

SABSA Board Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2019

St. Anthony Village Pub – restaurant side – 6:30 pm

Attendees: Erik Lindgren, Andrew Kagol, Al Bates, Steve Munson, Dirk DeWester

The meeting was called to order by President Al Bates at 6:38 pm. Introductions were done, and Al noted that as there was not a Quorum present, there would be no voting at the meeting. Al expressed a goal of finishing the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Other Agenda items to be added:

Al inquired about other items to be added to the agenda. There were none.

Approval of the prior meetings' minutes:

- Meeting of July 15, 2019 (tabled)

President's Update: Al –

Al mentioned that the Coach Evaluations of Players were coming back; there were just a couple left to get in. Al gave an update on progress on the Fence Project (and other potential Field Improvements) for Wilshire Park & Emerald Park Fields.

Treasurer's Report: Al Bates, acting Treas.

The "Bank" Balance at May 5, 2019 was \$23,026.61. This is still the latest information we have from the Boosters Treasurer. Al noted that many expenses were yet to be recorded, and estimated that potentially about \$2,000.00 in additional expenses were still coming in.

Player & Coach Development Update: Danielle/Al

Al reported that the 'Novice' (10,12U) Pitching Clinics held in a 3-session format for \$45 in mid-late June, held on C1 in Central Park with MFA Pitching Coach Becca Bates drew 10 attendees, out of a possible 12 spots. At this price point, with the number of attendees, SABSA subsidized the two unfilled spots by paying MFA \$90. We received good feedback on this clinic. Of the August Pitching Clinic offerings, there was only interest in the earlier session, with 3 of 6 spots filled. Noting that we may yet get a fourth (there has been an inquiry). If we only get 3, it will cost \$135 to subsidize the Clinic.

Andrew noted that the timing of the June clinics was good. Steve suggested that August may not be a good time for Pitching Clinics, with family vacations scheduled. Interest was also again expressed in offering earlier Pitching Clinics, ideally in the early afternoons after school, in April, starting next year. Dirk suggested that getting Pitching Clinics tentatively scheduled throughout the year and advertising them all year long might work well. The consensus was agreement on this. Andrew wondered if there might be a way to combine Pitching Clinics with Practice; Dirk spoke to the difficulty of getting a clinician who could/would do this.

Coach Updates:

- 10U – Blue (Kagol): Andrew gave a Nationals Report: Overall, it was Fun! They had a blast! The week leading up to it was stressful, for preparation on short notice (the team won their birth at State, shortly before – where one of their players was challenged, and they had to provide a Birth Certificate). The team did pick up 3 more (SABSA) players to add to their Nationals Roster. Andrew will follow-up with a check list for future Nationals attending teams.
- 14U – Dirk reported that 14U finished 3rd in Tier 2 at State.

Coordinators Updates:

- Equipment – Al
 - Equipment has been returned, with the exception of 10U Kagol's; Al & Andrew will connect to get this equipment checked back in. Thanks to Erik for checking out equipment for rental to Fall teams.
 - Dirk noted that there was occasion where the 8U teams got to use the new Tanner Tee, and requested that we purchase Tanner Tees for 8U games.
- Fields - Steve Munson
 - We welcomed new joint Softball-Baseball Fields Coordinator Steve Munson, while tabling his official ratification.
 - Steve is also helping with the Wilshire Park & Emerald Park Fence (& other Field Improvements) Project.
- Umpires (Fastpitch) – Derek
 - No report.
- 8U Umpires – Dirk
 - Dirk thanked the Board for support of the 8U Program, calling it “one of the best things about St. Anthony Softball”. He suggested that a reminder could be issued at the beginning of the year to 8U Coaches that “we are not out there to win”. Regarding Umpires, Dirk said it was challenging to find kids to Umpire who are confident and knowledgeable. Coaches “getting on” Umpires make it more difficult. He advises continuing to have an Umpire Trainer at the games (this has been Dirk) and have Trainee Umpires attend and work up to Umping (on their own). Dirk recommends using older kids (8th graders+ if possible; 14U Players if they are not practicing). It is still very hard to find Umps. One particular issue of note is that the End-of-Season Jamboree has tended to be on the day of 12U State/14U Qualifier – meaning that many Softball Players who might be interested in Umping can not do so on that day.

 - Dirk also offered some thoughts for the 8U Northern League Post-Season Meeting – that it is important that the Coaches let the young Umpires umpire, and suggested a preseason reminder that it is hard to find Umpires, and we need the Coaches to not hassle the Umpires – an important point to carry over into Fastpitch Coaching, where there is no tolerance for that.
- Spirit Wear & Online Store – Erik/Rossi
 - We finally received the rebate check from Dave's for the April Online Sale; it was for \$216.
- Uniforms – Erik
 - We will need to explore options for new Fastpitch jerseys for next year, as ours have been discontinued. Erik is researching. Erik mentioned an interest in having an alternative jersey (perhaps white), potentially we could make this available as a “team choice” next year (team self-purchase).

- Fundraising – Andrew
 - We owe our responding ‘sponsors’ a Banner for next year. Andrew needs a report of which businesses responded. Al will follow-up.
- HDC Liaison Update – Dirk
 - Fall Ball Teams have formed – 1 @ 18U; 2 @ 14U; 1 @ 12U; 1 @ 10U; 1 @ 8U.
- Old Business
 - Villagefest Parade Report – Erik/Andrew –
 - The Photo Op session at Jersey Mike’s looked good (and this was a good “Parent Pickup the Players Spot”).
 - It also really helped to have folks bring/contribute water balloons and candy.
 - Unfortunately, no high school players marched. It would be nice if we can get some to march with us next year – most other sports seem to be able to do this.
 - End of Season Coach/Volunteer Celebration Report
 - (no report)
 - Listening Session Meeting Scheduling
 - Still shooting for October, and should incorporate recruiting for Open Positions on the Board
- Parking Lot/Back Burner Items:
 - Ice Cream Social – still no traction
 - Video announcement for Wilshire Park? - Andrew suggested Mike Gallagher could be a potential source of video compilation assistance.
- New Business
 - Yearly to-do Calendar Creation – tabled
 - It was suggested that a “Coaches Coordinator” Position could be created that would help lead Coaches through the setup process (in the league software) and do Birth Certificate collection, Team Registration, and Coaching Certificate tracking.
 - Next meetings’ dates:
 - Monday, September 16, 2019 @ 6:30 at the Village Pub, restaurant side.
 - Monday, October 14 @ 6:30 at the Community Center. (need to reserve a room)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, Pres.