

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Board Meeting Minutes  
2018, July 10  
St. Anthony Village Pub – 7:00 pm**

Attendees: Rossi Cannon, Kirsten Stendahl, Erik Lindgren, Danielle Bogucki, Al Bates, Karl Pollard, Eric Thornbloom, Scott McCleary, Andrew Kagol

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Rossi Cannon at 7:03 pm. President Al Bates suggested a target adjournment time goal of 9:00 pm.

Approval of the prior meeting's Minutes: Al moved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of May 20, 2018. With no second forthcoming, the motion died, and the approval of the May Meeting minutes will be taken up at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Kirsten – There has not been a recent Report from the Boosters Treasurer, so there are no changes to report.

President's Update: Al –

Best of luck to 14U at the Qualifier this coming weekend and State next weekend.

Congratulations to 12U and 10U on good seasons, more to come in the Coach Reports.

Congratulations to 8U on winding up good seasons, with the Jamboree to come this weekend.

Reminder to Coaches to return Player Evaluations as soon as possible.

Pleased to report that the Softball has been restored to the Boosters Logo on the website.

The 10U Pollard team rented Sandcastle Park from Roseville for one practice. The field worked for 10U practice, but the audible language from players on the adjacent basketball court is not desirable for the atmosphere we want our players to experience.

The Parent Evaluation of Coaches is under construction, using Boosters Software, with the help of Tom Kuykendall, Boosters President; a new scale and a couple of new questions have been added.

Al had a meeting with Tom K. at his request; the main item of discussion was a result of comments Tom had received about the methodology used by the SABSA Board in determining this year's slate of Head Coaches, as several of the voting Board members ended up being Head Coaches. Tom suggested that SABSA adopt a 'Conflict of Interest' clause into the SABSA Bylaws. Discussion ensued. This could assist in the 'optics' of future decisions. Discussion about the issue, and which parts of this year's meetings have been closed v. open, in contrast to past years, ensued, as that affected the 'optics' also. It was mentioned that the scheduling of Coach Selection could potentially be improved, perhaps scheduled earlier. A, Danielle, & Kirsten volunteered to look into other Boosters' Organizations 'Conflict of Interest' clauses. Al

suggested that the Coach Selection process could perhaps be moved to the Fall. Further discussion was tabled to a future meeting.

### Coordinators' Updates:

#### Player & Coach Development Update: Danielle

Discussed a potential Survey of Coaches to ask what (other) kinds of help would be useful, especially over the winter, and in the spring. Danielle will set up a questionnaire for the Coaches; anyone who has any questions to suggest, please email Danielle.

Should we have a Pitching clinic for girls new to 10U in the Fall to help prepare them? Should we focus on the new 10Us, but also be open to 8Us? July 26 was suggested, and Erik volunteered to help with the clinic when his schedule permits. Can we get a flyer ready by the Jamboree?

There is an upcoming Pitching Clinic with MFA also. Rossi moved, Al seconded, to subsidize first time attendees at a 50% rate for sessions attended with MFA Coaches. Motion passed.

Should we have a Coach/Volunteer celebration? It was suggested that a celebration at Central Park after the Pitching Clinic on July 26 would work. Danielle will work out the details.

Rossi noted that the All-Star Series is coming up, and each team can nominate two players to attend. Nominations must be done by the Coach; the cost per player, paid by the players, is \$75. Rossi will follow-up with an email to the Coaches, asking them to nominate their players.

### Coach Updates:

6U: Al said the 6U/Intros have been having fun; the last day of their season is tomorrow. Should have 12 'graduates'.

8U: Erik Lindgren reported the 8U teams have been having another good season; there has been good competition. Sophie Stendahl & Annie Bauman were good Umpires; for next year we should look to the 14U Players for Umpiring at 8U. We should be repeating an '8U League' for Fall Ball.

10U: Eric Thornbloom reported that the Karl Pollard-Coached team had a good season, moving players around the first third of the season, narrowing in preferred player defensive positions, and won two Nationals Bids. On the 'flip side', the other 10U team did not qualify for State; the team was very young; was the Player draft an issue? The disparity was disappointing. For next year, we need to provide help for 10U Pitching.

12U: Danielle reported that her 12U team had a good year, and Placed in some tournaments. Rossi reported her team had a positive season, and gelled as a team. She spoke to the challenges of an 11-player roster and the conflicts of the overlapping season with school ball, and other conflicts.

Unfortunately, they didn't finish strong at State. Rossi spoke to the advantages to her team of participating in an early-season tournament, and recommended that teams do that. The 12U Rosha team had a good season, and finished stronger, going 3-2 at State.

14U: Is doing well; their last season game is tonight. The league at 14U does not appear to be as competitive in the past; we attribute that to the 'Club ball effect' (Club teams luring the stronger players away from Association ball). In retrospect, 14U probably could have played A, instead of B.

#### Equipment: Al/Teresa

Equipment collection will be scheduled for late July/early August.

In a discussion regarding what to do for the future about helmets, Scott McCleary reported that the Huskies Diamond Club will be discussing a Helmet Sale Fundraiser. Further discussion on helmets was tabled until after the next HDC meeting.

#### Fields:

We need to recruit a Fields Coordinator for next year; this should include any pre-season inside practices coordination. Rossi suggested an Ice Cream Social event at which we could recruit for the Fields Coordinator, and other Coordinator positions. Players could come in uniform, and it would be a good photo opportunity. Rossi will follow-up on the Ice Cream Social idea; anyone interested in helping, please contact Rossi.

#### 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

The next SABSA purchase of New Jerseys is scheduled for next Spring. Scott and Erik will coordinate jerseys for Fall Ball; Al reported that there are some old jerseys available for use in the Fall.

Erik will be coordinating a Pants order for Fall Ball players.

#### Fundraising: –

Jersey Mike's – Kirsten

Kirsten reported that we made \$630 from the Jersey Mike's fundraiser, receiving the check yesterday. Kirsten will follow-up on ideas to improve the distribution of tickets for next time. There will be a 'presentation' and photo-op at Jersey Mike's at the end of the Villagefest Parade.

## 8U – Erik/Al

With the end of the 8U Season and the Jamboree approaching, the Jamboree appears to be set, with Umpires secured. We do need a Medals Presenter. Rossi may be able to do this.

We will need a new 8U Coordinator for 2019. Andrew will follow-up with a list of suggested names to recruit from.

## HDC Liaison Update: – Scott

Fall Ball registration has started; hoping to have registrations wrapped up by August 20. The league meeting is August 9. Will be reviewing practice days on C1; scheduling will be done by the HDC.

It had been suggested that SABSA share the summer Coach Evaluations of Players with the HDC to assist in team formation; Scott will follow-up with Al if the HDC determines there is a need/interest for input from SABSA on player strengths.

The HDC will be sending SABSA a check for \$880 for the SABSA share of The Unofficial Fundraiser.

## Other Business:

Villagefest participation – there was an inquiry from the Villagefest coordinators regarding a ‘field contact person’ from SABSA during Villagefest. Kirsten volunteered. For the Parade, Erik Lindgren will be the SABSA Parade Coordinator.

Biffys – there was interest in coordinating with the school to have the Biffy in Central Park near Palm Porch remain in place through the SABSA season. Al will follow-up with Troy Urdahl.

Nationals – Karl Pollard was encouraged to go to a Nationals tournament.

Next meeting date – August 7 @ 6:30 at the Village Pub.

Adjourn time: 9:14 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Al Bates, President