

SABSA Board Meeting

04 FEBRUARY 2024 / 6:00 PM / COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Attendees

John, Fred, Scott, Sarah Maggie, Katie, Jen, Steve, Brittany, Cathy, Ryan, James

Agenda

Call to Order

- Welcome and opening remarks

Last Meeting Follow-up

- Approve [January 7, 2024 meeting minutes](#)
- Maggie motions, Katie seconds, minutes approved

New Business

- Treasurer Report
 - Updates and transactions
 - Review Venmo donations - \$68.37 (\$70 less \$1.67 Venmo fees)
 - Transfer as often as possible - Likely after reviewing transactions at SABSA meetings. Must include transfer with donation spreadsheet for SABSA & SASB Treasurer.
 - Access to Venmo - SABSA President & SABSA Treasurer
 - To Do: John Grindeland to provide James Smith access to Venmo
 - To-do: Include Venmo handle/QR code in future clinic comms
 - Confirm \$50 donation check cut and mailed to TK/MYAS - DONE
 - SABSA owes HDC \$122 - need receipt from Coach B
 - \$244 - SABSA owes half for equipment
 - Maggie motions, James seconds, all approve
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 - Fields Coordinator
 - SASB - Steve Munson is available
 - Feb 15th - SASB fields meeting w/Jason Wong, soccer, and baseball
 - Wilshire Park - Soccer field close to the outfield, will let the city know ahead of time.
 - April space indoors if not able to be outside.
 - Field/Backstop maintenance - Fred review options to improve - any known contractors?

- Fred getting a quote for fixing backstops for the next meeting
 - Fred will coordinate with the city
 - Fred connected with a company that regrades fields and will get a quote for our records
- Director At Large Updates
- Fundraising - Cathy McHone, Katie Brustad & Ryan Sypherd
 - Present fundraising options
 - Cathy: Steele & Hops prefers a weekday but might be willing to do a weekend if asked again- will try for 4/27 with 4/30 as a backup
 - Katie: fundraising app option for 12U and 14Us.
 - Exclusive for St. Anthony
 - Renewals would follow the player until they age out and then they would go into general fund
 - Would be get a team store credit after selling a certain amount
 - The communications around app sales need to be clear that it supports SABSAs general fund (not a specific initiative)
 - Question about whether our local business will opt in - there is a risk of this, but we will know who has signed on before it starts
 - Request: can we have a wish list of things to prioritize for fundraising dollars - Specialized training - Pitching, Catching, Hitting, etc.
- Secretary & Website Update
 - Registration updates / data: [Full report here](#)
 - Any soccer players playing softball? Will be scheduling with soccer to ensure minimal overlap
 - About 7 8U players interested in soccer
 - Will try to put them on the same team
 - Review total numbers by age
 - Review to see if anyone who typically plays has not yet registered
 - Nearly everyone who played in the past accounted for
 - Will reopen all levels registration through 2/18 to try to get some additional players
 - 2 players registered for 14U that are interested in high school
 - Review total requests to play up
 - Review who volunteered to Head Coach and Assistant Coach
 - Will need to recruit some additional coaches and volunteers
 - Discussion about coaching support - there is a lot of content and support available for newer coaches - [Player & Coach Development](#)
 - Possibility of an all-program clinic/check-in throughout the season to help guide newer coaches and teams as well - once or twice a month at a minimum
 - Discussion about pitching expertise - how can we share some additional resources for coaches trying to help pitchers? This is sometimes a barrier for people when considering volunteering to coach

- Same for catching - parents can come catch for pitchers so catchers can work on their own skill development
 - Depending on numbers, continue to keep registration open, recruit, or close and move forward?
 - Decision: will keep all levels open for registration until 2/18. Will specifically recruit for more 8U players
 - 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.
 - Prepare evaluations for coaches to complete from the summer of 2023 for their players - these can be used if a player is absent from tryouts.
 - Keep the form simple, but ensure it follows evaluation items on the actual evaluations. *Have the coach from last summer complete for anyone not able to attend.*
- SAVHS Varsity Coach & Evaluations - Melissa Brandenburg - Coach B
 - Evaluations Confirmed
 - March 9th - Pitchers/Catchers 8am-noon SAVHS Upper Gym
 - Sign up genius to sign up for a specific hour
 - Only 10U and 12U
 - March 10 - All others 1-4pm SAVHS Upper & Lower Gyms
 - Younger players are welcome to come
 - Sign Up Genius
- Tournaments Coordinator - Scott Campbell
 - Scott registered for the following tournaments
 - 8U (Need 2)
 - Roseville Rumble (TBD)
 - 10U (Need 1) -will register a second 10U team for a set of tournaments
 - Elk River - Swing into Spring (Possibly move weekends)
 - Woodbury Wild
 - WBL (TBD)
 - 12U (1)
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 - Woodbury Wild
 - WBL (TBD)
 - 14U (1)
 - Fast N Furious, Forest Lake | May 31-June 2
 - Woodbury Battle Royal | June 29-30
 - Additional tournaments needed once teams are confirmed (only 1 10 & 12U team registered so far)
 - Will register for tournaments for a second team at 10U and 12U since numbers are looking promising for two teams at each level
- Uniforms/Spirit Wear - Jen Pajerski
 - Discuss uniforms and spirit wear updates
 - Provide optional warm ups or sluggers that can be personalized?

- Pants selected are less expensive than expected. The extra funds will be put towards extra uniforms for teams
- 8U League Coordinator - Lane Belling
 - Centennial Contacts - Ann & Jeremy Hugger are contacts - update emails
 - Timeline to register 8U teams with Centennial Lakes?
 - Consider 8U jamboree again this year
 - Maggie and Ryan volunteered to help coordinate
- 6U Introductory - Fred Bainbridge
 - Review timeline and scheduling for summer
 - Include a few shared practices with 6U & 8U
- Player & Coach Development - John Grindeland
 - [MN Twins Softball Coaches Clinic](#)
 - February 3, 2024 Target Field (Budget allows 5 to attend)
 - Fred Bainbridge & John Grindeland attended
 - Fred and John highly recommend going in the future - said it was beneficial and a great event
 - Clinic Update
 - Huge thank you to the all of the volunteers
 - [Clinic Outline](#) (Jan 28, 2024)
 - March 3rd Clinic - We will need volunteers - John & Katie both out of town
 - Fred, Maggie and/or Lane (John needs to get equipment to)
- Communicate high school schedule to families
- Player registration cost covered for one player by Cathy McHone. SABSA will reimburse Cathy from the general fund. Cathy Maggie motions, Katie seconds, all approved

Motion to adjourn:

Maggie motions, Lane seconds, all approved

Meeting adjourned

Notes

- MN Softball Directors meeting dates - February 12th - Medina Entertainment Center 7-9pm (FOCUS ON 8U)
- SABSA meeting Date - March 11, 2024 at 6 p.m. (Evaluations complete - team formation & coach selection?)
- St Anthony Facilities - Community Services Facilities and Sports (Reservations)
 - Jason Wong - 612.706.1172 - jwong@isd282.org

Meeting close:

Action Items from February:

James and John:

- Work with John to obtain access to Venmo for redundancy
- Get receipt from Coach B and reimburse HDC for \$122 shared equipment purchase

Scott:

- Register for additional set of tournaments for a possible second team at 10U and 12U

Sarah

- Include Venmo handle/QR code in future clinic comms
- Reopen registration through 2/18
- Prepare evaluation communications and sign-up tools
- Include high school schedule in program communications/schedule

Fred, Maggie and/or Lane

- Get equipment from John before 3/3 clinic

Lane:

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

Ryan, Katie and Cathy:

- Confirm date with Steele & Hops
- Fundraising app set-up

Maggie and Ryan:

- Partner on 8U jamboree organization

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

Monday, March 11, 2024 - 6:00 pm - Council Chambers

- Team & Coach Formation pending numbers
- Review communication plan to families

SABSA - COMMON LINKS

[SABSA - Website](#)

[SABSA - Bylaws](#)

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

[SABSA - Player & Coach Development](#)

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