

St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes
April 14, 2019 Meeting – St. Anthony Village Pub
“Emergency Meeting”

Call to Order:

President Al Bates convened the “emergency meeting” requested by Board Members Erik Lindgren, Danielle Bogucki, and Al Bates, at 1:50 pm on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at the Village Pub.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Danielle Bogucki, Erik Lindgren, Katie Brustad, Andrew Kagol, Rossi Cannon, Eric Thornbloom, & Karl Pollard.

Meeting Reason:

Al shared the reason for the one-agenda-item meeting – a need for Board discussion that a Top-tiered (12U A) team’s roster has lost a player for the season, leaving it at 10 players, and potentially 9 in a worst-case family-crisis-related situation. There are no 12U-eligible players “playing Up” at 14 who could be borrowed, and it is not realistic to expect the 12U B teams would be asked to lend players on an as-needed basis, nor is it reasonable to expect a 10U player to be ‘borrowed’ by a Top-tier 12U team. Because of the short roster (10) and the potential to drop to 9, this emergency meeting was called to deal with the condition of a Top-tier team’s roster becoming “short” (after team selections have been completed).

Discussion:

The Board agreed by Consensus that no team should have a roster size of 9, and noted that a Top-Tiered team’s roster dropping to 9 (after team-selection) poses a special problem – especially this year, (with many lean rosters).

It was noted that while it is still possible that there might still be the potential for more 12U players to surface, the issue needs to be addressed without the expectation that additional players might come.

There was discussion regarding whether the loss of a player who was originally a Coach’s pick on a Top-tiered roster would be treated differently than a ‘placed’ player for determination of how a ‘replacement player’ was chosen. Additionally, it was mentioned that the Coach of the Top-tiered team in question this year (Danielle) does not feel comfortable making a decision (*if* it were to be decided that it would be the Coach’s decision). However, the Coach & Assistant Coach of the short-roster Top-tier team did submit a short list of 3 potential players to the Board for consideration as the ‘replacement player’. There was consensus that a Board decision was the correct method for making such a decision – in consultation with the teams involved.

The 12U B Coaches were consulted, and Coach Karl Pollard added a player to the short list, increasing the number of players to be considered for the replacement “move from B to A”. Coach Rossi Cannon did not add any players to the list.

Discussion regarding the 4 players on the short list ensued, beginning with a discussion of the relative strengths of the players, and moved on to focus on the “top 2” of the list of 4, including the ramifications

on their current (B) teams. One of the most significant ramifications would be the potential removal of a key Pitcher from one of the B teams. Katie Brustad expressed concern regarding the assessment of relative player strengths, given the inequality of tryout scores of these players - as one had not attended tryouts. Coach Rossi Cannon noted that if her team were to lose the pitcher who was on the 'short list' she estimated it would change her team from being a ~.700 team to ~.300 team, and argued in favor of not creating a domino effect with this decision.

After discussion, consensus was reached to offer the 'replacement move' (from 12U B to 12UA) to one of the 'top 2' players on the list of 4, and if that player were to decline, to offer it to the other player on the 'top 2' list, and if that player also declined, to offer it to a player (named) as the 3rd in line (from the list of 4).

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, SABSA Pres. 2019