

Soderville Athletic Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 23, 2006

Board Members in Attendance

Steve Voss	President
Brian Braden	Treasurer
Randy McArthur	
Rodney Gillund	
Doug Evans	
Dale Blonigen	
Paul Krenz	

Not in Attendance

Greg Stephani	Vice President
Phil Morem	Secretary
Brad Eppenberger	
Mark Domino	

Others in Attendance

Nancy Nelson
Mike Nelson

Meeting called to order by Steve Voss at 8:18 pm.

Paul Krenz made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for July 9th, 2006, Dale Blonigen seconded the motion, motion approved.

PUBLIC FORUM- none

NEW BUSINESS

Capital One Credit Card payment – Nancy N. brought up the issue with the Capital One Credit card; she has been working with Roger Hanson to get this account closed since November of 2005, Roger has sole control over the account and he said if we paid off the remaining balance he has it set up to close the account as soon as that has been done; Paul Krenz made motion to pay \$325.17, Doug Evans seconded, motion approved.

Equipment turn in – the Board needs to decide when and how to have equipment turn in and it is important for us to know what the status of the equipment is; Brian B. suggested we email the coaches a slip to inventory their own bags before they come to the building; Steve to send an email to the coaches about going through their bags, cleaning them and checking what needs to be fixed/changed out; Nancy to let Steve know when she is available to be at the building to receive the equipment.

Lion's Park – redoing fields #1 and #4 – discussion on if the City can redo these fields during the fall ball season, decided that we would be able to work around this because it would be worth it.

Ham Lake Community Billboard Sign – a committee has been formed to help raise money to fund a new electronic sign for the City of Ham Lake: Brian made motion to donate \$100 to the new sign, Steve seconded the motion, motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Volunteers – had volunteers this weekend at the tournament and it went very well.

Concessions Coordinator – Rhonda was not present. Nancy N. reported that the weekend went well and Rhonda is getting ready for the next weekend of tournaments.

Umpires – Doug reported that it was difficult getting umpires for the weekend tournaments; Steve was able to umpire 6 games; Paul reported that there were compliments about the umpires that he has heard; it would be nice to have base umpires for the 10U /12U tournament or it gets pretty intense for that umpire behind the plate; Doug is dealing with a couple payroll issues so he will look at it in the off season to figure it out; Kellie Decosta has done a great job doing the scheduling and dealing with umpires calling last minute to say they can't make it; Rodney commented what a great job Doug and Dale did coordinating the umpires this year.

In-house fastpitch – their tournament was this weekend so the season is complete for fastpitch.

In-house baseball (junior) – Steve reported that the 8U tournament went great and there are a lot of good players on those teams, parents all gave good compliments and loved the trophies; Brian B. reported that some of the 12U coaches said they would have liked to give medals to the teams that did not receive trophies, discussion around doing medals for the 12U boys tournament coming up this weekend, Paul K. made a motion to get medals for 12U boys and girls, Brian B. seconded the motion, motion approved. Nancy to work with the 12U fastpitch coaches to let them know medals are coming.

In-house baseball (senior) – Doug and Dale reported that there was a 15U tournament this weekend, the BHS fields were not in very good shape, Doug said someone dumped class 5 on the pitcher's mound to try to dry it up, Paul will be talking to Marv about the fields, Dale suggested we send a thank you to BHS for the use of the fields so Nancy will draft one up for Steve to sign; Doug did not do the pitching tracking form for the tournament as he has been very busy; Doug needs to get back to coaches about the State tournaments, we just need to have the coaches complete the questionnaire and get it to MYAS; Dale will need the rules for 13U since they have been playing 15U all season, Dale brought up the fact that since he has players from various teams they will need to figure out uniforms for the state tournament; there was discussion about how to track how many innings were pitched by the pitchers at the tournaments.

Traveling Fastpitch – Mike Nelson reported about the 12U National tournament that it went well and the players did a good job; Steve wondering if Mike received any emails about fall ball from what Steve sent out and he received about 12 of them; Mike is looking for a coach for the 14U age group; Paul will work around any tournaments that fastpitch decides to host in the fall; Nancy/Mike to get a better idea from the city on how long it will take to upgrade fields #1 and #4; discussion around what to do for concessions for fall ball; Mike will put together a plan about fall ball and present it to the Board for next meeting.

Traveling Baseball – Paul has a couple questions about the last Board meeting minutes that he sees the fastpitch was approved for \$500 for nationals so Paul would like to have the same for North Metro. Only one team is going to nationals, Paul gave an update on their finances that they have a surplus. Blaine Little League contacted NM to see if they would purchase a scoreboard for the BBC, they decided on \$2,000 to contribute to this at their meeting, the BBC is seeking donations for these boards, Paul will be getting an email about how big these signs are and there was discussion about SAA purchasing these too; Paul talked about the try outs and trying to market it better; Paul said they are coming to the end of the season, many positives and few negatives to report, many of the parents were impressed with the traveling program and many in-house parents don't even know about the traveling program.

Mike Nelson will look into the situation with the City installing lights at Lion's Park next year.

Fields/Game scheduling – there was only one night we had to move games due to doubling up, a round of applause went to Rodney for what a fabulous job he did scheduling; bases still need to be fixed at Booster as they are turned incorrectly.

Equipment – Paul would like to order equipment this fall for next season to get the good deals, Steve suggested we make sure to get the hockey style masks for the 10U catchers, Dale brought up ordering umpire equipment at that time too, Paul asked if the in-house fastpitch girls have good enough helmets for next year and the answer was yes, Paul wants to figure out if there is a place we can donate our used equipment so if anyone has an idea let him know. Paul said when they are running the drag it is popping the plugs out so they may have to be buried deeper or figure something else out.

Treasurer – Brian has talked with Celia about the accounting, there was a 1099 that should have gone out to Mark Domino, Celia is working on March accounting, she wants to continue to learn the software. LAWCO may come and do some additional work for us, we aren't going to have much additional monies at the end of the year; Paul asked about what is going on with the gambling account and what the balance is so we will try to report on that next meeting.

Fundraising – no update

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT (Nancy Nelson) –

Reimburse Mike for new tarps – Mike bought tarps for Lion's park and Nancy will reimburse him for those, Brian talked about having some sort of SAA advertisement if we have something done to the dugouts.

Pop and Water for Board Meetings – it was decided that SAA will provide water for the Board members at the meetings.

Fire Marshall came – Board decided we will purchase a sign and Rodney will take care of this.

BUSINESS REPORT – Celia was not present

OLD BUSINESS

Photos – Nancy gave an update on how Greg did with the photos, feedback on the buttons were great but the magnets were not cropped properly.

Tournament staffing – Rodney is doing Lion's park this weekend and Mike offered to help him with that, Randy is going to do City and Brian is going to help, Doug will be the board member at Booster and Dale will assist him, Greg has the rest of the trophies in his truck for this weekend.

Fall Baseball/Fastpitch – Paul does not want to form the teams for fall ball, Mike said he is emailing the names to the appropriate coach and having them form the teams.

Board Member status update – Rodney G. made a motion to remove Mark Domino from the Board, Paul K. seconded it, motion approved. He has not attended 6 meetings and is not involved in the association in anyway anymore.

OTHER

Discussion to set the meetings to the third Sunday of the month from now on.

Paul K. brought up that he knows someone from Cannon that would donate a copier. Paul to give Nancy his number and she will work with him to get one.

Discussion around adding Board members to the group, there is too much work for the number of members on Board.

August 20th at 8:00pm will be the next Board Meeting.

Doug E. made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Dale seconded, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:36pm.