

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes**  
**2015, December 15**  
**St. Anthony Village Pub – 7:00 PM**

Call to Order: President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Jim Zusan, Kirsten Stendahl, Scott McCleary, Jerry Welch, Jake Herlofsky, Rick Ballot, Danielle Bogucki, Aaron Rosha, Rossi Cannon.

Meeting Ending Goal:

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

Approval of the Prior Meetings' Minutes:

Scott moved, Rossi seconded, to approve the minutes from last regular meeting (11/18/15).  
Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Al distributed Budget/Actuals Reports, by category, and sorted by Age Group. All age groups contributed at least a little to cover the 'general' expenses (not split out by age group). Age groups with higher numbers contributed more, notably 8U, where hosting the Jamboree helped bring in money. A comparison with Fee Price per player was reviewed. Al moved, Rossi seconded, to keep the 2015 Player Fee structure for 2016. Motion carried.

Coordinators Updates:

- Uniforms – Al
  - Online Store will be open for Holiday Ordering, and will be closing soon. Al will check on progress with Tahoe Sports.
- Equipment – Al
  - We are attempting to outfit all 2016 10U, 12U, & 14U teams with Catcher's Mitts. Ordered ones were unfortunately sold out, and we'll keep looking for opportunities.
  - There have been some requests for Catcher Gear for the attendees for the upcoming Catchers Clinics at MFA. The equipment fund being in "pretty good" shape, we will rent sets for \$5; money will go to the Equipment Fund; checks will provide a tracking of who has the Equipment out.
  - We will be looking to purchase more Catcher Gear so that all 10U – 14U teams should have two sets of Catcher's Gear (Mask, Chest Protector, Leg Guards, Knee-Savers) in 2016.

- First Aid Kits – Al/Rossi
  - Al will hand off First Aid Kits to Rossi after the meeting, less ice packs, which will stay with “Equipment” and be stored at the CC (to address risk of freezing, which ruins them).
- Field Scheduling - Rick –
  - Spring Booster Field Scheduling meeting will happen in February; we need to be ready with the number of softball teams (and levels), as best we know them.
- Umpires – Dirk – no report.
- Facebook – Danielle/Rossi
  - Using this to post “news”
  - 88 total “likes” so far.

#### Player & Coach Development Update - Al:

- Thanks, Coaches for returning items borrowed from the Coaches Library.
- Pitching Clinics for 8Us & 10Us –
  - Kirsten:
    - 3-4 Pitchers signed up for the MFA winter pitching clinics – at \$125/pitcher. MFA was able to fill the clinics with players from other associations.
  - Jim:
    - Winter Break Pitching Clinic in the HS Upper Gym is ready to go with Pitching Coach Stan Waldhauser. We may have to rent the gym; that’s unclear at this time). December 23 & 29, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (two hourly sessions). Pitchers must bring their own catcher, and should bring a kneeling pad. \$10 fee. Should this include giving a softie to each pitcher? Consensus was yes. Al will get softies to Jim.
  - Al:
    - Winter Skills Clinics will again be offered by MFA in the SAVHS Gyms, on Sundays, Jan 24, Jan 31, Feb 21, & Feb 28 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm (1:00-2:30 for 8U & 10U; 2:30-4:00 for 12U & 14U, (also open to 16U & 18U)); cost is \$75/player. SABSA has to guarantee attendance of 18/session. Al will send out an email announcement after the Winter Break Pitching Clinics.
    - Open Gyms are scheduled for Wilshire Park Gym on Sunday Feb 7 & Sunday Mar 6, 10:00 am – Noon. (We’ll likely split times among the age groups; it was suggested to encourage the older players to come from 10-11, and the younger ones from 11-12, to accommodate Sunday School times). Danielle suggested that perhaps the time could be extended to 1:00pm? Al will investigate, and we’ll be asking for volunteers to be in charge for 1 ½ hour times.
    - Pitching Evaluations are scheduled for Wilshire Park Gym on Saturday, March 12, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. (3 sessions: 10U, 12U, 14U).

- General Evaluations/Tryouts are scheduled for SAVHS Gyms on Sunday, March 13, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm (4 sessions). We'll need to be out of the Lower Gym by 2:15, and the Upper Gym by 3:00, but we'll be turning the Gyms over to a Baseball group, so no "teardown" will be necessary. Jerry indicated that there will be a Band Breakfast that morning, which would provide an opportunity to sell Headbands for fundraising.
- April Warmup Clinics will be held Wed April 6, & Tues April 12, 19, & 26 in the Wilshire Park Gym, from 6:00-8:30 (two sessions). Al & Jim will run these; all help is appreciated.
- We discussed Coach Training opportunities, including an offering through the Suburban League, and the Minnesota Twins. Al will talk to Baseball (Jason Peters) about the Twins opportunity, which is aimed at both Baseball & Softball. Following discussion, Danielle moved, Scott seconded, to reimburse up to \$25/Coach for the fee to attend a Coaching Clinic (as the Twins clinic fee was believed to be \$25). Motion passed.

President's Update (Al):

- The SABSA Protocol Document regarding Players missing Evaluations remained tabled.

8U Season Development (Al/Danielle):

- We will be doing a post-season analysis and rules tweaking for 2016. Al will try to schedule this for January 2016.

Fundraising:

- Jersey Mike's – Kirsten – no update.
- Chipotle – Lamar/Al – Lori Larson (HDC) has a date of April 5, 2016 from Chipotle. This was described as a joint fundraiser between HS Softball and SAVHS at the HDC meeting.
  - Let's try to get flyers to hand out at Evaluations.
- Broadway Pizza – Tentative support; no new news.
- Scholarship Fund – Rossi moved, Jerry seconded, to pursue putting a voluntary Sustain the Scholarship Fund checkoff on the Registration site. Motion passed. Al will pursue.
- Spirit Wear – In lieu of a wide variety offering, it was decided to sell limited offerings. Danielle, Kirsten, & Rossi will follow-up. One item we discussed selling was Headbands; these would have to be purchased in advance. Scott moved, Jerry seconded, to advance purchase 100 headbands for approximately \$500 (@ \$5/each); the consensus color was blue, with silver lettering. Motion passed.

### HDC Liaison Update:

- Jake Herlofsky, attending for Melody Herlofsky, HDC Liaison to SABSA, reported from the HDC:
  - Cub Bagging event on Saturday, December 19
  - HDC Fundraising this coming year will support Field Improvements to C1 & C2.
  - HDC will not be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner, but rather a Burger Fundraiser with The Unofficial. Players will sell “Burger Cards” for \$10, and the HDC will get the proceeds; The Unofficial will donate the burgers. Discussion ensued on how best to get cards to SABSA players.
- Discussions for Jake to take back to the HDC on behalf of SABSA were:
  - The SABSA Board indicated we were still interested in a joint gathering with the HDC.
  - The traditional “joint SABSA-HDC sponsorship” of the April warmup clinics needs to be approved by the HDC Board. This would involve advance purchase of approximately \$150 in replacement softie softballs and HDC receiving the “equipment fee” of \$10/player.
  - The SABSA Board expressed concern regarding the reporting that “HDC Fundraising this coming year will support Field Improvements”. Does this mean that the HDC will not be making a lump-sum donation to SABSA, as they did in 2015? Need clarification.

### Other Business:

- Scott brought up the idea of making a donation to SANBE for their Silent Auction at their Feb 6 Fundraiser Dinner. Some Boosters sports donate a “Registration”. Discussion ensued. Rather than a Registration, Danielle moved, Al seconded, to donate a basket with a Certificate for \$50 in SABSA merchandise (redeemable for Sprit Wear or through the Tahoe Online Store). Motion passed.

### Next meeting:

The next meeting will be MONDAY, January 25 at 7:00 at the Village Pub.

### Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President