

St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes October 28, 2013 Meeting

Call to Order:

President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Dirk DeWester, Jerry Welch, Rick Ballot

Welcome New Board Members:

Al welcomed new Ad Hoc Board members Dirk DeWester, Jerry Welch, and Rick Ballot

Approval of the Prior Meeting's Minutes:

Minutes from the September 23 were approved – motion by Jerry, second by Rick, motion passed.

Turnover in Board Positions & Board Structure:

The structure of the Board was reviewed, as currently outlined in the Bylaws, and the need to revise the Bylaws was discussed. Specifically, the Bylaws do not adequately provide for SABSA election of the President and the Positions (Structure below) may not be structured optimally. The positions, as currently exist, follow functional lines, which may not be optimal for the desired level of participation on the Board. For this reason, Ad Hoc Board Members are being accepted to assist in a transition to a fuller Board. Current Structure, per the Bylaws:

- President – Al Bates
- VP/Director of Evaluations – Lamar Brendemuehl
- Director of Player & Coach Development – Al Bates serving in this role
- Director of League Softball (Fastpitch) – vacant
- Director of Recreational Softball (In-House/Slowpitch) – vacant
- Director of Instructional Softball – Al Bates serving in this role
- Secretary - vacant
- Director of Umpires and Field Scheduling – vacant
- Huskies Diamond Club Liaison Director – Pat Niccum

Budget Report:

At September end, Softball has about \$4,400 in the Boosters Softball Account, and is running at approximately \$1,450 in the black so far for 2013.

Program Elements Discussion:

Al shared a “visioning document” rough draft outlining elements a “successful St. Anthony Softball Program” needs, and asked for feedback by the next meeting.

“Baseball – driven” request for collaboration on Dugout Covers for C2 & C3:

Al shared that there is an effort underway to raise funds to put Dugout Covers on Fields C2 & C3 to match those on C1, and discussion ensued. C3 being configured for Baseball only, the discussion tended towards Booster Softball’s potential contribution to the Covers for C3, a “mixed (baseball/softball) use” field we commonly refer to as the “JV Softball Field”. There were comments about the difficulty of getting the 14U Summer Softball team adequate practice time due to some of the restrictions of the use of C3 and the timing of the chalking of the field. Sentiment towards supporting field investments could be described as related to field availability for Softball, specifically the 14U Summer team.

Other Business:

There was general discussion about a desire to have field scheduling done differently than in 2013.

Further discussion on a variety of topics, was postponed until post- meeting, to allow anyone who needed to leave to have attended the whole “official meeting”.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Sunday, November 17 at 6:30 pm at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Bates, President