

SABSA Board Meeting

11 MARCH 2024 / 6:00 PM / COUNCIL CHAMBERS

In attendance:

John Grindeland, Fred Bainbridge, James Smith, Ryan Sypherd, Katie Brustad, Sarah Ksiazek, Maggie Dreon, Scott Campbell, Kim Morelli, Lane Belling, Andrew Kagol, Steve Munson

Agenda

Call to Order

- Welcome and opening remarks

Last Meeting Follow-up

- Approve [February 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - Motion to approve: Maggie motions, Fred seconds, all in favor approved

New Business

- Treasurer Report
 - Updates and transactions
 - Registration budget is different than what we are seeing, but we have accounted for uniforms differently than in past years, so the net impact is the same
 - Review Venmo donations - \$117.32 (\$120 less \$2.68) as of 2/21/24 transferred to Bremer - SASB Treasurer. [Venmo - Transaction Spreadsheet](#) (Hal has a copy)
 - SABSA President & SABSA Treasurer have edit access to Venmo account & Transaction Spreadsheet
 - SABSA Vice President & SABSA Secretary have view access to Venmo Transaction Spreadsheet
 - Entire board should be able to review upon request
 - SABSA owes HDC or Aaron Roshia \$122 - need receipt from Coach B
 - \$244 - SABSA owes half for equipment - Done?
 - This is not done - James still needs information about who to pay and the address. Katie will make the connection
 - Player registration cost covered for one player by Cathy McHone. SABSA will reimburse Cathy from the general fund. Cathy Maggie motions, Katie seconds, all approved - Has Cathy been reimbursed yet?
 - This is completed
 - Need check for MN Softball - Due on March 25, 2024
 - James and Ryan will work on this

- Fields - Steve Munson & Fred Bainbridge
 - Fields reserved from 5pm-9pm Sunday - Thursday night each week by Steve Munson
 - Field reservations available on ISD 282's website:
 - <https://stanthony.ce.eleyo.com/facilities/calendar>
 - Individual blocks can be seen on a google calendar on the booster website
 - SASB - Feb 15th SASB fields meeting w/Jason Wong, soccer, and baseball
 - Follow up - Does Softball & Baseball have the ability to reserve football field turf in spring?
 - Note: Wilshire Park - Soccer field close to the outfield, let the city know ahead of time to allow for softball outfielders
 - Field/Backstop maintenance - Fred review options to improve - any known contractors?
 - [QUOTE - Silverpoint & Wilshire Repair](#)
 - Might still be a concern with Silverpoint where balls roll under the fence/stands
 - Fred will coordinate with the city
 - Suggestion to coordinate with baseball
 - Does the city have a preferred vendor?
 - Fred connected with a company that regrades fields and will get a quote for our records
 - C-2 Banners - SASB optioning
 - [Banner Options](#)
 - Options for banners supporting all boosters
 - Another option for only football that football would pay for
 - If approved, SABSA would contribute its share - \$400-\$700?
 - Concern about logos - this is only a mockup
 - Sarah offered to be involved with final artwork
 - Suggestion that we consider a QR code to website
 - Suggestion to consider Wilshire Park and SilverPoint Park
 - Concern expressed that there isn't a return on investment - we don't need to raise awareness so the cost and work to store/manage might not be worth it
- Secretary & Website Update
 - Communicate high school schedule to families
 - Posted on Facebook
 - Propose sending an email out to all families early this week with a thank you to the high school staff for running evaluations, update on when they will hear about teams, boosters schedule and high school schedule

- Will wait to hear on opportunities to collaborate with the high school team - we will support any opportunities that come from Coach B and team
- SAVHS Varsity Coach & Evaluations - Melissa Brandenburg - Coach B
 - Evaluation Results & Team Formation - Review data to form teams & select coaches
 - [Team Formation & Tiering \(Overview\)](#)
 - Registration updates / data: [Full report here](#)
 - About 7 8U players interested in soccer - try to put on same team
 - Fall birthday should have first priority to move up an age over a spring or summer birthday for eligibility.
 - Review Team Formation Options
 - Everyone plays at their eligible age (natural age)
 - 14U - 10 players, 12U - 16 players
 - Everyone who wants to play up gets to play up
 - 14U - 13 players, 12U - 17 players
 - Hybrid of play ups and evaluation data - make a decision as a group on how to form
 - 14U - 13 (3 play ups), 12 - 13 (no play ups), 10 - 31 (8 requested play ups - C team?), 8U - 22
 - Notes:
 - Reviewed three high level scenarios
 - Reviewed team formation and tiering overview
 - MN softball has recommendations on team decisions
 - Several things to decide
 - Teams at which age levels
 - Teams at which levels
 - Some situations where a pitcher/catcher could be given a choice to play at a different level so they can pitch/catch more
 - We will need coaches for each team, have prepared a lot of materials/resources to help support them
 - Discussion:
 - Maggie shared the idea we could allow coaches more flexibility to decide additional coach picks (recommends 2). Our eval process doesn't allow for game situations and this lets coaches adjust for that
 - Could we use coaches evaluations to account for game play?
 - Could we consider fall evaluations? Seems to be a shift from some communities
 - Need to consider to support multi-sport athletes
 - Would probably need an additional session in the spring too
 - If players are unable to be there, what is the process?
 - This is accounted for in the bylaws that past coaches provide an evaluation when needed

- We should formalize the end of season evaluations
- Decisions:
 - The group supports 1 team at 14U and 12U, three teams at 10U and 2 teams at 8U
 - Coaching:
 - 14UB - Rymer, Hauck, will talk to Annie about her interest
 - 12UB - Fred willing to be head coach, Scott, Ryan, Kelly, Nate all assisting
 - 10U - various volunteers
 - 8U - Lane has some ideas
 - The group supports the guidelines the subgroup put together
 - Because 10U is the only level where there will be more than one team, the seven board members without a 10U player agree to continue the meeting and determine rosters in a work sessions following the meeting. These members are:
 - Fred Bainbridge
 - James Smith
 - Ryan Sypherd
 - Katie Brustad
 - Sarah Ksiazek
 - Scott Campbell
 - Lane Belling
- Coach Selection & Compliance
- To - do - get coaches this information
 - Compliance - Ensure all Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Parent Helpers get through MN Softball requirements:
 - [MN Softball - ACE](#)
 - [MN Softball - SafeSport](#)
 - [MN Softball - Concussion Training](#)
 - [MN Softball - Background Checks](#)
 - Provide coaching materials and walkthrough for the season (schedule a meeting date)
 - [Coach Materials - Practices & Drills](#)
 - [Coach Materials - Game & Pregame Materials](#)
 - [Coach Materials - Communication to Parents & Players \(Templates\)](#)
 - Need to communicate rosters to families
 - [Player & Coach Development - All Files](#)
 - Practice & Game Schedule Overview

- 8U - Days of the week? Silverpoint
 - 10U - Wilshire Park - Tuesdays & Thursdays (Sunday practices optional)
 - 12U - C1 - Monday & Wednesdays (Sunday practices optional)
 - 14U - Monday & Wednesday (Sunday practices optional)
- League Registrations - Register for leagues (March 25th final date for MN Softball)
 - Centennial Lakes
 - 8U - Blue
 - 8U - White
 - MN Softball
 - 10U - Blue
 - 10U - White
 - 10U - 3rd Team
 - 12U - Blue
 - 14U

- Tournaments - Scott Campbell
 - 8U (Need 2)
 - Roseville Rumble (TBD)
 - 10U (Need 1) -will register a second 10U team for a set of tournaments
 - Elk River - Swing into Spring (Possibly move weekends)
 - Woodbury Wild
 - WBL (TBD)
 - 12U (1)
 - Elk River - Swing into Spring
 - Woodbury Wild
 - WBL (TBD)
 - 14U (1)
 - Fast N Furious, Forest Lake | May 31-June 2
 - Woodbury Battle Royal | June 29-30
 - Additional tournaments needed once teams are confirmed (only 1 10 & 12U team registered so far)
 - Will register for tournaments for a second team at 10U and 12U since numbers are looking promising for two teams at each level

- Uniforms/Spirit Wear - Jen Pajerski
 - Discuss uniforms and spirit wear updates
 - Provide optional warm ups or sluggers that can be personalized?
 - When to order uniforms?
 - Order spare jerseys

- Fundraising - Cathy McHone, Katie Brustad & Ryan Sypherd
 - Cathy: Steele & Hops - Trying for 4/27 with 4/30 as a backup
 - Katie: fundraising app option for 12U and 14Us.
 - Update?
 - Request: can we have a wish list of things to prioritize for fundraising dollars - Specialized training - Pitching, Catching, Hitting, etc.

- 8U League Coordinator - Lane Belling
 - Centennial Contacts - Ann & Jeremy Hugger are contacts - share emails
 - Timeline to register 8U teams with Centennial Lakes?
 - Consider 8U jamboree again this year
 - Maggie and Ryan volunteered to help coordinate

- 6U Introductory - Fred Bainbridge
 - Review timeline and scheduling for summer
 - Include a few shared practices with 6U & 8U

Motion to adjourn:

Maggie motions to adjourn, Katie seconds, all in favor

Notes

- MN Softball Meeting - Monday March 25, 2024. Final team payments, pick up rule/score books. Location: Highview Middle School 7pm-9pm
- SABSA meeting Date - April 17, 2024 at 6 p.m.
- St Anthony Facilities - Community Services Facilities and Sports (Reservations)
 - Jason Wong - 612.706.1172 - jwong@isd282.org
 - <https://stanthony.ce.eleyo.com/facilities/calendar>

Action Items from previous meeting:

James and John:

- ~~Work with John to obtain access to Venmo for redundancy~~
- Get receipt from Coach B and reimburse HDC for \$122 shared equipment purchase

- Reimburse Cathy for helping a registrant – need cc receipt

Scott:

- Register for additional set of tournaments for a possible second team at 10U and 12U

Sarah

- Include Venmo handle/QR code in future clinic comms
- Reopen registration through 2/18
- Prepare evaluation communications and sign-up tools
- Include high school schedule in program communications/schedule
- Prepare evaluations for coaches to complete from the summer of 2023 for their players— these can be used if a player is absent from tryouts. *Have the coach from last summer complete for anyone not able to attend?*

Fred, Maggie and/or Lane

- Get equipment from John before 3/3 clinic

Lane:

- Coach & Player Compliance - Process (Review with John & Fred)

Ryan, Katie and Cathy:

- Confirm date with Steele & Hops
- Fundraising app set-up

Maggie and Ryan:

- Partner on 8U jamboree organization

Fred:

- Set up sabsrvicepresident@saboosters.org with information from TK/Hal Gray

All:

- Each coordinator to create basic cheat sheet for their coordinator role

Next Meeting Agenda

Sunday, April 7, 2024 - 6:00 pm - Council Chambers

- Ensure coaches have what they need - including certifications
- Team compliance in MN Softball? Birthdates, etc.
- Communicate important dates/reminders for the season - youth night!
- Review communication plan to families

SABSA - COMMON LINKS

[SABSA - Website](#)

[SABSA - Bylaws](#)

[SABSA - Team Formation & Tiering \(Overview\)](#)

[SABSA - Player & Coach Development](#)

[USA Softball \(Main Focus By Age\)](#)