

SABSA Meeting Minutes

October 25th, 2017, St. Anthony Village Pub

Attendance: Pat Clark, Rossi Cannon, Scott McCleary, Danielle Bogucki, Kirsten Stendhal, Al Bates

Meeting called to order at 7:38pm

Approval of September 19th meeting minutes:

Motion by Kirsten, 2nd by Pat. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of Sept 9 was \$16,758.56; there are corrections needed.

(\$1,100 of our balance remains encumbered, \$1000 for the Central Park Net project). Netting rebidding is pending, likely for next spring.

President's Update:

- September 17 Minnesota Softball post-season Meeting report; Al, Rossi, Danielle attended. There was discussion regarding competition for players coming from the Top Tier League trying to expand from "Gold" down into "Silver", which would put pressure on Minnesota Softball, taking more players from Associations. Top Tier is sponsored by USSSA.
- Umpire Training – free training is available from Laurie Deneen. Umpire coordinator Scott McCleary will reach out to her to try to set up training for community youth and adults. Email address is: leftlor@msn.com, phone is: 763-443-0563.

Player and Coach Development:

- Open Gyms are set for late Feb 2/25 and 3/04. When conflicted with skills sessions through MFA, Open Gyms have been poorly attended. It was suggested we 'market' 2/25 date to rising 8U players and new players, as determined by registrations. Players already working on their skills with MFA are not the "core target market" for Open Gyms.
- MFA skills clinics are set for 1/21, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25.
- Gyms are reserved for longer than the sessions require to allow for scheduling of coaches clinics
- Evals are set for March 10 (WP- Pitching) & March 11 (General)
- Is there still Columbia Heights open gym Monday nights we can refer kids to? Danielle will follow up. We could use some Intro Pitching open gyms.

Coordinators Reports:

Equipment – Al/Teresa:

- Equipment turn-in this Saturday at 11:30. Al will email Coaches.

Fields - Pat:

- Baseball is aware we've approved purchase of sportsmanship plaque. Baseball will reach out to Al or Pat for more information
- Al will discuss with baseball field leasing/rental outside of St. Anthony for 2018 season. Suggestions/ideas discussed.
- There was discussion about a desire for more coordination with Lamar and school teams to try to get more precise field scheduling coordination with the school teams, and not leaving C1 unused as much. Al will follow up with Lamar.

Umpires - Scott:

- Dirk DeWester umpired all 8U Fall games; HDC paid \$35/game.

Online Store - Al:

- Rebate has been credited to us: \$172.00
- Will be doing some review of offerings for 2018
- Need to address Pants sizing

Uniforms – Al/Rossi:

- Exploration of new head to toe uniforms and vendors is underway by Rossi. Discussion about what that might mean for fee increase, fundraising needs, scholarship needs, etc.
- Rossi to come up with head to toe uniform prices, bring back to board to discuss costs.

Fundraising - Kirsten:

- Ideas discussed were:
 - Car wash
 - Spaghetti supper
 - Raffles

8U – Erik/Al:

- No report

HDC Liaison - Scott:

- 12U split by age – reviews? 7th grade girls enjoyed being coached by Melissa. No known feedback from 5th/6th grade team.
- Discussion about process for HDC coach selection, and whether a formal process is needed.
- Our congratulations for excellent handling of Fall Ball organization and registration. Now that registration has grown extensively, we offered a question for HDC consideration: Should there be coach selection and/or coaching philosophy for different age brackets?

Other Business:

- Ice Packs – consensus was to order through Amazon.com.
- Evals and team formation – discussion about tiered teams and the concept of it at various levels. Concerns about pitching distribution and ranking.
 - Consistent policy? – every year is different and we should evaluate accordingly.
- Should we do an Equipment Sale/Swap – consensus was this probably didn't merit a separate event, but maybe something at Evals...?

Next Meeting:

November 19th at 7:00 pm, Twin Cities 400 Tavern, Mpls.

Adjourn: 9:24pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rossi Cannon, Vice-President.