

Soderville Athletic Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 11, 2006

Board Members in Attendance

Steve Voss	President
Greg Stephani	Vice President
Phil Morem	Secretary
Brian Braden	Treasurer
Dale Blonigen	
Doug Evans	
Randy McArthur	

Not in Attendance

Brad Eppenberger
Mark Domino
Greg Stephani
Rodney Gillund
Paul Krenz

Others in Attendance

Nancy Nelson
Rhonda Rodger
Julie Sinner

Meeting called to order by Steve Voss at 8:07 pm.

Approval of the minutes from May 21, 2006. Phil Morem made the motion to approve the minutes, Randy McArthur seconded, motion approved.

Approval of the minutes from June 2, 2006 special meeting that was held. Doug Evans made the motion to approve the minutes, Dale Blonigen seconded, motion approved.

PUBLIC FORUM- none

NEW BUSINESS

Year End Tournament Planning - need to start planning for this now, discussion on seeing if the coordinators are going to be willing to assist with the planning.

15U tournament – Nancy to check with Rodney if we are able to have the tournament on July 22, 23 at Blaine High School instead of July 29, 30 at Soderville Field.

State rec tournament berths – discussion on sending additional teams to the state tournaments for 10U/12U baseball; has been two teams in the past and Steve is recommending we send three this year; would be good for SAA to send more teams and good for the players to see what these tournaments are like; directors of age groups to work with Nancy on registering for tournaments; let all coaches know that if their team does not make it they could pay their own way if they are interested in attending; Doug Evans made a motion to send four teams for 10U and three teams for 12U to the state tournament, Phil Morem seconded the motion, motion approved.

Concessions Coordinator position reimburse for mileage – Phil Morem made a motion to pay federal rate for gas mileage, Randy McArthur seconded motion, motion approved.

Worker's Compensation penalty notice – Phil Morem has done research on this, sent information on what we paid in 2002 and they will take this into account and let Phil know what the amount will be; suggestion made that the Board should vote now on if we should pay this; Dale Blonigen made a motion to pay the amount that they notify us with, Brian Braden seconded the motion, motion approved.

Phil Morem – 13U team to state – Phil has realized that SAA is hosting the 13U State tournament and SAA does not have a 13U league per say; consensus that SAA does want to send a team to this tournament, limited to the teams that have eight or more 13 year olds; Randy McArthur made a motion to approve that one team from 13U and 15U go to state, Doug Evans seconded, motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Volunteer Coordinator – Julie Sinner came to give us an update on volunteers and we are set for this week; for the upcoming tournament Sunday is filled but we are having troubles with Saturday; there are three coaches who have not provided any names for volunteers; Julie is making attempts to get these filled and will update everyone on how many we have for the tournament.

Concessions Coordinator - last week went well; Rhonda Rodger to meet with Sysco rep. tomorrow; Coke tubs to be delivered to the SAA building and overstock items; the new grill has been purchased and is at Lion's Park; ice chest and cooler have a lock on them and need to get delivered to the building by Phil Morem and Dale Blonigen, they will coordinate this.

Umpires - Doug Evans reported that 100 games were scheduled from 5/22 – 6/8, 96 games had an umpire at them; payroll was today; feedback that they would like them to be louder and come from behind the plate; Doug really thinks they are doing a great job for SAA, little bit more training and additional pointers; another volunteer has offered to do some scheduling for Doug; 15-20 umpires are interested in working the tournament this weekend (10U/12U in-house invitational), Doug has numbered them as to what they will be umpiring, need a total of 42 umpires for it; there will be field umpires for the final games; Dale Blonigen has received complaints on a particular umpire and that issue needs to be taken care of; Doug has two waivers signed so far, some were not able to print it off, Doug was going to bring them to the meeting and forgot to bring them so he will work on getting the rest of those.

In-house fastpitch – Brad Eppenberer was not present.

In-house baseball – Randy McArthur said things are going well besides the one coach incident.

Senior baseball – Doug Evans reported that he has not heard any 12U complaints; 15U the fields need to be unlocked and there needs to be satellites, Rodney is checking on getting an authorization from BHS.

Traveling fastpitch – Rodney Gillund was not present.

North Metro – Paul Krenz was not present.

Field/Game scheduling – no double bookings have happened, things are going well there.

Equipment – we have an overabundance of catcher's equipment per Phil

Coaches Shirts – still have shirts to be handed out

Treasurer – Brian and Celia has not had a lot of time to meet, SAA is at a negative \$35,000 at the end of the year but we had a balance at the end of last year that will help us, concessions may make more than we have predicted; Brian to check with Ann Vogt to see what has been finalized within gambling and the status of the IRS letter

Fundraising – Mark Domino was not present; Steve has not been able to communicate with Mark, Steve's concern is that it is so close to the end of the season now to sell the cards Mark was going to get, we could make them available at the concession stands, Steve will try to get a commitment from Mark on if he is going to be able to follow through with the cards.

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT –

Nancy Nelson reported that there are 21 people that have not paid their registration fee; discussion around the situation with Jeff Stine wanting the fee waived for this year due to him umpiring games last year, Nancy will send him a letter regarding the fact that it was decided that his son's fee be waived for this year.

Storage bins for uniforms and equipment – Phil would like to have these to assist in organizing the building and Nancy will purchase \$100 worth.

Twins Baseball Camp – there are boxes of fliers at the concession stands about this camp.

Kyle Hilleshiem has officially been hired to take care of field maintenance, he has a schedule of games and a list of the base distances for each age group; he will be paid \$9/hr plus mileage; Dale Blonigen would be available to help Kyle if it is not a Tuesday or Thursday.

Mike Nelson had Nancy talk about field #4 at Lion's park; the city has agreed to add infield dirt to the field, it costs them \$22/ton and they will take care of it this time but we may need to make a donation to this in the future.

Traveling Fastpitch tournament – Nancy discussed the upcoming tournament they are having and questioned where the profits will go for items they bring in themselves (dippin'dots, painting the helmets, etc); it was decided these profits would go to the traveling fastpitch budget.

Updated tournament schedule – Nancy made changes to the tournament schedule that had been given out at an earlier meeting and handed out revised schedules.

BUSINESS REPORT – Celia Waldock was not present

OLD BUSINESS

Trophies – Greg Stephani is doing a comparison on costs for trophies.

10U/12U invitational tournament 7 teams for 10U, one Roseville and the rest SAA, for 12U there are 10 teams, 4 SAA and the rest other communities and all of their games are at City Park, make sure the pegs are in at City, have all fields mowed for the tournament.

IRS penalty letter – 941's not paid for 1st qtr. and 3rd qtr. of 2005, Brian to call Ann about the penalty

OTHER

Planning Meeting Report – talked a lot about how we form teams, maybe base it on evaluations and other things; talked about St. Francis's program and Steve will talk to their program director; discussed polices and the idea of creating a handbook – to tell what fastpitch is and tell the differences in the different age brackets; we are still doing things actively, next generation of Board members need something to follow; discussion on having a Board meeting on June 25th to talk about what we want in this handbook.

Blaine High School Satellites – these are still needed at the fields there, Nancy to follow up with Rodney to see if Blaine High School has approved SAA to have a satellite there.

Extra hats from uniforms - Steve Voss suggested we sell the extra hats we have as inventory at the concession stands for \$5, Steve will look for clip racks, Nancy has one at home.

Adopt a Highway – westbound on Crosstown and Lexington the sign says SAA, discussion around how long that has been there and what to do it anything.

June 25th at 8:00pm will be the next Board Meeting.

Phil Morem made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Randy McArthur seconded, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:34pm.