

SABSA 9-10-2023

Attendance:

Kevin Morelli  
John Grindeland  
Scott Campbell  
Andrew Kagol  
Catie McHone  
Katie Brustad  
Coach B

Ryan Sypherd  
Tommy Anderstrom  
Brian Jost  
Sarah Jost  
Katie Grindeland  
Karry Bodurtha  
Maggie Dreon  
James Smith  
Sarah Kazaik

7:41pm start

Presidents Update:

HDC is asking about Winter Clinics.

2 in each of Dec, Jan, Feb was done last year

Winter Clinics – could be used as a fund raiser to help subsidize the Florida trip or for other expenses.

Coach B could be the contact for getting winter access to the building. Or Troy Urdahl.

Fall Update:

14u is using the same signs as the varsity program. The varsity team has been helpful. There are a lot of good coaches.

12u lots of pitchers, lots of catchers. It's a young team. Not a lot of strike outs by the batters.

10u joint practices. Lots of new girls playing in positions.

Maggie – There is a big skills gap.

8u – there was a problem with a child attempting to throwing a bat at a coach. (in the summer).

Tommie – some exciting girls are coming up. Girls are having fun.

We have players that are new to softball this fall at 8u and 10u.

Some of the coaches at the 8u could have used more support. (HDC)

Coach meetings before the summer and fall could help with standardizing the coaching material and approach. i.e. how to teach the fundamentals.

There was an email regarding the C2 usage by softball and we should not encroach on football space. After speaking to the football coaches, nothing is wrong, and everything is fantastic.

#### Summer Recap:

12u:

Tried to teach how to play hard and focus in. It was a successful year, they played their best at the end of the season.

10u:

10u A

The team had a good season with lots of growth and progress throughout the season.

The team played in the top tier state tournament.

The team had 13 players, which was a lot for a team.

It was wonderful experience for all the players.

The team was very competitive group who rarely got blown away.

10u B

Kevin and Lisa did the majority of the coaching.

There was improvement from the beginning to the end.

John Grindeland was there for 8 practices. Kevin said it would have been nice to have more coaches.

John mentions something to think about:

First year players could be a C team

Second year players could be a B

Third year players could be a A.

Potentially the 10u b team should have been a C team.

Andrew disagrees, this should have been a B team.

Coach B asks if they were winning games. Not really is the answer. Coach B mentions that winning can be important to retention.

Andrew thinks splitting teams was a missed opportunity for allowing new girls to see veteran girls play.

Ryan Sypherd: Mentions coaching A level and C level players on the same squad is very hard. Being able to coach everyone on the same level is beneficial. You want to reward girls who have put into the work.

Carrie: You must separate kids from coaching. First, figure out the kids first and then solve the coaching problem.

Kevin: Isn't coaching part of the sport?

Andrew: Gives context about how historically teams were formed. Pitchers and catchers are assigned to teams, the players are then split up based on attempting to achieve parity.

Brian – asking why softball makes teams that are close to parity, but why does softball do this? Other sports do not. There was word that there was negative feedback and the huskie diamond club made decisions on that, but no feedback was provided by the most of the parents.

(much discussion about tiering)

There was much consensus from the non-voting attendees that you must separate the players from the coaching when it comes to team formation.

Maggie – mentions that if her being a coach or involved in SABSA in anyway impacts the opportunity of her daughter, then she will have to leave.

Andrew responds – 'If you want to leave, leave' and he pointed at the door.

Coach B – interrupted and said she cannot have parents telling other parents to leave.

Fred reiterated how the board interpreted the bylaws when it came to team formation last summer. Using the recommendation from the evaluation committee to form tiered teams.

Committee:

Breakdown of each committee and position was given to all attendees.

Ryan Sypherd offered to help with fund raising.

Sara K would be interested in treasurer position.

Nominations are currently being accepted for all core board member positions and committees.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm