

SABSA Board Meeting

November 17, 2024 / 7:00 PM / SA COMMUNITY CENTER

Attending: John Grindeland, Cathay McHone, Scott Campbell, Jen Pajerski, Katie Brustad, Melissa Brandenburg, Brittany Erickson, Kim Morelli, Jen Northwick, Nick Schwartz, Ryan Sypherd, Sarah Ksiazek, Lane Belling, James Smith, Maggie Dreon

Agenda

Call to Order

- Welcome and opening remarks - Fred
 - Boosters meeting recap from 11/6/2024
 - A men's volleyball team is trying to be created. It would be an indoor spring sport.
 - Directors meeting recap from 11/13/2024
 - <https://mnsoftball.com/pages/cms/tri-county-important-dates>
- To do [Sarah] - add dates to SABSA website

Last Meeting Follow-up

- Review minutes: [SABSA - Annual Meeting Agenda 2024 - October 27](#)
 - Motion to approve: Katie; Second: Ryan, all approved

Old Business

- Equipment
 - Updates
 - To-do: collect gear from fall ball and do inventory (Fred, Lane, Brittany)
 - All collected except Cathy still has some she is using
 - To-do: ensure there are enough pitching machines, especially if there is a machine pitch 8U team
 - Quantity discussed and it was decided there are enough
 - Future equipment needs
 - [Equipment List - Template for each team](#)
 - We have 5 blue flames, Should be enough for 2025.
 - To purchase for 2025:
 - Training balls (4 dozen)

- Wiffle Balls (4 dozen)
 - Tees (6) (enough for two per coaching bag)
 - Catcher duffel bags (3) (for kids to take gear home)
 - Coach B might have extra bags, will know after winter break
 - 10 dozen 11" and 10 dozen 12" balls
 - Base scoops (5)
 - Plates (10) (normal sized, color plates)
 - Tape measures.
 - 8u Catchers Gear (ensure we have enough before ordering)
- C1 field notes:
 - Make sure it is left clean (even if it wasn't clean when you arrived)
 - For the fall season, the field needs to be raked at the end of practice. Fields aren't raked by the city because the school team isn't in season

New Business

- Annual budget and treasurer's report - James Smith
 - Note from last meeting: explore adding a line item in budget for a pitching coach for the association
 - Umpire rates are going up to \$55/game for 65 minutes. Prorated for longer games.
 - Notes:
 - Reduce fundraising goal to \$1k to ensure we aren't putting unnecessary pressure on ourselves
 - Safe zone for bank balance: around \$22k
 - Motion to approve the budget: John; Maggie seconds, motion passes
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 - Updated link:
 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AQ1QMAjNN2jddSHyclP0q19QCYgQIEgf/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=107290088822568584709&rtpof=true&sd=true>
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- HDC Liaison report - Katie Brustad
 - Request to come to Diamond Club meetings -
 - January 12th @ 6:30 p.m., Village Pub
- Field scheduling - ensure boosters calendar is updated with high school game days/times
 - Let's Go Huskies links:
 - Varsity: <https://www.letsghuskies.com/page/3016>
 - JV: <https://www.letsghuskies.com/page/3017>
 - Squad: <https://www.letsghuskies.com/page/5811>
 - Calendar on <https://www.stanthonysoftball.org/>
 - <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=mbrandenburg%40isd282.org&ctz=America%2FChicago>
 - Not yet updated with season, but will be the most current calendar during the season

- 2025 season coordinator roles: [SABSA roles & responsibilities manual](#)
 - Confirm returning coordinators and new interests
 - Note any succession plan needs and options
 - New role (or combined with Coach/Compliance Coordinator?)
 - Coach and team communications coordinator
 - Core responsibilities: communicate updates and logistics with all coaches across SABSA to make team communications easier

Player and coach development coordinator	John Grindeland
Evaluations coordinator	Fred Bainbridge / Ryan Sypherd
Field coordinator	Lane Belling
Tournament coordinator	Scott Campbell
Player registration coordinator	Jen Northwick
Fastpitch League Roster Coordinator - MN Softball (10U-14U/HS)	Ryan Sypherd
Trusted coaches coordinator	Lane Belling
[New] Coach and team communications coordinator	Kim Morelli
Umpire coordinator	Lane Belling
Uniform and spirit wear coordinator	Jen Pajerski <i>Kim Morelli successor for next year</i>
HDC Liaison - non-voting position	Katie Brustad
Fundraising coordinator	Cathy McHone
Website coordinator	Sarah Ksiazek/Jen Northwick
6U Coordinator/Coach	Need
8U Coordinator	Nick Schwartz

- Winter Clinics and evaluations:
 - SAVHS Contacts
 - Ellie Munson - P, OF
 - Caitlyn Rosha - MIDDLE INF, CF
 - Scarlett Cannon - 2B, RF
 - Josie Boguscki - CF, 2B

- Abby Neimi - UTL
- Clinic Dates - Need access to building and gyms (key, access code, and alarm code)
 - Registration: Sarah
 - Email draft: [W 2025 Winter clinic communications.docx](#)
 - Registration page: <https://saboosters.sportngin.com/register/form/681169402>
 - GameChanger communications: Jen Northwick?
 - Team created: **SABSA - Softball Clinics (2025)**
 - Coaches clinics: programming lead?
 - January 12 and 26, 1-2 p.m.
 - Players clinics: programming lead?
 - 2-4 p.m. each day
 - Pitching clinics: programming lead?
 - 1-2 p.m. each day
- To-do: sort out gym reservations
- Winter opportunity: Pitching/catching clinic with Stella and June
- Boosters spring sport joint event - Sunday, January 19

From Emily Sauey -

I'm bringing Boosters Baseball, Softball, Soccer and the St. Anthony Club together to consider a joint community event to take place in January 2025. Goal of the event would be:

- Information about the variety of summer activities St. Anthony kids can participate in - this could be the one stop shop for overview of the program, registration dates, answering questions about coordination, etc.
- Gear Swap - we all are spending lots of money at Play It Again Sports and Dicks each year. This could be a great option to allow families to share equipment for newer players

Is this type of activity something your sports would be interested in? If so, I can see if we could reserve the community room at City Hall or maybe the cafeteria at Wilshire.

Proposed Date: Sunday, January 19th

- Meeting 1pm
- Gear Swap: After meeting (2?) until 4pm

- Next season forecast: League Coordinators (Lane & Ryan) and registration (Sarah)

- Review numbers/ natural age groups groups for teams next year (those registered for summer and/or fall ball with those we don't expect to play SABSA):
 - 14U: 15 players
 - 12U: 29 players
 - 10U: 23 players (many 8U eligible players played 10U last year)
 - 8U: ~~23~~ 27 players (it was hard to track fall players, so this is way low) +4 from Lane
 - 6U: 5 players
- TENTATIVE number and levels of teams with the membership now, making it clear that nothing will be finalized until after registration
 - 14U: one team at A or B
 - 12U: two teams, A and B
 - 10U: three teams (assuming several 8Us move up), A, B and C or A, B, B
 - 8U: 2 teams, possibly divided between coach and machine pitch
- To-do: Explore hosting 8U tournament
- Uniforms:
 - Continue to offer a la carte, make it clear that the softball pants are any black pants
- To-do: include request for 6U coach in upcoming communications to get someone involved early
 - Make sure it gets out to Wilshire and St. Charles
- To-do: get information on softball swap gear page out to people
- To-do: update cost for 14U to be the same as the rest of the levels

Motion to close: Maggie, James seconds, all in favor

Notes

- Next Meeting Date:
 - December 8 @ 7 p.m.
- St Anthony Facilities - Community Services Facilities and Sports (Reservations)
 - <https://stanthony.ce.eleyo.com/facilities/calendar>

Action Items:

Sarah:

- Add season dates to SABSA website
- ~~Update per notes and move budget spreadsheet to google drive~~
- Confirm clinic times/schedule
- Create clinic registration in SportsEngine, send clinic invitation to membership

- Update season registration to prepare for January 1 launch, including new cost/schedule for 14U

Nick, Ryan, others:

- To-do: Explore hosting 8U tournament

SABSA - COMMON LINKS

[SABSA - Website](#)

[SABSA - Bylaws](#)

[SABSA - Team Formation & Tiering \(Updated 2024\)](#)

[SABSA - Player & Coach Development](#)

[USA Softball \(Main Focus By Age\)](#)

[St. Anthony High School Softball website](#)

[St. Anthony High School Softball Calendar](#)

[SABSA field schedules](#)