at 6:45 pm at the Community Center, if we can reserve a room.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President