

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes
October 13, 2014 Meeting
Village Pub – 7:00 pm.**

Call to Order:

President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Jerry Welch, Rick Ballot, Lamar Brendemuehl, Danielle Bogucki

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 8:30

Approval of the Prior Meeting's Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of September 22 meeting by Jerry, second by Rick; motion passed.

Ratification of the Draft Bylaws:

Motion to approve the Draft Bylaws in their entirety, as produced in the September 22 meeting by Rick, second by Jerry; motion passed. Al will load the new Bylaws on the website.

Budget Update:

Al shared that we are about \$500 positive on the year; still need to settle with Dirk on the final Umpires cost, and we still need to settle up with Umpires with the Huskies Diamond Club for 16U & 18U teams.

HDC Fall Teams Sharing:

18U had a decent season; 14U (Irondale, w/STA player) won a few games; 12U was ranked in Tier 4, went 0-2, losing a close one to Mankato and ending their season at 4-6; came together as a team; 10U finished Second at their State tier! Congratulations!; 8U had a fabulous time, a lot of fun in the first Fall 8U experience – largely clinic-based, lasted 5 weeks. 19 Players in a good format; would like to repeat in 2015. The mechanical Pitching Machine did not work very well for this group.

HDC Fall Pitching Clinics Sharing:

Good turnouts for both August 2-day & September 3-day Clinics by MFA. Coach Kirsten (10U) credited these clinics with her 10U Fall team's successes towards the end of their season.

Coordinators:

Fields Scheduling Coordinator Rick Ballot – Worked really well to coordinate with Baseball this year. Rick mentioned that Baseball/Coaches Pitch-T Ball Presidents Steve Jahnke and Jason Peters are resigning, and we extend SABSA's THANKS! to them for working so cooperatively together with other sports, especially Softball!

Umpires Coordinator Dirk DeWester – No report as Dirk was unable to attend.

Equipment Needs:

Confirmed the list from the August meeting was accurate: smaller sized Catcher gear, Hitting Sticks for younger teams, and more balls (for hitting, and new) to be handed out mid-season (to replace rain-soaked balls).

We discussed “helmets that fit” for 8U Players, but ensuing discussion tended towards instead supported the message of Strongly Encouraging Players to purchase their own helmets (as young as 8U).

Uniforms:

Taho Sports informed us that the Tsunami (“Fastpitch”) Jersey has been discontinued. We will work with Taho to find a close substitute.

We could use a Uniforms Coordinator.

8U Off-Season League Work Needed:

Off-season discussions with neighboring communities, on the direction for 8U, has not yet begun. Danielle indicated a desire to assist with this.

Pre-Season Offerings/Scheduling:

- December pitching Clinic at MFA – desire to repeat, but not back-to-back-to-back days.
- January – February Skills Clinics at SAVHS with MFA – yes.
- Open Gyms – end of Jan – Feb. Yes. Can we add a week into March? Can we schedule some in the HS Upper Gym? To be investigated... and staffing to be determined in advance.
- Catching Clinic & Slapping Clinic – Yes. With HDC help, if possible.
- Coach Clinic – bring onsite with S&C Sports (Sean Hall) if possible (with HDC help, if possible).
- Evaluations/Tryouts – similar format, need some additional staffing, shoot for March 14 at Wilshire Park & March 15 at SAVHS (both gyms).

Registration:

- The plan is to open Registration on January 1 and close it on February 28.
- Yard Signs (new!) are available and we will be looking for volunteers to take and post in their yards. Folks with ‘strategically located’ yards will be especially helpful.
 - Danielle, Rick, Jerry will take a sign; other approachable names were also discussed.
- We want the Online Store to open Jan 1 and remain open through a week after Evaluations.
- Can we get samples and/or Flyers for the Online Store to have at Evaluations.
- Tessie Rodkewich volunteered to assist with the Online Store.

Annual Meeting:

- November meeting will be the “Nominations Meeting”
- December meeting will be the “Annual Meeting”

Fundraising:

HDC Spaghetti Dinner is set for Saturday, November 1, from 2-6 pm at the Village Pub. Fall Ball players/families who have sold tickets should turn them in to AI. SABSA Players also benefit from HDC activities, and are encouraged to help/attend this major HDC Fundraising Event.

Fundraising for 2015 was discussed, and the following ideas were favored:

- Repeat the Jersey Mike's fundraiser; try to get going earlier if possible.
- Volunteer for manning a Basketball Tournament should be by supporting a HDC effort.
- The possibility of having a "DQ Day" (in Season) was raised. Danielle will follow-up with DQ.

Other Business:

Visors were discussed. Should they be required? A good idea for younger players, perhaps just strongly recommend them? Older players don't seem to use them. Perhaps the "hair control" they provide could be addressed via headbands? Consensus was to ask Tessie to look into "non-winter" headbands.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Monday, November 10 at 6:30 pm at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President