

SABSA Board Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2019

St. Anthony Community Center Room CS19, 6:00 pm (Closed Meeting for Team Selection)

Attendees: Andrew Kagol, Katie Brustad, Sara Strain, Erik Lindgren, Rossi Cannon, Al Bates, Danielle Bogucki.

The meeting was called to order by President Al Bates at 6:00 pm. Al expressed a goal of finishing the meeting by 9:00 pm.

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

- Rossi moved, Al seconded to approve the Minutes of the February 7, 2019 Virtual Meeting. Motion passed.

President's Update:

- Al expressed our thanks to everyone who worked all the Evaluations (Pitching, Catching, Second Chance Pitching, General) and the Committees (Pre-Evaluations Sub-Committee, Evaluations, Coach Selection), and noted that the Evaluations Committee and Coach Selection Committee recommendations will both be addressed under New Business.
- Danielle noted she has a google doc with changes/plans for next year's Evaluations.
- Registrations update: 99 registrants less two requests to be refunded – Sophia Derr & Stella Timmons. Rossi moved, Danielle seconded to refund these two "timely*" requests for refunds. (*There was some ambiguity in our language as to when Evaluations start; these two requests were received by the morning of the General Evaluations, and the two players in question did not attend General Evaluations, thus they were deemed to be "timely" requests for refunds). The Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Al Bates, Acting Treasurer

No report, other than to reiterate that Treasurer duties will be transferring to Erik soon.

Player and Coach Development Update: Danielle Bogucki:

- Preseason Coaches Meeting is scheduled for 11:30 on Sunday, March 24, Equipment Checkout to be coordinated with the meeting.
- Lamar's Clinic for Coaches is scheduled immediately following the Coaches Meeting, from 3-5 pm.
- Coaches Training on Teaching Fielding with MFA is scheduled for Saturday, March 30 at Wilshire Park.
- Working on a Teaching Hitting Clinic with MFA.
- Working on an April Pitching Clinic for young Pitchers.
- Looking into a Clinic with MFA for Catchers; nothing yet.
- Danielle questioned whether we would be able to do "Open Gyms".

Coach Updates – none

Coordinators Updates

- Equipment – Al
 - We took in \$114 and have \$11 coming, for a total of \$125 from the Used Equipment Sale.
 - Purchased 3 doz. 12" Softies in anticipation of indoor practices.

- Fields – Pat (not present); Al noted the Fields meeting is this coming Wednesday at 7:30 pm @ CC CS9.
 - Andrew mentioned that we might want to look into snow removal while the ground is still frozen, to be able to get onto the Fields as early as possible.
- Umpires – Derek (not present)
- Spirit Wear and Online Store – Erik/Rossi
 - There are still some collections to get from the sale at Evals.
 - We are planning on doing an Online Store after Spring Break.
- Uniforms – Erik
 - We need to settle teams & jersey numbers to facilitate Jersey ordering. Al & Erik will connect to order Jerseys.
- Fundraising – Andrew
 - Nothing new to report.

HDC Liaison Update – Scott – (not present) No report.

Old Business

- Parking lot
 - Designated “pickup spot” at the end of VillageFest Parade tabled until 2019 planning starts
 - Ice Cream Social – end of season review
 - Volunteer post-season celebration

New Business

Al read the Evaluations Committee’s Recommendations.

The Board discussed the recommendations, starting with the 14Us and moving ‘downwards’ and made some phone calls and exchanged some texts with key Parents (whose Players were ‘on the cusp’, potentially between 12U (A) and 14U (B)). After exhaustive discussion, the Board declined to accept the Committee’s recommendations (of 1 A team and 1 B team at 14U and 12U), citing that the players “left” on the 12U A team roster would not constitute an “A team”. The Board then chose (as the alternative) to cut 5 players at 14U (the lowest-General-Evaluating 4 players and the 1 out-of-district player), to create 1 A team at 14U with a roster size of 12.

Subsequently at 12U, the Board created 1 team at A and the structure for, and a pool from which, 2 teams at B would be Coach-Drafted. With a pool of 30 players in total at 12U, all three rosters would be of 10 players. The rosters being thin, and the Player General Evaluation scores, Pitching Evaluation rankings, Catcher Evaluation rankings, and prior year Coach Evaluations rankings being considered, the two Pitching spots, one Catching spot, and 5 of the Position Player spots on the A team were filled. Rossi moved, Katie seconded, to place a player from the remaining pool based on the prior year Coach Evaluations into the 9th roster spot on the A team, and reduce the Coach Picks from two to one. The Motion Passed. Two Pitchers were named for each of the two B teams, and the remainder of the B teams was left to Coach-Draft.

At 10U, in addition to 21 natural age registrants, there were 4 "Play-Up" requests from natural age (second year) 8U players. Following some discussion, Rossi Moved, Katie Seconded, to accept these 4 play up requests, and decline a roster spot to an out-of-district player. The Motion Passed, 6-1.

At 8U, balanced teams were recommended, accepted by consensus, and a Coach Draft is to be pursued.

Al read the recommendations of the Coach Selection Committee, and Coaches were recommended for all Fastpitch Teams, and one of the two 8U Teams (there being a shortage of applicants, another Coach to be sought out). Team selections having had the effect of narrowing the choices for Coaches, the Coach Selection Committee recommendations were effectively followed.

Danielle Moved, Katie Seconded the approval of the Team and Coach Selections per the Board discussions. The Motion passed.

Coaches are to meet, with a Board Member facilitator, to complete the Team Drafts.

There being no further business regarding Team and Coach Selection for the evening, the Meeting adjourned at 11:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, Pres.