

**Soderville Athletic Association**  
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 21, 2007

**Board Members in Attendance**

Steve Voss	President
Rodney Gillund	Vice President
Phil Morem	Treasurer
Curtis Moe	
Marty Tynda	
Terry Speckel	
Brian Braden	
Doug Evans	

**Not in Attendance**

Brad Eppenberger  
Jim Jarvi  
Paul Krenz  
Dale Blonigen  
Greg Stephani

**Others in Attendance**

Nancy Nelson  
Tom Bauer

Meeting called to order by Steve Voss at 8:20 pm.

Phil M. made a motion to approve the January 7, 2007 meeting minutes, Terry S. seconded, motion approved.

**Public forum – none**

**New Business**

**Walk-In Registration** – Steve V. would like to have at least four of the Board members present at the registrations, we can have a computer set up and someone entering forms in since walk-ins will be busier this year since we are not taking checks on the website; it would be a good idea to go through the equipment bags when it is slow during the registration.

**MYAS meeting** – Curtis M. reported on this – MYAS recognized that one of our foundations is friends getting to play with friends and were ok with that philosophy, they were curious, however, why it would be logical for an Andover player to want to play with SAA. There was discussion around what they are really saying - that if someone from another community wants to play with SAA can't or that we should just look into it; one of their big things is that we don't have anything in our by-laws about what our service area is, Steve V. put a new page on the web-site about SAA – three paragraphs about the areas we serve – he sent that to MYAS to appease their desire for us to handle this on our own, Steve showed that 14 kids out of 1,000 are from other communities so he showed it really is not an issue, some of those have moved from the area and want to keep playing with their friends, Andover's by-laws explicitly state that you can live anywhere to play with their association so we were able to prove that it is the same in other areas, they talked about us playing in the rec. tournament and they do want us to continue to play in it.

**Field Set-Up** – Nancy talked to Tom Reiner from the City of Ham Lake about the bases not being removed at the end of the season and he said that SAA has done it in the past, he sent someone to try to remove them now and said they can't get them out now until it thaws; SAA needs to have a date to get everyone together to get the fields ready, Paul K. said posts are in just not picked up yet.

**Coach Selection Committee** – we have received some coach applications already, it was discussed and decided that SAA will have separate committees for selecting coaches this year, it was also discussed if we want to have the whole Board approve the individual committees decide or just have the committee be responsible for that, Phil M. makes the

motion to have the committee select the coaches, Curtis M. seconded, motion approved. It was discussed what to do if we have anyone interested in coaching that is not a parent as Nancy N. had someone call that is in this situation, we will look at this as the selection committees are formed.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Concessions** – Nancy N. reported that we have had a couple individuals interested in the positions, need to decide when we are going to advertise the positions in the paper, we could have an open motion to put an ad in the paper and approve the Courier and Shopper, Phil makes the motion for \$300, Rodney G. seconds the motion, motion approved.

**Umpires** – Steve V. made up a form on the internet so the umpires can complete it after every game, they can report the score and any issues and they have to complete it in order to get paid, Doug E. is going to make something that is credit card size to help keep track of the game. They may even have another card for the umpires with information on what to go over for the pre-game meeting and what to go over with the coaches. They will also have something for the coaches of each team to complete; it will be very important to get together with the coordinators of each league to go over this stuff. They will look at how they can speed up the games this year – make sure the catchers get their gear on quickly to get the time between innings lessened to increase playing time and keep the kids more interested in the games. Phil M. had gotten Doug some information on a program that is \$150 to help with scheduling umpires, games and fields and such, February is when he would like to start looking at rules, he would like to know what the rules are so he can make a write up for the umpires, Steve V. says they are on the website but Doug says they are split up so he wants to make it easier. Doug E. wants to make sure that no rules are going to change in the time that he makes this information for the umpires, Doug E. would like input from a couple other Board members, Rum River Umpires association is having their clinic and Doug E. and Dale B. would like to attend it and have SAA reimburse them for the \$40 cost, Phil M. makes the motion to approve this, Rodney G. seconds the motions, motion approved. Brian B. brought up that it is geared toward teaching kids and it is not an adult type thing, Doug E. commented that he wants to go to get an idea how to teach our umpires.

**In-house fastpitch** – Jim J. is not present – there is discussion about having our league play with other communities so they have more teams to play, the 18 year olds do not want to play with the 14 year olds again.

**In-house baseball (Junior)** – no report

**In-house baseball (Senior)** – Curtis M. reported that he has talked with Curt Olsen and they are thinking of putting the 13 and 14 year olds together, if we go to the Northstar association they charge \$110 a team to play and we still have to provide umpires so we would need to raise fees for that age bracket, if we end up with six teams, which some are thinking then we would not need to go to Northstar, discussion around raising fees came to not wanting to raise fees since we already have the fundraising cost and volunteer cost added this year, Phil M. suggested having them sell another card, Curtis M. makes the motion to have one league for 13U and one for 15U, Doug E. seconded, motion approved.

**Traveling fastpitch** – there was a pitching and catching clinic earlier this evening, about 20 kids showed up for this, mostly from the 10U and 12U age group.

**Traveling baseball** – Brian B. went to a couple meetings of BATBA, the meetings went well and it was highly organized, the biggest highlight is that it seems to be a farm like setup for SLP and Blaine, set up very different than SAA, the Board members are happy that they will be more associated with the schools, they are in the process of selecting coaches, try outs will be done differently and the high school coaches will be leading the process, they are washing out the try outs from the fall since it wouldn't be fair now, Nancy N. brought up that if traveling try outs aren't until mid March then if a player doesn't make traveling they can sign up for SAA and not pay a late fee and we will work on getting them on the team they request.

**Uniforms** – no report

**Field/Game Scheduling** – no report

**Equipment** – Paul K. was not present

**Treasurer** – Phil M. reported the balances on each of the accounts – General Fund: \$6,044.26; Concessions: \$11,419.10; North Metro Traveling: \$9,799.39 Total cash: \$27,262.75; Phil has started entering data for September and he will try to have the rest of the year done by next week, he would like to have a finance meeting to talk about how we are going to proceed, Phil will let us know when he is done and when everyone can meet.

**Fundraising** – Brian B. reported that the card is going to be great and has all the companies that SAA members are familiar with, they are still talking with the new Brunswick Bowl and they see the only issue with that is they won't open until May, Soderquist's is considering it also, they are trying to figure out what their deal would be but they were very excited about it.

**Operations Manager Report** – N. Nelson

**Chalk ordering** - Nancy made the suggestion that SAA order 4 pallets of chalk for the upcoming season, at \$135 per pallet plus shipping the total cost will be \$775.00. Rodney G. made a motion to approve this order, Marty T. seconded, motion approved. Brian B. discussed us purchasing a new chalk machine for the Ham Lake Park fields, Nancy will talk to Paul K. to have him look at purchasing a new one and report back to the Board.

**Flyers update** – Marty T. is helping Nancy with delivering the SAA Registration Flyers to the schools, Nancy reported that the Anoka Hennepin District one now have to be approved by the district before we can bring them to the schools. Nancy is already working on that approval and flyers should all be out by the last week of January.

**Old Business** –

**Registration 2007** – Steve V. brought up that he would explain why we are doing the fundraising by sending out an email to the association. Postcards are completed and ready to be sent out so the Board is putting the labels and stamps on them at this meeting and Nancy will mail them this week.

**Other**

The next meeting is set for February 18, 2007 at 8:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Phil M., Marty T. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 9:44pm.