

SABSA Board Meeting

07 JANUARY 2024 / 7:00 PM / COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Attendees

John, Fred, Ryan, James, Lane, Jen, Scott, Brittany, Maggie, Katie, Cathy, Andrew

Notes:

Call to Order

- Welcome and opening remarks

Last Meeting Follow-up

- Approve [December 10, 2024 meeting minutes](#).
 - Ryan motions, Maggie seconds, minutes approved.
- Treasurer Report
 - Present financials & 2024 budget: James and Fred
 - Review updated budget - will need a motion to approve
 - Coaching training budget remains the same, but if we need an overage because of increased interest that can be approved
 - The fund raising budget increased from \$0 in 2023 to \$1000 in 2024
 - Field improvements at \$1k - These funds are mostly for future improvements or saving for bigger projects.
 - There is a separate line item for equipment costs (\$1000 budgeted in 2024)
 - Upcoming equipment expense that we are splitting with the high school team
 - Maggie motions, Brittany seconds, budget approved.
 - \$233 to Hal Gray (SASB Treasurer)? For SABSA 1% (Does Hal request or we send?) - this is completed

To-dos:

- Confirm Hal Gray created sabsatreasurer@saboosters.org email
- Confirm \$50 donation check cut to MYAS - Print and John Grindeland can hand to TK
 - Check Request Form, Deposit Form, & Multiple Payment Form (SASB Treasurer) - Core SABSA Board Positions will have access

□ <https://saboosters.sharepoint.com/SitePages/DepartmentHome.aspx>

- Secretary & Website Update
 - Updated Bylaws language to update age requirements - eliminate or future proof language to match league requirements (Will need motion to approve if acceptable)
 - [Bylaws with proposed changes](#) for review, discussion and possible approval
 - Maggie motions to approve updated bylaws, Brittany seconds, motion carrier.
 - Clinic registration sent out - 34 responses
 - **To do: Katie will share to Village People**
 - **Sarah to send to Helen and SAMS**
 - **Sarah will copy Scott to send to St. Charles**
 - Season registration almost ready- outstanding question about how to offer uniform kits (all pieces ala carte or do we discount registration by \$45 and add \$45 for the first jersey?)
 - The group liked the idea of a la carte pieces
 - Ryan moves to reduce league fees by the cost of the uniform, Lane seconds and all approve
 - Will order additional jerseys for extras for fall and high school
- Equipment
 - Play It Again \$500 Credit / Trade in status - Equipment picked up and in storage room
 - Equipment donation from Erik Lundgren received
 - **To do: send Erik a thank you/donation receipt from Boosters**

New Business

- MN Softball Directors meeting dates - February 12th - Medina Entertainment Center 7-9pm
- SASB
 - Coordinate registration timelines with Baseball, Soccer, and Softball to encourage kids to play multiple sports. Try to allow scheduling to make this possible as well.
 - Venmo Account is approved
 - Donation requirements
 - Full Name, Sport, Amount, Date, Unrestricted/Restricted (ideally unrestricted)
 - **To do: Update registration form to remove scholarship information**

- SABoosters Emails - TK/Hal Gray
 - sabsapresident@saboosters.org
 - sabsrvicepresident@saboosters.org
 - sabsasecretarty@saboosters.org
 - sabsatreasurer@saboosters.org
 - Venmo tied to this account.
- Melissa Brandenburg - Coach B
 - Evaluations Confirmed
 - March 9th - Pitchers/Catchers 8am-noon SAVHS Upper Gym
 - March 10 - All others 1-4pm SAVHS Upper & Lower Gyms
 - **TO DO: update website with these dates**
 - [MN Twins Softball Coaches Clinic](#)
 - February 3, 2024 Target Field (Budget allows 5 to attend)
 - Fred Bainbridge & John Grindeland signed up
- Coordinator Roles
 - Tournament Coordinator
 - Scott to prepared tournament recommendations (2-3 per summer team)
 - [Tournament Options \(Scott Campbell\)](#)
 - Ensure age ranges match MN Softball & NAFA requirements during team selection. Fall birthday should have first priority to move up an age over a spring or summer birthday for eligibility.
 - **To-do: Agree to tentative tournament schedule over email within the next two weeks so we can communicate to families**
 - Include dates on website as tentative Woodbury, White Bear Lake weekends (10 and 12), Roseville (8U)
 - 8U 1 tournament, 10U and 12U three tournaments, 14U two tournaments
 - Add NAFA and Monsta dates on website
 - Fields - Fields meeting occurring in February (SASB) - Steve Munson
 - Feb 13th Meeting - April space in Wilshire Park - Dates TBD
 - Uniforms/Spirit Wear - Jen Pajerski
 - Have optional warm ups or sluggers that can be personalized
 - Have uniforms at clinics for players to size/try on
 - We received extra jerseys last year, so we can offer no jersey, one jersey, or extra jerseys
 - Follow-up from last meeting:
 - How does the swag store generate funds? Automatic to SASB Treasurer - \$277.44 - 2023 - 10% kickback sent quarterly
 - Updated 2024 uniform pricing? - \$45/each - pants, jerseys, slugger; \$5/each - belt, socks
 - Leagues
 - 8U - Lane Belling
 - Lane to prepare discussion on Centennial vs Spring Lake Park option - could be December or January conversation

- Moving forward with Centennial Lakes option, estimating 2 teams
 - 6U Introductory - Fred
 - Review schedule and plan on some shared practices with 8U
 - **To-do: Brittany to reach out to Coach AI about his original notes on 6U - waiting for response**
- Clinics - Dates & Times (Sundays | 1-4pm)
 - Review registrations - 34 so far
 - Review GameChanger to match registrations
 - Jan 14, Jan 28, Feb 4, Feb 11, Feb 18 (maybe), Mar 3
 - Facebook, Email, Website
 - [Clinic - General Information](#) - Contacts, Dates, etc.
 - [CLINIC MATERIALS & DRILLS \(FOLDER\)](#)
 - [PRACTICE MATERIALS - DRILLS \(FOLDER\)](#)
 - Will incorporate practice materials to clinics as well
 - Building access: Coach B confirmed access 12:30-12:45pm, Lane also has access as a back-up
 - **Action item: firm up clinic and evaluation schedule at next meeting**
 - Above dates above have been reserved with SAVHS via Mary-Clare Johnson - mjohnsen@isd282.org
 - Ryan S. guest availability
 - **Action item: Ryan and John meeting with Nate Dammann 1/8/24**
 - **Coach B has connections with Bethel coach who is willing to help with clinic**
 - Should clinics be free or used as a fundraiser for SABSA & HDC?
 - Venmo is an option - working on getting a non-profit account
- SABSA Communication Methods
 - Recruiting / Marketing
 - Social, SABSA Website, Yard Signs, Wilshire Park Events, Wilshire Newsletter
- Fundraising
 - Establish an annual fundraising goal
 - Ensure SABSA budget has a surplus of \$2,500/year - Allows for major field improvements and equipment purchases
 - What do teams get? We can communicate these investments:
 - Team bat
 - Future tournaments, including nationals
 - Field improvements
 - Review fundraiser options
 - <https://fundcrazr.com/> - Sell tickets that can result in winning tickets based on the outcomes of NFL or NBA games
 - [KeyStone Farms Cheese](#) - sell cheese for holidays that return 40% - 50% profits
 - Bake sale over winter? Do we have an event that works as well as a Hogs game?

- Steele & Hops (Cathy) - \$300 in 2023
- Clinics - \$50 optional per player
- Fundraising app -
 - \$30 cost of app, softball takes home \$20/each for a yearlong subscription
 - To-do: Cathy, Katie and Ryan to talk offline and determine plan and get things set up
- Comment from Fred: want to be sure we're not raising costs and asking families to fundraise without a clear purpose
- **Notes**
- SASB meeting Dates - TBD - Feb 4, 2024 at 6 p.m.
- St Anthony Facilities - Community Services Facilities and Sports (Reservations)
 - Jason Wong - 612.706.1172 - jwong@isd282.org

Meeting close:

Maggie motions to approve, Lane seconds, all approve

Action Items from December:

James:

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 - <https://saboosters.sharepoint.com/SitePages/DepartmentHome.aspx>
- Confirm Hal Gray created email
- Work with Ryan to finalize Venmo setup once sabsatreasurer@saboosters.org is set up

John:

- Coach B has connections with Bethel coach who is willing to help with clinic
- Send Erik Lindgren donation receipt
- Set up sabsapresident@saboosters.org with information from TK/Hal Gray
- Ryan and John meeting with Nate Dammann 1/8/24

Scott:

- Continue to research clinics and register when possible
- Send clinic and season registration to St. Charles after receiving from Sarah

Sarah

- Post updated bylaws to website
- Add next meeting date/time to website
- Add new sizing chart to website
- Update website with evaluation dates/details and tentative season tournament dates including Nationals
- Ensure website and registration information is consistent about number of tournaments included (8U 1 tournament, 10U and 12U three tournaments, 14U two tournaments)
- Add parent volunteers to clinic team on GameChanger as staff

realized only 4 staff members can be added, but parents are already listed and can respond to the events

- Finalize season registration with SportsEngine to offer a la carte uniform purchases
 - Remove strikeout copy
 - Add URL to registration page
- Ensure donation information is appropriate for unrestricted donations
- Send season registration to families via email, Facebook
- Send clinic and season registration to Helen (Wilshire Park) and SAMS, copy Scott to send to St. Charles
- Set up sabsasecretary@saboosters.org with information from TK/Hal Gray

Lane:

- Coach & Player Compliance - Process (Review with John & Fred)

Ryan:

- Partner with James to set up Venmo account for clinic and other donations
- Ryan and John meeting with Nate Dammann 1/8/24

Ryan, Katie and Cathy:

- Work together to prepare and start to set up fundraising plan

Brittany:

- Wait for response from Coach AI about his original notes on 6U

Fred:

- Set up sabsrvicepresident@saboosters.org with information from TK/Hal Gray

All:

- Each coordinator to create basic cheat sheet for their coordinator role

Next Meeting Agenda

February 4, 2024 - 6:00 pm - Council Chambers

- Review clinics
- Review league registration
- Confirm fundraising plan is underway
- Review budget

SABSA - COMMON LINKS

[SABSA - Website](#)

[SABSA - Bylaws](#)

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

[SABSA - Player & Coach Development](#)

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