

SABSA Board Meeting

February 15, 2024 / 6:00 PM / St. Anthony Community Center

Attending: Fred, John, Coach B, Scott, Jen, Kim, Ryan, Nick, Lane, Katie

Agenda

Call to Order

- Welcome and opening remarks - Fred
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Last Meeting Follow-up

- Review minutes: [SABSA - Meeting Agenda 2024 - February 2](#)
 - Motion to approve: John, Ryan seconds, all approve

Old Business

- 2025 Season registration
 - As of 2/15: [Registration report 2.15.25](#)
 - 104 registrants: natural age group
 - 14U - 12
 - No evaluations needed
 - Can we approve this roster today?
 - [2025 SABSA Rosters](#)
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 - Motion to approve the roster as listed in the notes: Ryan, Katie seconds, all in favor
 - To-do: Sarah to look up number information and send to Jen and Kim
 - 12U - 24
 - Two teams of about 12
 - Closed for registration
 - This group will go through evaluations
 - 10U - 23

- Two teams of 11/12
- Should we consider this group closed for registration? - yes
- This group will go through evaluations
- 8U - 35 (14 player pitch, 17 coach pitch, 4 registered for 10U)
 - Recommendation from Nick:
 - Most likely team makeup: 3 teams
 - 2 player pitch, 1 coach pitch
 - Contact the players registered at 10U and have them move to 8U
 - Shift a few of the coach pitch to player pitch
 - Additional considerations:
 - Friend requests
 - Soccer
 - 8U age player who want to play 10U - can attend evaluations as a 10U and be evaluated, and considered for 10U
 - Fred to reach out to these families
- 6U - 10
 - Cullean Colby volunteered to be the 6U coordinator/coach
 - Former player has reached out to help coach -can we approve a \$100 payment for her time (approx 6 x 45 minute practices) ?
 - Discussion about making sure we are paying the right amount for her time, possibly around \$25/hour
 - Should we close registration for all but 6U?
 - Yes
- Winter Clinics and evaluations:
 - **Schedule:**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAF23A0FBC61-54159661-2025#/>
 - Jan 12, Jan 26, Feb 9, Feb 23, March 9 (evals)
 - 2/23 Coaching Clinic from 5-6 p.m.
 - Send an email to everyone who volunteered as: Head coach, assistant coach, or practice helper?
 - **Sarah to coordinate with Kim to send email along with coaching resource**

- Evaluations:
 - 10U and 12U needed
 - Notes from discussion:
 - Pitchers and catchers all evaluated in a group
 - **Sarah to send Fred the list of coaches**
 - BYLAW changes proposed: Anyone who has been identified as a head coach will be allowed to observe, and not participate, in evaluations for the level for which they will coach.
 - Motion: Ryan motions, Lane seconds, all in favor
 - Next meeting we will formally approve the change to the bylaws
 - Number stickers and a sheet for the observers
 - Double-check the reservation times
 - Upper gym: 2:30 - 6
 - Lower gym: 1-4:30
 - Not massive changes to the structure of the evaluations this year, but let's look at trying to work in softball IQ next year
 - Coaching staff will be involved, but high school players will not be available
 - Need volunteers -
 - Coach B will let us know if she needs volunteers and how many
 - Communicate what to expect to players as much as possible
 - 8U can join for fun
 - Update: we don't plan to have 8Us at evaluations this year
 - How do we want to handle pitching and catching?
 - Process if players can't attend and want to have their season evaluation used?
 - Fred has most of them from last season and if they are not available he will work with the coaches
 - Process if players don't want to attend and want to just be placed on a team?

- Send an email to Sarah and Fred
- Tournaments:
 - 10U, 12U and 14U all set
 - One 12U team needs one more team that Scott is looking for
 - If we have a third 10U team it will be tricky to find tournaments
 - Will need a transition next year since this will be Scott's last year
 - 8U will need to sign up for tournaments

Updates:

- MN Softball updates:
 - Sunday, February 23rd, 2025. **Team deposit meeting**, vote on any playing rules, procedures changes. Promote tournaments, player/coaching needs.
 - Location: [Crooked Pint Ale](#)
Time: 6:00PM- 8:00PM
 - Will need to have a really good idea of how many teams we have by this point
 - Will bring a check for 6 teams (2 10s, 2 12s, 14, high school). High school team to be confirmed by HDC once registration close
 - Monday, March 31st, 2025. **Final team payments, pick up rule/score books. Discuss scheduling.** Promote tournaments, player/coaching needs.
Location: [Highview Middle School](#)
Time: 7:00PM- 8:00PM
 - Ball and book distribution starting at 6:00pm.
 - Definitely need to know teams by this point
 - Scheduling:
 - Ryan and Fred to block dates for no games based on other events

Equipment :

- Equipment has been organized and refreshed for the off season
- For 8u catchers gear - we have three sets and should order at least two more.
- Outstanding equipment purchase list:
 - Base scoops
 - ~~10 normal sized colored plates~~
 - ~~3 sets of 8u catcher gear~~
 - ~~2 dozen training balls~~
 - ~~2 tees (short for 8u)~~
 - ~~4 normal tees~~
 - Bases - it's softball's turn to buy some bases
 - Diamond Dry
 - Fred will work with Lane to buy bases and Diamond Dry because it's softball's turn
- Will be a lot of new screens at C1 available thanks to Diamond Club

Uniforms:

- Continue to offer a la carte, make it clear that the softball pants are any black pants
- Same price as last year
 - Pajama pant order - \$25/piece. Sarah to set up SportsEngine order form for order
 - <https://saboosters.sportngin.com/register/form/068070912>
 - Will give a discount code to high school clinic helpers
- Coaches will get a discount code for polos
- SABSA to buy a box of blue visors for players
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- Need to reorder extras this year
 - Sarah to send Jen registration list

Misc.

- To-do: Explore hosting 8U tournament
- Make sure that there is good communication to players (especially for newer players)
- Schedule a coach/facility meeting after teams are formed (Sunday after teams are formed)
 - Early April

Fields:

- Lane has placed the request with the city for the fields for the season
- Wilshire Park needs new plugs

Motion to close:

John motions, Katie seconds all approved

Notes

- Next Meeting Date:
 - March 10 at 6:30 p.m.
- St Anthony Facilities - Community Services Facilities and Sports (Reservations)
 - <https://stanthony.ce.eleyo.com/facilities/calendar>

Action Items:

Sarah:

- ~~To do: Sarah to look up 14u number information and send to Jen and Kim~~
- ~~Send Scott 14u roster/contact info~~
- ~~Sarah to coordinate with Kim to send email encouraging coaching clinic attendance along with coaching resource~~
- Send communication to 10u and 12u players about evaluations
- Work with Fred to produce updated bylaws clarifying coach observers
- Reach out to Stella and June to open the door to any spring/summer clinics they are able to do.
- Look into paid GameChanger options

Fred:

- Reach out to families about registration changes:
 - 10U eligible who registered for 8U - change in fee, recommend cancelling original registration and registering again
 - 8U age player who want to play 10U - can attend evaluations as a 10U and be evaluated, and considered for 10U

Nick:

- Review 8U overview and make a recommendation

Kim:

- Check in with one 12U clinic participant who has not registered for the season and confirm intentions

Jen Northwick:

- Communicate any clinic changes
- Communicate any evaluation expectations

Nick, Ryan, others:

- To-do: Explore hosting 8U tournament

SABSA - COMMON LINKS

[SABSA - Website](#)

[SABSA - Bylaws](#)

[SABSA - Team Formation & Tiering \(Updated 2024\)](#)

[SABSA - Player & Coach Development](#)

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

[St. Anthony High School Softball website](#)

[St. Anthony High School Softball Calendar](#)

[SABSA field schedules](#)