

SABSA Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2019

St. Anthony Village Pub, Restaurant Side, 7:15 pm

Attendees: Sara Strain, Al Bates, Andrew Kagol, Rossi Cannon, Derek Stendahl, Erik Lindgren, Danielle Bogucki

After a brief delay waiting for some attendees to arrive after Practice(s), the meeting was called to order by President Al Bates at 7:42 pm. Al expressed a goal of finishing the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Approval of the prior meetings' minutes:

- Feb 7, 2019 – Motion by Cannon, 2nd by Bates to approve. No discussion. Motion passed.
- March 3, 2019 (closed meeting) – Motion by Kagol, second by Lindgren to approve as revised. Al thanked Rossi for her assistance in editing the rough draft via emails. Motion passed.

President's Update:

- Teams are formed, all coaches named. For the future, we discussed recruiting Coaches in the process, if there are not enough applicants at a given level.
- Reminder that Coaches pre-season meeting is tomorrow, 4/9 at 6:00 at the Community Center.
- 6U numbers are low. Being no longer allowed to give a demonstration at Wilshire Park Elementary, we need to consider alternative recruitment strategies. Discussion ensued about creating a video to recruit players in, at the 6U level especially. A video of appropriate length would be accepted for the Wilshire Park morning announcements. This was tabled, to be discussed for preparation for the 2020 season.
 - For this season, Al will send Rossi quotations and testimonials from past parents. Rossi will generate a social media campaign aimed at increasing 2019 registration at 6U.
- Fastpitch team sites and schedules are under construction by Tri-County
- 8U northern League schedule has been set and communicated
- Dirk DeWester has volunteered to be our 2019 8U umpire coordinator. Motion by Cannon to accept Dirk to this Coordinator position, second by Kagol. No discussion. Motion passed. Thanks, Dirk!
- We could use a volunteer to set up the first aid kits. Is there a parent who might step up and help out?
 - Andrew has volunteered his family to assemble kits. Thanks, Andrew!
- Discussions were held with Tom K re: our request for more indoor practices, due to this week's weather turning bad. Al will follow-up with Tom.
- Two more refund requests were received:
 - Isabella Cassidy at 14U – received April 1.
 - Natalie Kling at 10U – received March 20
 - The board discussed the possibility of 50% refunds, but felt it was not justified under these circumstances to process refunds. Past deviations have been for injury or other significant hardship. The consensus was not to deviate from the SABSA policy of no refunds after evaluations.

- Because of the concerns around the cutting of players at 14U, the Board discussed the potential for re-opening the vacated roster spot at 14U for the players who did not make the initial roster. After discussion, there was consensus that teams have been formed in other organizations, accepting our 'cut players'. The consensus was that it would not be appropriate to approach other associations now, potentially to short another association who has accepted our 'cut players' and may now be depending on the additional player(s).

Treasurer's Report: Al Bates, acting Treasurer:

- Current balance (not reflective of expenses, but including registration income) on 3/4/19 was \$34,641. Because of the limited inclusion of items, Al characterized this balance as not meaningful.
- Treasurer work is transitioning to Erik.
- Software search will resume after teams and coaches are completely set up.

Player and Coach Development Update: Danielle

- Successful coaching clinic run by MFA and attended by 12 coaches.
- Need to secure gym space or alternate for pitchers and catchers to continue to ramp up for the season. Al is working on gym space and will explore alternates.
- Lamar cancelled the additional coaching clinic.

Coach Updates:

- Coach Andrew requested a clinic for bunting, etc. Al and Rossi offered to assist.

Coordinator Updates:

Equipment – Al

- Tanner tees were purchased, primarily for fastpitch teams. The consensus was to purchase another round of Tanner tees for next year, so that each team would have two.
- Need 5-position Sklz tees for 8U. Bogucki and Stendahl will return Sklz tees.
- Other needs discussed were more tanner tees (next year), coach screens, and additional home plates for Pitchers and hitting/catching practice.

Fields – Pat/Al

- Pat is communicating with Al, primarily via email, with a priority of trying to get Softball games on C2 scheduled.

Umpires – Derek

- Coordinator Stendahl is ready to coordinate.
- Tim Kline has been contacted. Treasurer and Coordinator will work together to quickly turn around payment on Fridays

- By consensus, the Board asked Derek to see if Tim Klein if he's willing to work with our 8U cadet umpires from last year for 10U games to mentor them. The Board agreed that it will subsidize mentorship, as well as pay Cadet Umpires who helped with 8U games last year so they can continue to develop skills as we try to build an Umpire pool.

Spirit Wear and Online Store – Erik

- Evals sale – x-grain orders profit- \$1,310 - \$910 = \$390
 - Order was placed 3/20/2019. Estimated delivery: 3.5 weeks
- Online store –
 - Erik gave Dave's a list of apparel items similar to last year, but shirts will be blue with black & white ink this year. Adding practice jerseys and black fitted long - sleeve shirts with Husky head on one arm and jersey number on other. Can be worn with jerseys on cold days.
 - Erik is requesting that store go live by the end of next week (4/12/19)
- Uniforms –
 - Jerseys needed by Fastpitch players are at Dave's and will be screen printed.
 - There was a significant error in the pants order. Erik worked with Dave's to order 9 girls XL and 13 women's small that weren't sent as ordered. These should be ready close to the start of the season.

Fundraising -Andrew/Kirsten Stendahl

- Jersey Mikes will be May 30 – June 2. Thanks, Kirsten for your work in helping to organize this!
- Two donations have been received/anticipated from the mailer in December. Andrew will follow up with a phone call blitz.
- Erik will reach out to Dairy Queen when we have game schedules, to try to organize another DQ night.

HDC Liaison update – Scott McCleary/Jeremy Donaldson/Al

- Jeremy notified us that SABSA night at SAVHS varsity will be Wednesday April 24.
- Scott notified us that HDC will be looking for a new Fall Ball Coordinator. Do we have any candidates to recommend? Teresa Turner, Jenny Rosha, and Rick Ballot were recommended in a brainstorming session.

Old Business:

Parking Lot:

- Designated pick-up spot at the end of VillageFest Parade – tabled until planning for 2019 parade starts
- End of Season Ice Cream Social
- Volunteer post-season celebration
- Video with highlights, quick interviews, still images, etc. from 2019 season to create video announcement played at Wilshire Park for recruitment.

Next meeting dates were tentatively set:

- 5/19 6:30 pm Village Pub restaurant side.
- 6/23 6:30 pm Village Pub restaurant side.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rossi Cannon & Al Bates