

St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes

2016, March 14

St. Anthony Village Community Center - 6:00 & 7:00 pm

Special Evaluations Meeting – Board Members & 10U Coach Candidates only: 6:00 – 7:00

Open Board Meeting: 7:00

Call to Order: President Al Bates called the Closed (to Board Members and 10U Coach Candidates only) meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Jerry Welch, Rick Ballot, Dirk DeWester, Danielle Bogucki, Scott McCleary, Rossi Cannon, Teresa Turner.

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meetings around 7:45 pm.

Player & Coach Development Update - Al:

Pitching Evaluations were Saturday March 12 @ Wilshire Park Gym 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. (3 sessions: 10U, 12U, 14U. Evaluators were: Steve Tusa & Jon DeMars. Catcher: Al Bates. Volunteer Greeter/Warmup Room Hosts: Kerry Kosik, Kirsten Stendahl, Scott McCleary, Dirk DeWester, & Jim Zusan.

- 10U: 12 Pitchers were Evaluated (and June McGrath sent word she has been working on catching, but couldn't come to the Evaluation).
- 12U: 5 Pitchers were Evaluated.
- 14U: 1 Pitcher was Evaluated.

General Evaluations/Tryouts were held on Sunday, March 13 @ SAVHS Gyms 8:00 am – 3:00 pm (4 sessions). THANKS! To 22 Volunteers who staffed the Greeting Table, 2 Hitting Evaluators, 2 Fielding Evaluators, Fungo Hitter, Fungo Catcher, Upstairs Gym Flow Coordinators, Downstairs Gym Flow Coordinators/Warm Up Assistants. Coaches Lamar Brendemuehl and Jeff Tonkin were the Senior Evaluators, and a "junior evaluator" (volunteer) was also assigned to each Gym. A sign-up matrix for volunteers was used, and worked pretty well. Rick mentioned that overall, it went smoothly.

Suggested improvements for next year included:

- For the Pitching Evaluations, because we were surprised by the number of 10Us to evaluate (and they ran over their time slot, edit the next online Registration to ask if the Player is a Pitcher, to get an idea of how many Pitchers could evaluate at each time slot. Scale Eval time slots to number expected.
- For the Pitching Evaluations, get Pitcher First and Last Names on the Eval Sheets.

For General Evaluations:

- Keep the “double-stations” (Upper Gym and Lower Gym in use at the same time, with separate evaluators in both, and groups split in half when the group numbers support the split.
- For General Evaluations, also scale the Eval time slots based on the number of Players expected. This year’s time slots were pretty good, but 14U was too long, and 10U was a little short.
- Schedule a lunch break.
- Have a stock of blank Offline Registrations available for walkups. (Do not allow unregistered Players to Evaluate).
- Investigate whether it will work to hold Evals after HS first week of Softball Practice.

At General Evaluations, Rossi Cannon bought sandwiches for Volunteers, which was much appreciated. Danielle moved, Scott seconded to reimburse Rossi the \$120 she spent on sandwiches. Motion passed.

Registration Update:

- 14U remained open through Sunday night (after Evals) with 8 Players, including 1 “waitlisted STA” (late Sunday registration attempt).
- 12U closed, with 17 Players, including 1 waitlisted (returning non-STA)
- 10U closed, with 36 Players, including 1 waitlisted (returning STA), and an additional potential Player showed up at Evals (and was evaluated) but has not registered.
- 8U closed, with 27 Players, after 1 withdrawal, plus 1 “waitlisted”.
- 6U/Intro closed early (was due to close April 18). 18 players have registered, plus 5 waitlisted. It appears two sessions will get scheduled to accommodate these numbers.

Team Selections:

Discussion of team selection methodology (the reason for the Closure of the meeting) ensued:

- It was decided to field 1 team at 14U, 1 team at 12U, 3 teams at 10U (with roster sizes of 13), 2 teams at 8U (with roster sizes of 13), and 2 teams at 6U. This involved accepting some move up requests from 8U to 10U and from 12U to 14U.
- Rick moved, Jerry seconded to move up the next 8U request to play up, and to work just with the registered Players; to put the 10U pool at 39, and the 8U pool at 26. Motion passed.

Rick moved, Scott seconded to accept the Head Coach Candidates of: Jerry Welch @ 14U, Michael Dick @ 12U, Danielle Bogucki, Rossi Cannon, & Teresa Turner @ 10U, Erik Lindgren @ 8U, (Al to pursue getting another 8U Coach), and Al Bates @ 6U (both teams). Motion passed.

This ended the Closed Session.

Open Meeting Additional Attendees:

JR Bauman, Angie Karlson, & Aaron Rosha joined the meeting for the Open part of the meeting.

Coordinators Updates:

Yard Signs – Danielle – has a couple more to collect and will get them to Al to store at the CC.

Fields – Rick – No fields are closed to play this year. We hope to be able to get onto the fields on April 1. Soccer may need the whole field 3-5 days this season at Wilshire Park. But, field space pressure will be better than last year. Emerald Park will be available for games this year.

Spirit Wear – Danielle/Rossi – staffed a table at the Evaluations. Some pre-purchased product remains, but all of last year's inventory sold. Profit estimate for the weekend: \$500-\$600.

Fundraising – Jersey Mike's – Kirsten – Zeroing into June 2-5 event. We're trying to get 500 cards. For a \$3 donation with your card you get a free sub. Thanks, Jersey Mike's! Thanks, Kirsten!

HDC – Al – SABSA will get to participate in The Unofficial's \$10 Card fundraiser. For a \$10 donation, you get a card worth \$10 off your meal/beverages at The Unofficial.

Team Formation Summary:

In accordance with the Evaluations Committee recommendations and the team formation work during the Closed Session:

- Scott moved, Dirk seconded to have all 3 teams at 10U play B level ball. The motion carried with 1 abstention.
- Scott moved, Jerry seconded to adopt a "7 Player-deep with Pitchers-pre-assigned" rostering Plan, as recommended by the Evaluations Committee, for 10U team finalization. The remaining positions will be done by Coach draft. Motion Passed.

Other Business:

- Kirsten moved, Rick seconded to purchase a \$20 gift card for each of the two Pitching Evaluators as a "Thank You". Motion Passed.
- Jerry still needs his \$25 donation receipt. Al will follow up with Hal Gray.

Next meeting:

The next meeting time was not set.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President