

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes
2016, August 24**

St. Anthony Village Pub – 6:30 PM

Call to Order: President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Melody Herlofsky, Jerry Welch, Rick Ballot, Rossi Cannon, Dirk DeWester, Jim Zusan, William Timmons, Teresa Turner, Danielle Bogucki.

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 8:30 pm, and noted that this is a SABSA meeting, and Fall Ball issues may be discussed in “an open forum with the HDC Fall Ball Coordinator” after the SABSA Meeting has concluded.

Approval of the Prior Meetings’ Minutes:

Rossi moved, Rick seconded to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2016 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

Al shared that as of July 31, the “bank balance” with the Boosters Treasurer is \$14,358.40. Having just received the Boosters Treasurer’s report, the traditional Actuals vs. Budget reporting will be updated in the near future.

President’s Update:

Al described some of the confusion about the roles of SABSA (Spring/Summer Softball for 6U-14U and related “in-season” activities) and the Huskies Diamond Club (Spring/Summer Softball for 16U-18U, all Fall and Dome Ball, and other related activities not under SABSA auspices). Al’s current understanding, received from Boosters President Tom Kuykendall, is that SABSA and HDC should not be “mixed”. HDC President Don Siggelkow has questioned this, and Al has offered to follow-up with Tom and Don.

Player & Coach Development Update - Al:

- Pitcher Clinics –
 - Intro and “Level 2” clinics have been held, under HDC auspices, and Jim Zusan, with Pitching Coach Stan Waldhauser, ran these. They seemed to go well, with 7 attendees in Intro and 6 in “Level 2”.
 - Jim mentioned that on Monday nights in Columbia Heights, there is an Open Gym staffed at the Hylander Center. Interested Pitchers would be welcome. Al will follow-up with an email to the 10U teams.

- Kirsten noted that interested 12U Pitchers from the Fall Team she is coaching are working with MFA.
- Additional Pitching Clinic needs were discussed:
 - ✦ There was interest expressed in asking Stan Waldhauser back during Christmas Break.
 - ✦ There was interest expressed in securing practice space for Pitchers during the winter. (One good option is the Columbia Heights Open Gyms mentioned earlier).
- Catcher Clinics –
 - Unfortunately, we missed the opportunity to work with Maddie Iskeria from SLP.
 - However, William Timmons indicated his willingness to help out (he was a Baseball Catcher). MFA also has a Catching Clinic coming up in the Fall. William volunteered to coordinate Catcher Clinics, both ‘in-house’ and with MFA. Al will ‘introduce’ William, in his Catcher Clinic Coordinator capacity to MFA. Jerry Welch offered to assist with ‘in-house’ clinics, and Al shared an email from Paula Marcil offering 8U Player Victoria Knight’s older sister (a catcher) to assist. William will follow-up. Al will email both 10U teams with the offerings.
 - Al moved, Rossi seconded, to authorize SABSA reimbursement to HDC of any field rental expense incurred for Catcher Clinics. Motion passed.
- Hitting Clinics –
 - Hitting Clinics were discussed, and the consensus was to refer to MFA.
 - ✦ Dirk suggested underwriting one Hitting Clinic per team.
 - Rossi expressed interest in pursuing Hitting Clinics for Coaches. Jerry offered that Lamar might do a Hitting Clinic. Dirk suggested getting Sean Hall back to train our Coaches, and get him to do a more interactive clinic this time.
- Parent Survey of Coaches
 - Al experienced ‘technical difficulty’ with the Googleforms document that Danielle had produced to do our Parent Survey of Coaches online, and expressed long-term interest in going with the Ngin offering, potentially as early as next year.
 - Dirk offered to help produce the Googleforms survey for this year, as he is not connected with a team, or coaching. Rossi moved, Danielle seconded, to turn the administration of this year’s survey over to Dirk. Motion passed.
 - Jerry suggested sending out a survey after Fall Ball through the HDC. Dirk will follow-up.

Coordinators’ Updates:

- Equipment – Al:
 - Need to finish accounting for return of Catcher gear.

- We intend to start purchasing replacement equipment as soon as needs are tabulated.
- Dirk suggested that smaller Shinguards would be welcomed for 8U.
- Fields –
 - Kirsten has been coordinating Field scheduling with the Community Center for HDC Fall Ball Teams. Thanks, Kirsten!
 - Need to recruit a volunteer for next year, preferably one parent for both Baseball and Softball. Al will talk to Joe Wax; Danielle will talk to Jesse Kiemele.
- Spirit Wear – Danielle:
 - There was some interest expressed in doing a Fall/Winter Spirit Wear offering. Can we do this thru Ngin with a couple of items? Al will look into this.
- Umpires –
 - In response to our need to recruit a volunteer for next year, Dirk said he would do it if nobody else would.
 - We need to figure out how to get more youth umpires involved (for 8U). We're open to Baseball players as well as Softball players.
- Online Store – Tahoe Sports – Al/Jess:
 - Jess Rengstorf will be helping as a part of Uniforms. Rossi would also like to help.
- Uniforms – Al/Jess:
 - Al explained the Uniform Policy for fall is to not purchase Fastpitch Uniforms, except for new Players (hoping they will come back in the spring). New Non-StA Players are charged for a new Uniform.
 - Uniforms were ordered for the 3 'new' players for Fall Ball Fastpitch; picked up & distributed by Jess. Thanks, Jess!

Coaches Updates:

- 14U at season's end qualified for Tier 2 (of 6) at State! They went 0-2 at State, but lost their 2nd game in the 2nd extra inning. A great showing!
- 18U got tough draws at State, also went 0-2, but the 2nd game was close.

HDC Liaison Update – Melody:

- The new members of the HDC Board for 2017 are Treasurer Scott McCleary and Communications Director Jeremy Donaldson.
- Fall Ball Teams have formed:

- 8U – 2 teams; format in transition, more scrimmages/games this year, and weekday practices added. Coaches are Erik Lindgren and Andrew Kagol.
- 10U – 2 teams; Coaches are Erik Lindgren* and Jim Zusan*
- 12U – 2 teams; Coaches are Kirsten Stendahl* and Teresa Turner*
- 14U – 1 team; Coach is Aaron Rosha*
- 16/18U – no team formed; not enough people paid/signed up.
- (* means that the HDC Coach Selection Committee chose Coaches and did some preliminary player rostering)
- Dirk mentioned he would like to get notices from the HDC on the upcoming meetings, with a preliminary agenda. Melody will follow-up with Jeremy Donaldson.

Fundraising:

- Jersey Mike's Fundraiser was great! Photo Op/Presentation of the 'check' at Jersey Mike's was fun, with several Coaches & Players attending. Can we get a copy of the photo as our Facebook cover page? We just received the check for \$1,258! (this is not in the July end Treasurer's report numbers).

Other Business:

- We talked about recruiting Volunteers; among our needs are: Volunteer Coordinator, Equipment Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, 8U Coordinator (including Jamboree?), Secretary/Communications Coordinator.
 - How would these positions relate to how many Board Members we have?
 - Should we address the VP of Evaluations position being a Voting Member, due to considerations about having a quorum?
 - Additionally, should we have a Vice-President position – who would run meetings in the President's absence?
 - We concluded to research the above positions/Bylaws, with a goal of deciding a new potential organization of the Board – distinct positions and at-large members – for the next meeting.
- Rossi suggested emailing out the Minutes, and Dirk offered that an email with a link to the Minutes on the Website might serve the same purpose while getting folks used to going to the website for information. The Consensus was to send the email with the link.
- Meeting Agendas sent out – this meeting was the first (in at least a long time) where the entire Membership (not just the Board & recent guests) received the Draft Agenda and Meeting Notice. The consensus was that this is a good thing that should continue.
- Calendar Development – Al would like to develop a Calendar as a tool to hang on the Website – for what should happen when. Al will send out an email asking for input.

- Electricity at Wilshire Park – Danielle talked to Troy Urdahl, and reports that if we can fund the installation of electricity for the field, it can happen. Dirk pointed out that we would also want storage by the field for the pitching machine. We discussed running power just to the outside of the building vs. over to the field (entrenched). Danielle will follow-up on the cost of the options.
- Meeting Location – we discussed that the Pub could be loud for the growing size of our meetings. The general consensus was a preference for the Community Center. Al will follow-up with getting a meeting room at the CC for the next meeting.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center, room CS9 (assuming our request is approved).

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President