

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Board Meeting Minutes
2018, August 6
St. Anthony Village Pub – 7:30 pm**

Attendees: Lora Kohan, Danielle Bogucki, Rossi Cannon, Al Bates, Andrew Kagol, Erik Lindgren

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Rossi Cannon at 7:37 pm. President Al Bates suggested a target adjournment time goal of 9:00 pm.

Approval of the prior meeting's Minutes:

Al moved, Danielle seconded to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of May 20, 2018. Motion passed.

Lora moved, Danielle seconded to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of July 10, 2018 Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kirsten – There has not been a recent Report from the Boosters Treasurer, so there are no changes to report. Al read a letter of resignation from Kirsten which cited 'multiple personal reasons' and reluctantly accepted her resignation, thanking her for her work.

President's Update: Al –

Al mentioned he had not yet had a chance to meet with Lamar, but has been in touch to organize a conversation, as indicated in previous minutes.

The Parent Survey of Coaches is in progress, with about 30% participation. A second request to parents to participate was sent today. The Survey will close at the end of August. Feedback regarding the survey from Board Members who had participated was generally positive. There was some indication it may be a little long (number of questions). Interest was expressed in the whole Board reviewing the questions before next year's survey was finalized.

Al expressed concern that we may not have reimbursed all State Gate Fees yet, and will follow-up with Coaches.

Coordinators' Updates:

Player & Coach Development Update: Danielle

Eight young Pitchers participated in the Intro to Pitching Clinic that Danielle hosted on July 26 – 5 were moving up to 10U, 3 were returning 10Us. Nice turnout!

In addition, Danielle reported that the HDC's Jerry Welch & some of the High School Coaches hosted a two-session preparatory Clinic for Fall Ball Players of all ages. Attendance was good,

with about 30 players. The Catching Clinic was held on July 29; an Offensive Clinic was held on July 31.

The MFA Pitching Clinic (SABSA will subsidize 50% for attendance) is underway; with 3 sessions in all, the first session was August 1.

The NFCA January 2019 Coaches Clinic is now open for registration. Rossi, Danielle, & Al have attended these in the past, and shared some thoughts, among them was their general agreement that for SABSA Coaches, these clinics are probably most valuable for 12U & 14U. There was discussion about subsidizing SABSA Coach attendance in 2019, which was tabled to a future meeting.

Villagefest:

Thanks to Erik for coordinating the Parade activities! With over 30 Players participating, we had 2 vehicles and one of the largest groups in the Parade! Thanks to Will Timmons & St. Anthony Mobil for the use of the vehicles! The Whiffle Ball Bats & Water Balloons were a big hit. A suggestion for next year was to more clearly designate, and perhaps make a sign, for the Parent Pickup Spot at the end of the Parade.

Ice Cream Social:

Although we still like this idea, we need to work on the timing to be able to pull it off in future years, possibly early July, before Qualifiers? Further discussion was tabled to a meeting in early 2019.

Equipment: Al/Teresa

Most equipment has been turned in; need to collect the rest. We are still working on inventorying, and issuing out for rentals to the HDC Fall Ball Teams. Simultaneous collection and issuing to Fall Ball teams worked pretty well.

We do have a lot of old helmets to disposition. After some discussion, the consensus was to keep some of the best ones, and dispose of the rest; but not through the Patriots Garage Sale.

Fields:

We need to recruit a Fields Coordinator for next year; this should include any pre-season inside practices coordination.

Umpires: –

We need an Umpire Coordinator! (Need to recruit.)

Spirit Wear & Online Store: – Erik/Danielle

Nothing to report at this time. We may be doing a Holiday Sale.

Uniforms: – Erik

Erik organized a purchase of new Fastpitch jerseys for players moving up to 10U. SABSA will pay for these jerseys now, as it would be too difficult to track Fastpitch players who didn't originally get a SABSA-paid Fastpitch jersey.

It was suggested that we should do another inquiry in the spring asking about Players whose new Fastpitch jerseys had Number deterioration issues.

Fundraising: –

Jersey Mike's – Kirsten

The Jersey Mike's fundraiser check for \$630 has been deposited, and a 'presentation' and photo-op at Jersey Mike's was done at the end of the Villagefest Parade.

We need a Fundraising Coordinator!

Andrew suggested we consider soliciting Sponsorships. We could put Businesses' names on the Website, on Banners for the Fields, etc... Andrew will Chair a sub-committee to brainstorm ideas; anyone with input, please email Andrew.

8U – Erik/Al

The 8U Northern League Post-Season meeting went well. Virtually all feedback was positive. Some rule changes have been made for 2019.

Reminder: We will need a new 8U Coordinator for 2019.

HDC Liaison Update: – Scott

The HDC will be doing a Helmet Sale Fundraiser in the spring, and would like us to promote it with an email blast. Al emailed Scott for more particulars on the Helmets, and will follow-up with a blast.

Other Business:

We have a few 'tabled' items, and need to get a list of them on the next Agenda. Among them are the Conflict of Interest clause for the Bylaws, moving Coach Selection to the Fall, and extending the Biffy at C1 through the SABSA Season (in cooperation with the High School).

Next meeting date – Monday September 17 @ 7:30 at the Village Pub.

Adjourn time: 8:56 pm!

Respectfully Submitted,
Al Bates, President