

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes
February 8, 2015 Meeting
Village Pub – 6:30 pm.**

Call to Order:

President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Jerry Welch, Scott McCleary, Danielle Bogucki, Kirsten Stendahl, Rossi Cannon, JR Bauman, Lora Kohan, Lamar Brendemuehl, Rick Ballot, Dirk DeWester, guests: Jim Zusan, Mel Chaput.

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 8:00-8:15

Approval of the Prior Meeting's Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 11 meeting by Jerry, second by Rossi; motion passed.

Fundraising:

- Spirit Wear – Danielle introduced Mel Chaput, who has offered to help us with a Spirit Wear Sale Fundraiser. Mel has designed a logo for us that could be used on wearables, and Danielle and Mel have some ideas for items we could offer for sale as a fundraiser, including things like water bottles and sandals. Ideally, these items would not conflict with items for sale through our Online Store through Tahoe Sports, but would be “less on-the-field based” than the offerings thru the Online Store. The Board empowered Danielle to develop the concept of a Spirit Wear sale and return with a proposal. Lora volunteered to help Danielle on this project.
- Basketball Tournament – Al reported that some money, albeit probably not a lot, will be forthcoming from Boosters Basketball, when Gary Goldsmith finishes hearing back from the volunteers regarding “which sport they were supporting with their volunteer efforts”. The money received (for “Softball Volunteers”) will then need to be split on a pro-rated basis with the Huskies Diamond Club, depending on the age of the Players whose families volunteered.
- Jersey Mike's – fundraiser will happen again this year; Jamie Larson coordinating.
- DQ – Danielle is coordinating with DQ; probable event to be a Monday evening Softball Night at DQ, with SABSA getting some of the profits. A date will be determined; looking for an evening in a “warmer time when softball games are going on”.

Budget Update:

Al shared that since last meeting, some Coaching Supplies have been purchased, and Registration money has been flowing in.

Registration Update:

- Softball presentation to Wilshire Park students is scheduled for Tues. Feb. 24. Al, Kirsten, Rossi, and Varsity Volunteers will give the presentation.
- 10U – 14U Registrations close February 28.
- 8U will close March 14, before Evaluations on March 15.
- Intro/6U will close April 18.

- School Announcements –
 - St. Anthony Schools have done announcements for us.
 - St. Charles announcements have NOT been sent home (although they have been sent to St. Charles. Al will follow-up with St. Charles.

Coordinators Updates:

Uniforms Coordinator Al Bates –

- We've selected the Supernova to succeed the discontinued Tsunami (Fastpitch) Jersey.
- The new number schema has been finalized; jersey number ranges will be assigned by player year of birth.
- This opened an opportunity to allow Players to request a new number (from their year's number range) when the Player is purchasing a replacement jersey, and we discussed this option. *Board consensus was that yes, we will offer this.*
- The Online Store with Tahoe Sports will be open through April 13.

Yard Signs Coordinator Danielle Bogucki –

- Danielle will have the yard signs pulled on March 1, and will collect them for storage.

Field Scheduling Coordinator Rick Ballot –

- The first Boosters Field Scheduling meeting for summer season will be Wednesday @ 7pm in Community Center room 9. Rick and Jerry will attend.

Umpires Coordinator Dirk DeWester –

- Nothing to report.

Facebook Coordinator Danielle Bogucki –

- "Likes" keep coming... !

Tournament Coordinator Rossi Cannon –

- Questions about Central Park vs. Silver Point were discussed. Timing? June 28? 8U is the target group. Concessions? Parking? It was decided to wait until after the Field Scheduling meeting to revisit this.

Villagefest Parade Coordinator –

- Coordinator needed. July 31. Danielle will put something on Facebook.

Player & Coach Development Updates:

- January-February Skills Clinics, run by MFA are going on now. Good turnouts at both age levels.
 - Jerry & Scott will help monitor on the last day, Feb. 22, when Al has a conflict from ~1:30 – 3:30.
- Clinics Needed? Would the HDC sponsor?
 - Catching Clinic is an urgent need. Can we do this ourselves? 10Us need a formal Catching Clinic.
 - Pitching is a need for 8U & 10U, but this can happen later. Can we do this ourselves, towards the beginning of the season(s)?

- Hitting is also a need.
 - Al will explore “taking a team to MFA options/cost”
 - In such a MFA clinic, can we have our Coaches participate?
 - Can coaches get feedback out of the clinic?
- Open Gyms – are scheduled for Mar 1 & Mar 8; Helen Siggelkow to be Building Opener & Closer.
 - Jerry & Scott will monitor on March 1.
 - Kirsten & Rossi will monitor on March 8.
 - Al will send out an announcing email.
- Evaluations/Tryouts – scheduled for Mar 14 @ WP (Pitchers) and Mar 15 for General Evaluations.
 - Pitcher Evaluators: Melissa Brandenburg & Steve Tusa. Catcher: Al. Could use a “Greeter”.
 - General Evaluations: Need to finish staffing Volunteers and set times.
 - Al will send out an email, stressing Players come to their “natural age group” for Evals.
- Evaluations Committee – The Evaluations Committee has been comprised of General Evaluators Lamar Brendemuehl and Jeff Tonkin, Director of Player & Coach Development Al Bates, and past SABSA President Helen Siggelkow.
 - Helen has indicated she would likely not be in town for Evaluations. A replacement is needed.
 - Rick Ballot nominated Dirk DeWester, Rossi Cannon seconded the nomination. Dirk indicated a willingness to serve on the Evaluations Committee, and as his daughter is now at 16U, he could be a good fit. Nomination Passed.
- Coaches Pre-Season Meeting needs to be scheduled: Can we do Mar 16-20 or 23-26?
 - Date has tentatively been set for Monday, March 23.
- 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 finalize the format for the Clinic, to be held Sunday, March 22 in then Wilshire Park Gym.
 - Dirk will attend the next HDC Meeting to ask for monetary support from the HDC.
 - T-Ball & Coach Pitch/younger Baseball Coaches will be invited (Baseball would be expected to pay any additional cost).
- Fundamentals Clinics are coming up on Tuesday Nights in April – Wilshire Park Gym 6-8:30ish.

President’s Update:

- Suburban League Meeting is Mon Feb 9 at 7pm – Hopkins VFW.
 - Dirk volunteered to attend with Al.
- Next Boosters Meeting – March 11
 - Al will be out of town; Jerry will attend for SABSA
- SABSA Night with SAVHS Varsity – need to schedule.
 - Lamar will follow up. April 30 is a possible date.

8U Off-Season League Work - Danielle:

- Tri-County/Suburban League joint offering may be an option.
- Responses from neighboring communities: Fridley - probably, Spring Lake Park – interested, will need a coach; Irondale – yes, if they can field a team, Columbia Heights – interested, Roseville – doesn't currently have 8U, but will be looking into their interest.
- Machine Pitch is the direction we want to pursue, at least at the beginning of the season.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 pm at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President