

# SABSA Board Meeting

10 DECEMBER 2023 / 7:00 PM / COUNCIL CHAMBERS

## Attendees

John, Coach B, Lane, Fred, Ryan, Brittany, Sarah, John, Cathy, Maggie

## Notes:

### Call to Order

- Welcome and opening remarks

### Last Meeting Follow-up

- Approve November 5, 2023 meeting minutes.
  - Maggie motions, Ryan seconds, no changes. Approved.
- Treasurer Report
  - Present financials & 2024 budget: James and Fred
    - [Budget presented and discussed](#)
    - Discussion: should we look to build a budget surplus to offset major investments in the fields and facilities? General consensus was that would be a good thing to work towards
    - Maggie: Coaches clinic funds are a good investment into the program
    - Everyone will review and approve at next meeting
  - Confirm Hal Gray created [sabsatreasurer@saboosters.org](mailto:sabsatreasurer@saboosters.org) email
    - Fred and Hal are trying to connect
  - Confirm \$50 donation check cut to MYAS?
    - Tom Kuykendall - [tjkuykendall@msn.com](mailto:tjkuykendall@msn.com)
    - Not yet confirmed
  - \$233 to Hal Gray (SASB Treasurer)? for SABSA 1% (Does Hal request or we send?)
    - Fred and Hal working to connect
  - Review registration fees per age - do we increase to cover increase costs?
    - Discussion about increased costs for:
      - League registration

- Umpires
  - Tournaments
  - Motion: increase 10U, 12U and probably 14U by \$25/each
    - 6U - \$65 (same as 2023)
    - 8U - \$150
    - 10U - \$375
    - 12U - \$375
    - 14U - \$350
  - Maggie motions, James seconds. All but Fred approve, motion passes. Fred comments that he believes there is enough room with current registration fees and asks that we be intentional with these extra funds.. All agree this is a good idea.
- 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](#)
      - To do: Everyone review bylaws one last time and plan to approve at next meeting if no more discussion**
      - Posted to website:
        - 2nd Annual Youth Clinic - Saturday April 27th
        - Youth Night - Tuesday April 30th
    - **To do: Prepare communication templates for clinics and league registrations**
      - Promote umpire clinics for youth as well
- Equipment
  - Play It Again \$500 Credit / Trade in status
    - Equipment has been ordered - Fred to pick up when in stock
  - Workbench and shelving status - TK (SASB President) - Installed

## New Business

- MN Softball Directors meeting Dates - December 3, 2023 6-8pm Crooked Pint Ale House
  - [Tri-County Dates](#)
    - [MN Softball - Tri County Director's Meetings \(FOLDER\)](#)
  - Umpires - \$60/game, Tournaments going up, League Fees \$650/year

- Melissa Brandenburg - Coach B
  - Prepare what is important to her regarding St Anthony Softball, HDC, & SABSA
    - Communication is key
      - We have the power to make changes. No reason to continue to do things across the board from littles to bigs just because that's how we've always done them.
      - Remain player/program focused
    - Continue to strive for Legacy Building
  - Discuss or confirm evaluation dates for spring 2024 - also for fall 2024?
    - Review evaluation criteria for evaluators
    - Evaluations - March 9th, Pitchers and Catchers, 10th all skills
      - 8 and 9 year olds are welcome to attend evaluations if they would like to play up
      - Working on evaluation plan to help translate gym experiences with playing situations
    - **To do: Confirm gym availability on March 9 (March 10 already reserved for clinics)**
  - MN Twins/Minnesota Fastpitch Coaches Association Clinic
    - February 3, 2024 Target Field
    - Registration ~~coming soon~~ now open
      - Coach B recommends potential coaches attend
      - John: there is money in the budget for this, so 5 people could go with SABSA funds
      - **To do: Communicate with registration for clinics and season that this is available**
- Coordinator Roles
  - Tournament Coordinator
    - Scott to prepare tournament recommendations (2-3 per summer team)
      - [Tournament Options \(Scott Campbell\)](#)
    - Board should review registration fees as tournament fees are going up
    - Potential issue: with age change in MN Softball, are there national or other tournaments that wil have different age ranges than our season rosters?
    - **To-do: agree to tentative tournament schedule over email within the next two weeks so we can communicate to families**
  - Fields - Steve Munson

- Confirm Steve is good with Fields Coordinator Role
  - Include Lane and Fred on communications with Steve
- 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
    - **To-do: Ask Jen how we get the money from the site**
    - **To-do: Ask Jen about uniform prices so we can include all of the options on registration**
- Leagues
  - 8U - Lane Belling
    - Lane to prepare discussion on Centennial vs Spring Lake Park option - could be December or January conversation
- 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**
- Additional Help
  - Kevin Coppinger - Interested in helping SABSA in general
  - Brandon LaTourelle - Coaching & Clinic Help
  - Mike Grillo - Available to help SABSA in general
- Clinics - Dates & Times (Sundays | 1-4pm)
  - Communicate registration link including dates - Sarah/John
    - Jan 14, Jan 28, Feb 4, Feb 11, Feb 18 (maybe), Mar 3
    - *Coaching clinic date? Jan 14th - Noon or 1pm?*
    - 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. and Jeff can provide access
  - **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](mailto:mjohnsen@isd282.org)
  - Ryan S. guest availability?
    - **Action item: Ryan and John to meet to talk about plan and share at next meeting**
    - **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?
    - \$10/session optional donation
      - Registration through SportsEngine
    - \$10-\$15 per 2 hour session OR \$100 for all six (2 hour sessions)
      - Who collects, how do we collect?
    - Pitching sessions extra - Stella Kiemele \$15/hour session (Provide your own catcher)
- SABSA Communication Methods
  - Recruiting / Marketing
    - Social, SABSA Website, Yard Signs, Wilshire Park Events, Wilshire Newsletter
- Fundraising
  - Establish an annual fundraising goal - \$5,000, stretch goal \$7,500
    - Review budget to provide guidance
      - 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 - Sell as a package for all 6 clinics (include a t-shirt) \$100/player?
      - Split proceeds 50-50 between SABSA & HDC?
  - SABSA Venmo Account? Would need to tie to [sabsatreasurer@saboosters.org](mailto:sabsatreasurer@saboosters.org) email if so.
    - **To-do: Ryan to check on this**

## Notes

- SASB meeting Dates - Jan 3, 2024
- St Anthony Facilities - Community Services Facilities and Sports (Reservations)
  - Jason Wong - 612.706.1172 - [jwong@isd282.org](mailto:jwong@isd282.org)
  - Reserve space for Spring evaluation?
    - **To-do: reserve more time for evaluation weekend (9th and make sure there's enough time on the 10th)**
- People receiving spam emails through SportsEngine. Should we consider generic email addresses?

Meeting close:

Lane motions to adjourn, Maggie seconds.

## Action Items

**James:**

- Send 2024 budget document to Sarah (or post shared document) to review and approve at next meeting
- Complete check request for \$50 MYSA donation

**John:**

- Send Sarah details on clinic and league registration
- Communicate with registration for clinics and season that coach training funding is available
- Coach B has connections with Bethel coach who is willing to help with clinic

- Confirm gym availability on March 9 8a-12p & March 10 (1-4pm) already reserved for clinics)
- Ryan and John to meet to talk about clinic guest plan and share at next meeting

**Scott and John (and possibly others):**

- Agree to tentative tournament schedule over email within the next two weeks so we can communicate to families

**Sarah**

- Update registration prices on website
- Post previous approved minutes
- Prepare communication templates for clinics and league registrations after receiving details from John
- Ask Jen how we get the money from the apparel site
- Ask Jen about uniform prices so we can include all of the options on registration

**Lane:**

- Reach out to Andrew for 8u contacts
- Coach & Player Compliance - Process (Review with John & Fred)

**Ryan:**

- Set up Venmo in time for clinic donations

**Brittany:**

- To-do: Brittany to reach out to Coach AI about his original notes on 6U

**Fred:**

- Fred to get Andrew's equipment room key

**All:**

- Everyone review [bylaws](#) and [budget](#) for a motion to approve at next meeting if no more discussion
- Action item: firm up clinic and evaluation schedule at next meeting