

SABSA Board Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2018
St. Anthony Village Pub – Restaurant side

Attendees:

Dirk DeWester, Scott McCleary, Al Bates, Rossi Cannon, Natalie Dougherty, Lora Kohan, Andrew Kagol, Danielle Bogucki, Erik Lindgren

The meeting was called to order by President Al Bates at 7:01 pm.
Al expressed a goal of finishing the meeting by 8:30.

Approval of prior minutes:

Approval of September 19, 2018 meeting minutes - Motion by Natalie, Second by Al. Motion passed.

Guest:

Dirk came to the Board to express his concerns for the 14U team for the upcoming 2019 SABSA season. A Fall Ball Coach for this age level, Dirk reported seeing significant improvement in a short period of time, practices being the key to this. A real question is whether Coaches from the High School staff have adequate time to offer adequate practices to a 14U summer team; recent experience suggests not. Dirk also suggested this age group has potential to play at a high level, depending on pitching, and floated the idea that if an A team is fielded, it could be a good idea to leave some "Coach picks" available, instead of filling the entire A team by numbers alone – this to potentially offset a 'bad evaluation day' and/or flesh out 'position play'.

President's Update:

The November meeting will include Board Nominations for the upcoming year. In December, the 2019 Board membership vote will occur.
The "detail Coach Survey feedback" and "12U/C-squad discussion with Lamar" are still pending.

Treasurer's Report:

No new report from Boosters. Al is still pursuing software for 2019.

Director of Player and Coach Development's Report:

The proposed Survey of Coaches' needs is still pending.
Danielle discussed potentially offering a 4-week pitching clinic in January/February and then another in March. We could still offer a clinic in July and August for new Pitchers. On Sundays between January and March we would offer pitching clinics in 2 groups - one for novice and one for more advanced pitchers. Danielle will work out the details of the calendar and report back. Danielle moved to provide up to \$600 for subsidizing up to 12 players over 6 weeks for pitching. Players will be responsible for half of the expense. This would be for the clinics in Jan through March. Al seconded. Motion passed.

Coaches' Update:

No reports.

Coordinators' Reports:

Equipment (Al):

All equipment has been turned in, stock will be taken of the items we have. Some new purchases have been made: 2 large catchers mitts, and some softballs to be used for hitting. We also secured some more 5-gallon buckets.

Fields:

No report.

Umpires:

We need to recruit an Umpire Coordinator.

Spirit Wear and Online Store (Erik):

Erik is pursuing items for a holiday sale. Dave's is looking to be more expensive than last year. Rossi might have a connection, and will coordinate with Erik.

Uniforms:

We will collect uniforms with defective numbers at Evaluations to be turned in as a group to be fixed.

Fundraising (Andrew):

Andrew presented an idea for corporate sponsorships. It was suggested that we provide a list of things these donations would support. Rossi will follow-up. Andrew will draft a letter and bring it to the next meeting for review.

HDC Liaison (Scott):

Fall ball is done; Scott reported on a fun season. For the HDC helmet fundraiser, sample helmets have been ordered and will be available at Evaluations for girls to try on. A Holiday sale of helmets could be a possibility next year, but not this year.

Old Business:

Conflict of Interest Clause for the Bylaws:

Al presented a potential Conflict of Interest clause for review, and consideration of adding to the SABSA bylaws. This was tabled to the November meeting for further discussion and potential voting about adding the clause.

Potentially moving up Evaluations and Registration closing time lines:

There was discussion about starting communication now about the possibility of Registration closing earlier and Evaluations being Feb 9th and 10th. A backup plan could be to do Pitching Evaluations on Feb 3rd. An idea was brought up to offer \$5 discount for "early registration". We would need to order new "ending date" stickers for our yard signs.

Discussion on Closed Meetings:

We discussed a four-phase before-the-season 'meeting' concept:

- A "Listening Session" for Membership comments – which could be held as a part of the 'regular' (open) January meeting.
- The Evaluations Committee Meeting (status quo)
- A "Working Session" (closed) Meeting for the Board to discuss the Evals Committee recommendations.
- The Meeting at which the Evals Committee recommendations and Team Composition Formats are voted upon (open) – which could be part of the February or March meeting.

The Coach Selection process would have to be held before the "Working Session" Meeting, and Coach Selection Committee recommendations heard at that time. If Registrations and Evaluations were held early enough, this would allow for more time for Coach Selection work.

It was noted that finishing the above work before Spring Break, although having been a goal, historically, is not absolutely necessary. 10U & 12U 'practice sessions' could begin 'en masse', without team selections being done, held by volunteer "coaches/session managers".

Next two meetings:

In an attempt to get meeting notices out earlier, we agreed to try to schedule two meetings out. The next meetings will be: Nov 18th 6:30pm @ the Village Pub (restaurant side), & Dec 9th at Community Services.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

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