

SABSA Board Meeting Minutes

November 18th, 2018

St. Anthony Village Pub – Restaurant side

Attendees: Sara Strain, Erik Lindgren, Al Bates, Rossi Cannon, Danielle Bogucki, Lora Kohan, Natalie Dougherty, Eric Thornbloom, Katie Brustad, Andrew Kagol.

The meeting was called to order by President Al Bates at 6:03 pm. Al expressed a goal of finishing the meeting by 7:15.

Approval of minutes:

October 22nd meeting minutes - Motion by Rossi to approve, Second by Danielle. Motion passed.

President's Update:

- **Tri-County Meeting:** Al attended the Tri-County League Meeting on December 3, where there was a discussion about club teams and their effects on association ball, also a discussion about umpire treatment. A Warning & Suspension Policy, similar to Youth Hockey is being considered for implementation: A coach will get a First Warning with no other consequences; on the Second Warning an Out will be assessed; a Third Warning will bring a 3-game suspension (along with their daughter), a Fourth occurrence would bring a Ban from Coaching.
Feedback from SABSA Board was that we would like to make sure that there is training for Umpires and Coaches to make sure that being thrown out of a game is not arbitrary.
- **Boosters Board Meeting:** SABSA did not have a representative at the December 3 Boosters Board Meeting, so there is no update from Boosters.
- **Coaches Survey:** There was discussion about what information the board wants to see from the Parent's Survey of Coaches, and what should be shared with each Coach. Should each Coach be given information about their individual results? Consensus was that each Coach should get only their results, not compared to the other Coaches. The President will summarize the Survey information and share this information with each Coach and the Coach Selection Committee.
- **12U/C squad Discussion:** Al should have this discussion with Lamar face to face in the next month.

Treasurer's Report:

Al is pursuing software for 2019.

Balance at October end was: \$17,615.15.

Director of Player & Coach Development's Report:

Upcoming Pitching Clinics: Gym is reserved. Danielle and Al will send out an e-mail to SABSA membership. Danielle is looking into a Catching Clinic just for St. Anthony. It was asked if MFA might be able to do this.

Coordinator Updates:

Equipment: We spent \$600 on league balls for the upcoming season. 8U catching gear needs to be repaired; Al will contract this out.

Umpires:

We need an Umpires Coordinator. It could help to see the role of the Umpire Coordinator in writing to help recruit. Teresa Turner was mentioned as a possible candidate.

Spirit Wear & Online Store: Erik & Rossi have been working on this. The vendor will be Prism. The Holiday Offering is close to being ready to go.

Uniforms:

Nothing to report

Fundraising:

- Jersey Mike's: Kirsten has volunteered to work with Jersey Mike's for the 2019 fundraiser. Thanks, Kirsten!
- Sponsorship letter: A rough draft of the letter will go out to the board for a virtual discussion and then any edits will be made that are needed. Rossi and Andrew have been working on this. It was suggested we put a link on the website as well. They will look into the cost of the plaques for the companies that donate. The goal is to raise \$2,000 after all expenses. The letter should go out before the end of the year.

HDC Liaison:

Scott sent word that there was nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Adding conflict of interest clause to SABSA Bylaws: Rossi Moved, Al Seconded to add the proposed Conflict of Interest Clause as Section 7.7 of the Bylaws. There was discussion about who would ultimately decide when a "conflict exists". There was consensus that the Board would decide. The Motion Passed. Al will report this Bylaws addition to Tom Kuykendall, Boosters President.
- Additional Bylaws changes/updates were proposed as a change to Section 9.1:

Al Moved, Danielle Seconded to change our affiliations:

- MMFL affiliation - change to Minnesota Softball
- Big West replaces Suburban League
- Add USA Softball as an additional affiliation.

The Motion passed.

Finalizing the timing of Evaluations: Al and Danielle will meet and finalize time slots for Evaluations.

Subsidizing SABSA coach attendance to clinics in 2019: There was discussion about having money set aside in the budget for clinics for coaches to go to. Further discussion was deferred to the December Meeting when a draft of the 2019 budget should be available.

New Business:

Nominations were taken for 2019 SABSA Board Positions:

Director at Large:

Andrew Kagol

Sara Strain

Katie Brustad

Erik Lindgren – *Note: Erik subsequently withdrew his name from the nomination for Director at Large.*

President:

Natalie Dougherty

Al Bates

Vice President:

Rossi Cannon

Treasurer:

Al Bates – *Note: Al subsequently declined the nomination for Treasurer.*

Note: Erik Lindgren subsequently put his name in nomination for Treasurer.

Secretary:

Lora Kohan – *Note: Lora subsequently withdrew her name from the nomination for Secretary.*

Another Pitching Clinic Opportunity: Erik noted that there is a 10-week pitching clinic being offered in Lino Lakes at Complete Game Baseball & Softball (651) 788-9704. The Pitching Coach is Katie Schober, a 4-year starter at the U of Minnesota.

Next Meetings:

December meeting: (Changed since meeting's end): Sunday, Dec 16th at 6:30 pm at the Community Center CS9.

January meeting: Jan 6th at 6:00 pm at the Village Pub – Restaurant Side

Adjournment:

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Natalie Dougherty, Secretary & Al Bates, President.