

St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes March 20, 2014 Meeting

Call to Order:

President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Jerry Welch, Rick Ballot, Dirk DeWester, guests Rossi Cannon, Angie Karlson, & Danielle Bogucki

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 8:00

Approval of the Prior Meeting's Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of Mar 9 meeting by Rick, second by Jerry; motion passed.

Clinics Updates:

The Catching Clinics have two more sessions, wrapping up on Mar 30.

Tuesday Nights in April (TNiA) Warm Up Clinics begin April 1; we may have to have more than one session per night, and change times slightly, depending on numbers. Registrations are coming in now.

Coaching Clinics:

The 4th (of 4) Coaching Clinics offered by the MMFL was attended by Jerry, Dan, Al, & Aaron Rosha. Lakeville North (and S & C Sports) Coach Sean Hall was the guest speaker, and the session was very good. Potential to hire him for an in-house clinic for next year.

Coordinators:

Umpires Coordinator Dirk DeWester – nothing new to report.

Fields Scheduling Coordinator Rick Ballot – is scheduling practice times through April on the new online calendars. There is a link from our website. C1 will host 12U practices.

Registrations Update:

Fastpitch Registration is closed, Slowpitch Registration closes tomorrow (Mar 21). Intro Registration is still open.

Slowpitch/8U Leagues options:

Good discussion was held regarding:

- Changes this year to the Fridley Slowpitch League, including the move to only 9 Player defense, and the ability to borrow outfielders from the opposing team, and play with less than a full team, to avoid cancellations.
- 8U Suburban League – being pushed forward by Burnsville, but they use the 11" standard ball.
- Possible 8U League independent of Suburban League, in the northern suburbs, being pushed forward by Irondale.

Al will be investigating our options, including working with Fridley and determining their desired direction.

Evaluations Update:

Thanks to Baseball for lending us the Tryout Jerseys! They worked great!

Lamar Brendemuehl and Jeff Tonkin were again the Evaluators, assisted by SAVHS Varsity Players Aiyana Ledwein and Maija Beguhl.

It was decided that having Slowpitch be at Evaluations and share time with 10U worked well. Also, it allows a chance (for Slowpitch only) for parents to see what Evals are all about; we will continue to let Slowpitch parents into the gyms. At Fastpitch levels, parents are no longer allowed in. Should give us a chance to get more volunteers for next year, too. We need more volunteers, especially at the Slowpitch level, and specifically, with bat selection. It was decided that Slowpitch should always start Fielding, and then give them something to do while waiting for Hitting, as they will probably continue to finish fielding before the 10Us finish Hitting.

Evaluations Committee Update:

The Evaluations Committee was comprised of the same four people as last year: Evaluator Lamar Brendemuehl, Evaluator Jeff Tonkin, Director of Player & Coach Development Al Bates, & Evaluations Volunteer Assistant Helen Siggelkow. The Evaluations Committee's Roster Recommendations were presented to the Board. Moves between levels were highlighted. There were no requests to play up granted, but there was one recommendation to move down to Slowpitch, and all invitations to Play UP were accepted. The two players on the Waitlist were offered spots.

The timing of the team formations was coordinated with the Huskies Diamond Club 16U team, and one player from 14U received an invitation to play UP to the HDC 16U team.

Dirk moved, and Rick seconded to accept the Roster Recommendations of the Evaluations committee; motion passed.

Coach Selection Update:

All Coaches have been selected EXCEPT the 2nd Head Coach for Slowpitch. So far, we have:

Intro: Al Bates

Slowpitch 1: Rossi Cannon

10U: Jeff Peterson

12U: Jerry Welch

14U: Dan Paulson

Equipment Update:

We will begin to purchase replacement equipment, concentrating first on Protective Gear and Safety Equipment.

In-Season Tournaments:

We gave the 'green light' for each Coach to sign up each fastpitch team for an in-season tournament.

Bylaws Revision:

Bylaws revisions discussion stayed tabled to a future meeting, after team formation. This may have to be a special, one-issue meeting.

Fastpitch League Play Levels:

Based largely on the relative strength of the Pitching:

- 10U will play B.
- 12U will play C.
- 14U will play B.

SABA Update:

Al cast our vote as directed regarding Rugby becoming a provisional Boosters-sponsored sport. The motion failed. Al offered a motion to allow Rugby to have a link from the Boosters Website; that motion passed.

SABA accepted the new logo we presented; it will cost Softball \$100 to change the logo on the website. Al accepted that cost on behalf of Softball.

SABA accepted the Donor Acknowledgement Letter we offered as a draft.

SABA accepted our offer of a \$100 donation towards the Sound Panels for the ceiling in the SAVHS Upper Gym.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be SUNDAY, April 13 at 6:30 pm at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Bates, President