

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes
2016, October 12**

St. Anthony Community Center CS9 – 6:30 PM

Call to Order: President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Attendees:

Rick Ballot, Al Bates, Danielle Bogucki, Jerry Welch, Melody Herlofsky, Rossi Cannon (via texting), Kirsten Stendahl, Pat Clark, Natalie Dougherty

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 8:30 pm, and noted that this is a SABSA meeting, and Fall Ball issues may be discussed in “an open forum with the HDC Fall Ball Coordinator” after the SABSA Meeting has concluded.

Approval of the Prior Meetings’ Minutes:

Jerry moved, Danielle seconded to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2016 meeting. Motion passed, with Rossi voting via text.

Treasurer’s Report:

No financial update. Al mentioned that we are buying Equipment.

President’s Update:

Al mentioned that he had a chance to watch some of the final HDC Fall Ball 8U game at C1, and the teams looked fabulous.

Player & Coach Development Update - Al:

- Pitcher Clinics –
 - Reminder that on Monday nights in Columbia Heights, beginning November 7, there is an Open Gym staffed at the Hylander Center. Interested Pitchers would be welcome. Al will follow-up with an email to the 10U teams.
 - We discussed a Winter Break Pitching Clinic run by Coach Stan Waldhauser; still need to follow-up on this.
- Catcher Clinics – Danielle
 - Danielle has been working with MFA to set up Catcher Clinics on Sundays: March 26, April 2, and April 9, tentatively. We are hoping to do 2 sessions: 3pm – 4pm & 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm, at MFA.

- Hitting Clinics/Skills Clinics –
 - Danielle has been working with MFA on getting this set up. Tentative dates are Sundays: January 22, January 29, February 12, & February 26. We are looking to do the same times as last year: 1 pm – 2:30 & 2:30 – 4 pm. Al will work on reserving the Gyms at the HS.
- Parent Survey of Coaches
 - Dirk was not at the meeting to report. Al will follow-up with Dirk.

Coordinators' Updates:

- Equipment – Al:
 - Working on buying Equipment. Need to finish accounting for return of Catcher gear. We'll do a complete inventory after Fall Ball.
- Fields –
 - Need to recruit a volunteer for next year, preferably one parent for both Baseball and Softball.
 - Danielle talked to Jesse Kiemele, who did not express interest.
 - Al will approach Joe Wax with a short list of suggested names of folks who might be good "joint schedulers" for Softball and Baseball. Suggestions included Jeff Bjork, Angie Karlson, & Pat Clark.
- Spirit Wear – Danielle:
 - Al looked into how Baseball offers their Spirit Wear on the Boosters website (Ngin) and it is similar to our link to Tahoe Sports. We were really interested in Ngin being "our own store" for Spirit Wear. Al will pursue getting Danielle access to Ngin to work on this.
- Umpires –
 - For next year, Dirk had said he would do it if nobody else would. There being no other ideas immediately forthcoming, further discussion was tabled again.
- Online Store – Tahoe Sports – Al/Jess Rengstorf:
 - Nothing to report.
- Uniforms – Al/Jess:
 - The last money has been collected from the non-STA HDC Fall Ball players to pay for their jerseys, and is being forwarded to the Boosters Treasurer.

HDC Liaison Update – Melody:

- The next HDC meeting is Sunday, October 30 at The Unofficial.

Fundraising – Al/Kirsten:

- Nothing in process right now.
- Discussion/review of The Unofficial fundraiser this year: Tickets were sold in March (HDC) & April (HDC and SABSA in 2016, for use in April. Melody related that the intent is for both Softball groups to sell at the same time in 2017, but that The Unofficial is still reviewing the format they want to pursue.

8U 2016 Season Follow-up – Al:

- Al will initiate follow-up after the Fall Ball work is done; looking to do this in November.

Other Business:

- Elements of the Bylaws were discussed. Specifically, we discussed issues surrounding the positions of VP, Treasurer, Secretary, and HDC Liaison.
- Four changes were proposed, to be worked into a Draft for consideration at the next meeting; they are:
 - In addition to the President, the VP, Treasurer, & Secretary would become defined Board Positions, leaving 3 At-Large Positions.
 - The SAVHS SB Liaison would no longer be designated VP. The SAVHS SB Liaison and HDC Liaison would no longer be voting Board Members; they would be Non-Voting Board Members (and thus their absence would not factor into having a Quorum).
 - The Board would be ‘expandable’: Coordinators would become Voting “Board Member-Coordinator”(s) by attending 4 regularly-scheduled meetings in a 12 month period, and would retain their voting rights on the Board while serving in a Coordinator Position. However, “Board Member-Coordinators”, although in possession of voting rights, would not count towards a Quorum.
- Al volunteered to work up the language for the affected sections for Board consideration at the November meeting, and will email both Board Members with the proposed language.
- Calendar Development – Al reiterated that he will be emailing seeking reminders/inputs about what to list on a SABSA yearly Calendar as a tool to hang on the Website – for what should happen when.
- Electricity at Wilshire Park – No update yet, but Danielle will follow-up further and get costs of various options for running electricity to/near the field at Wilshire Park.

- Meeting Location – we discussed CC site for meetings, and agreed to hold future meetings at the CC also if possible.
- Rick mentioned that Baseball is holding a Volunteer (Coaches, Board Members) Appreciation event at The Unofficial on Sunday October 30 from 2pm – 5pm. Discussion ensued about Softball doing a similar event. Al volunteered to check into availability with The Unofficial (due to their 2016 support) on Sunday November 6, ideally from 3:30 pm -6:30 pm; the concept as discussed involving SABSA buying soft drinks and appetizers, and asking the Unofficial for Happy Hour Prices for adult beverages for participants who chose to purchase them.
 - Finally, we discussed a reminder that Nominations for 2017 Board positions are due at the November meeting, to be voted on in December. Al will email the Membership with the upcoming election information, including Coordinator positions we are looking to fill.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 pm. Upon attempting to reserve CC Room CS9, that room was unavailable, and we are scheduling for the High School Commons.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President