

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes  
January 11, 2015 Meeting  
Village Pub – 6:30 pm.**

Call to Order:

President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Dirk DeWester, Rick Ballot, Jerry Welch, Rossi Cannon, Scott McCleary, Danielle Bogucki, Kirsten Stendahl, guest Jim Zusan

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 7:45

Approval of the Prior Meeting's Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 15 meeting by Dirk, second by Jerry; motion passed.

Budget Update:

Al shared that we have \$5,570 in the bank, but have not settled one partial refund (\$65) and we have not paid (\$100) authorized for the SAVHS Upper Gym Tile donation.

SABA (Sports Boosters Board) Meeting Update:

Tom Kuykendall, Kim Nogosek, Gary Goldsmith, Michelle Helfrey, & Hal Gray were re-elected for 2015 terms.

Tom is pursuing getting the new SABA logo (with the addition of an optic yellow softball) on the Boosters Website.

The first Fields Meeting for 2015 is scheduled for February 11.

- SABSA discussion: Al & Rick are planning on attending.

SABA wants to know if we want to pursue online Background Checks for Coaches.

- SABSA discussion: Jim Zusan offered that he experienced this with Forest Lake and it worked well. We are generally in favor of going online for Background checks if it makes it easier for SABA.

Registration:

Registration opened January 2 and should close February 28 (10U-14U); 8U will close around March end, and Intro (6U) around April end.

Online Registration enhancements included removing the Player's Grade in School and changing the 8U language to remove references to "Slowpitch". No action was taken on loading Birth Certificates electronically. The Player's address was already part of the Registration, just needs to be added to the reporting out.

The Board requested ongoing updates on Registration Numbers; Al agreed to send weekly updates. We discussed getting "Registration is Open" announcements in the SAMS, Wilshire Park, and St. Charles Announcements. Al will pursue this.

It was suggested that we ask Parents to bring Copies of Birth Certificates to Evaluations. Al will send out an email asking for this, before Evaluations.

### Coordinators Updates:

Umpires Coordinator Dirk DeWester – 1099 info for 2014 Umpire Tim Klein was given to the Boosters Treasurer. Dirk will get in touch with Tim Klein again this year to see if he & his organization want to be our primary source for Umpires. Dirk suggested that we secure Coach & Assistant Coach Cell Phone info for a “Phone Bank” for the Umpires Coordinator to be able to use with the Umpires.

Uniforms Coordinator Al Bates – Al had preliminary discussions with Tahoe Sports. Rossi and Laura Kohan would assist with Uniforms. Separate meeting needed. Al presented jersey options to replace the discontinued Tsunami (Fastpitch) Jersey, and Board Members and Guests noted their preferences. Several suggestions will need to be considered, along with the response to questions about potential future year availability of the replacement model chosen.

Additional suggestions for the Online Store included: Move Pants & Visors to the no. 1 & no. 2 items on the Store Page Website; Add a Ladies’ Sweatshirt Choice; Add Adult Coaching Pants, possibly black w/ royal blue.

Also, can we have samples of some items available at Evaluations? Perhaps we could also have a computer/I-pad ‘kiosk’ to order wearables online at Evaluations?

Yard Signs Coordinator Danielle Bogucki – Signs are out around town. They should be placed 10’ from the curb to avoid snowplow damage. Next time we order, let’s consider: Replacing “St. A” with “St. Anthony” and “Youth” with “Girls”, perhaps put “Girls” in the ball.

### Player & Coach Development Updates:

- January-February Skills Clinics, run by MFA Jan 25, Feb 1, Feb 8, & Feb 22. 33 Signups so far, we have extended invitations to Irondale & SLP Players. There was a question from some parents about whether Walkups would be offered; Al will follow-up with MFA.
- Open Gyms – are scheduled for Mar 1 & Mar 8; Helen Siggelkow has offered to be our Building Opener & Closer.
- Evaluations/Tryouts – scheduled for Mar 14 @ WP (Pitchers) and Mar 15 for main evaluations. Will need to coordinate volunteers for both Evaluations. Al will work on Pitcher Evals volunteers.
- Sean Hall of S&C Sports has been contacted, and is willing to bring us a Coach’s Clinic. Al will follow-up with Sean and attempt to zero into a time & place. No response from Sean yet.
- Fundamentals Clinics on Tuesday Nights in April – Wilshire Park Gym 6-8:30.
- A Wilshire Park presentation is being planned. Rossi may be able to help.

### 8U Off-Season League Work Needed:

Off-season discussions with neighboring communities, on the direction for 8U, have begun. Irondale, Anoka-Ramsey, and Fridley have been contacted so far. Columbia Heights will be next. Tri-County will be offering 8U, but we don’t know the format. We’d prefer Kid Pitch to 3 balls and Coach Pitch after.

### Facebook:

The SABSA Website has 49 likes so far! (St. Anthony Boosters Softball Association). Like us on Facebook to get updates... Al to send out an email.

Other Business:

- Donation to the City:
  - Should Softball consider making a donation to the City (ala Baseball)? Discussion centered around not being able to afford this. But, there was consensus that we should do something for the Grounds Crew.
  
- Fundraising:
  - We need to get the names and collect the money from the Basketball Tournament volunteering. Al will follow-up.
  - Jamie Larson has again volunteered to coordinate a fundraiser with Jersey Mike's. Thanks, Jamie!!
  - Danielle will look into a "DQ event" with DQ.
  
- Hosting a Tournament?
  - There was discussion about trying to host a Tournament. Central Park is the ideal St. Anthony location; 8U is probably the best group to attract; format should be one day, Saturday, with Sunday being a back-up (in case of rain). Perhaps around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June. Rossi would Coordinate. Al will check into Central Park availability.
  
- Suggestion for HDC:
  - Suggest to HDC that a HDC Board Member go to SABSA games and hand out informational flyers about the Huskies Diamond Club. Al will take this suggestion to the HDC.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Sunday, February 8 at 6:30 pm at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President