

St. Anthony Boosters Softball Association Meeting

May 21, 2017

8:00 p.m.

Village Pub

Attendance: Al Bates, Pat Clark, Danielle Bogucki, Kirsten Stendahl, Lora Kohan, Erik Lindgren

Start time: 8:07 p.m.

Approval of minutes from prior meetings:

- April 23 meeting minutes – Motion by Kirsten; second by Lora; motion passed; minutes are approved.
- April 29-30 virtual meeting minutes – Motion by Danielle; second by Kirsten; motion passed; minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Latest SASB Treasurer's Report is April end: Balance \$21,701.91 (\$1,100 encumbered).

Kirsten worked up an initial 2017 budget; actuals need to be updated for 2017 purchases so far.

Tuesday 5/30 – Danielle, Kirsten and Al planned to meet to balance out Spirit Wear and fundraising numbers and pay out coaches' clinic.

President's Update:

Thanks to the HDC for our participation in the Unofficial fundraiser.

Thanks to the HDC for a great SABSA Night at SAVHS Varsity game.

Congrats to the SAVHS and Columbia Heights Varsity teams for great display of sportsmanship/ impromptu rain-delay dancing!

After 'straw poll' of the Board and recent guests, Al approached the City to try mushroom-type base plugs at SPP, and with City permission, they have been ordered.

Al moved to have a SABSA-sponsored MFA pitching clinic offered as a 50% rebate (only rebated for the sessions participants show up for). Seconded by Danielle; motion passed.

Player & Coach Development Update:

Danielle needs Trusted Coaches access.

Discussion regarding the need for a coach's admin role to assist coaches with their responsibilities:

Danielle would like assistance with this.

Discussion regarding offering a catching clinic through MFA on Sundays in June for 10U and 12U. Also offering 1-2 more pitching clinics for 10U in June, and offering a beginners pitching clinic for two evenings in late July for 8Us moving up to 10U (these would be with Danielle and would be free.)

Coordinators' Updates:

Equipment: (Al/Teresa) – purchasing is essentially completed, pending budget review.

Additional balls have been purchased.

Coaches report that the sand balls have been great for live hitting (they don't go far). Discussion re purchasing more of these in the future, as well as potentially a chalk machine. Nets have been a great addition. Partial composite bats have been good.

Fields: (Pat) – This position is challenging as there are numerous inquiries to respond to on a daily/weekly basis. Discussion regarding having a Grounds Coordinator to assist the field scheduler; possibly have a designated parent per team to prep the fields for games.
Discussion re: filling C1 more as it is often open due to Varsity finishing up early.
SP #2 needs a base bin.

Umpires:

Fastpitch: (Al for Scott)

Discussion regarding getting feedback, post-season, from coaches regarding the quality of umpires, availability of and rescheduling of umpires. Potentially consider a way to train local high school players to become umpires.

Online Store – Tahoe Sports (Al/Jess):

Online store orders have been picked up and distributed to coaches.

2016 rebate has been received.

Discussion regarding people not being impressed with the quality; complaints regarding pants/belt sizes. There was discussion regarding satisfaction with Tahoe overall.

Uniforms (Al/Jess):

Will be ordering some uniforms ahead to use for sizing in 2018.

Review of online store offerings for 2018 will include pants and sizing.

People have been impressed with the “Intensity” brand pants.

Fundraising (Kirsten):

Jersey Mike’s – Due to going through some changes and having all new staff, they are not able to do the fundraiser over the weekend of the Roseville Rumble (June 2-4). Discussion regarding having it over the weekend of state qualifier (June 24-25) or state tournament (July 8-9). If neither of those are possible, the goal would be to aim for a weekend in September when school is back in session and fall ball is underway.

HDC Liaison Update (Al for Melody):

Booster Softball Night at SAVHS Varsity – Thurs, April 27, was a great success.

Thank you to the HDC!

Discussion regarding having SABSA contribute to treats next year.

8U 2016 Season Follow-up/2017 Development work (Al):

8-team league, 8U Northern League play is underway with Spring Lake Park, Roseville and Heights.

Working on a cancellation policy.

Will hold a post-season “Feedback/Development Meeting” in lieu of the pre-season development meeting that did not happen.

Coaches Reports:

8U (Erik): Going well thus far (only two games)

10U (Danielle): Going well, although Tri County not as competitive as hoped.

12U (Kirsten): Tri County thus far has been competitive, although rain, fields, umps have been an issue, resulting in cancellation of games. One of the StA 12U teams was competitive in a recent tournament vs an A team.

Other Business:

Discussion regarding looking into umpire training: bringing trainers in to StA; recruiting local ball players to take part.

Discussions for future meetings:

Re: 2018 registrations, it was suggested we consider the issues of a way to gauge players' levels of commitment to softball, and if in 7th grade (and thus potentially playing school ball for the first part of the SABSA season).

**Check past minutes for issues tabled at past meetings.

Next Meeting – Sunday, June 25, 2017, 6:30 pm at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lora Kohan, Director at Large