

Soderville Athletic Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 18, 2009

Board Members in Attendance

Greg Zimmer	President
Greg Stephani	Vice President
Mike Laciskey	Treasurer
Derrell Singh	Secretary
Brian Braden	
Steve Miller	
Brad Hensler	
Heather Lund	
Nick Braden	

Not in Attendance

Justin Dahlberg
Dale Blonigen
Tom Dreshar
Dan Legierski

Others in Attendance

Nancy Nelson
Randy McArthur

Meeting called to order by Greg Zimmer at 7:04pm.

Steve M. made a motion to approve the December 14th, 2008 meeting minutes, Mike L. seconded, motion approved.

Public forum – none

New Business

BATBA (Ernie Johnson) – was supposed to come but was not present.

Chalk and drying agent order – there was discussion around how much to order for both of these products, we need to order early to get the best deal on shipping as it is coming from WI, it was decided that Nancy will order 2 more pallets of chalk (we have 2 currently on hand) and one more of the drying agent (we have 1 ½ on hand).

Pay increase for Concessions Coordinator – Greg Z. indicated to the Board that he would like to see Teri Pierro, our Concessions Coordinator, receive a pay increase for the 2009 season. There was discussion around what she is making now and what would be the correct increase. Greg Z. made a motion to increase her weekly set salary to \$280 per week and \$14 per hour for her extra tournament time, Brad H. seconded the motion, motion approved.

BYHA donation for sign – Mike L. is working with them to make a sign for our ball field fence so Nancy should go ahead and make the \$300 deposit for the donation they gave.

Board Position - Greg Z. told the Board that Dan Legierski is resigning his position on the Board due to personal reasons that have arose – this leaves a spot open for the Tournament Ball Director; Greg Z. made a motion for Brian B. to be the new Director, Steve M. seconds the motion, motion approved.

Coach Selection – Nancy talked about how we should make sure to contact everyone that applies to coach but does not get selected so they are not surprised, and to make sure we contact assistant coaches and let them know if they will be assisting or if we are having the head coaches pick them. She also said that if someone applies to coach that does not have a child in the program we should make sure and meet with them before deciding if they should coach. All parents should be given first choice at coaching though anyway.

Team Formation – Steve Voss has said that if we have a volunteer to form the teams we could decrease his hours and save some money; there was much discussion around if we would want a volunteer to do this or not; it was decided that we would continue to have Steve do this as there would be a feeling of ownership and urgency if Steve is doing it that might not be there with a volunteer.

Committee Reports:

Concessions – Pierro – not present

Umpires – Hensler – Brad will encourage the umpires to get MYAS certified again this year and this will increase what we pay them. He will try to have a better umpire clinic offered to our umpires than last year also.

In-house fast pitch – Lund – Heather said she is meeting with Centennial on the 28th to discuss the upcoming season, so far it sounds like they want the same program as last year. Centennial would like our end of year tournament to be the last weekend in June but we have 6U and Traveling fastpitch already for that weekend so it would not work.

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

In-house baseball (Senior) – Blonigen – not present

Traveling fast pitch – Miller – Steve said Traveling had their 2nd clinic at the high school today, there were over 80 kids there, they were about 70 kids there last Sunday so the numbers are looking great for this clinic at BHS; their pitching and catching clinics are going well also that are held at the SAA building, these are both open to in-house and traveling girls; Steve has had some questions on building usage that he brought to the Board from people that used to be coaches but are not actively coaching in SAA now and it was decided they would not be able to use it.

Traveling baseball – Zimmer – Ernie did not come so we don't know the date for the All-Star Tournament yet, BATBA wants to know ahead of time if we will send teams to that, we will look at this next month. We also need to let BATBA know if they are able to use the Ham Lake complexes for the tournament dates they requested. That will be decided over email between Board members in early February when we know when Traveling fastpitch tournaments are.

Field/Game Scheduling – McArthur; Randy was here to talk about a conflict with the fields on a weekend in July between BATBA and Traveling Fastpitch; for the fastpitch side Steve M. explained that they have not been able to have a State tournament here for a few years; if BATBA is not able to host that tournament they would probably never be offered that tournament again and this is a big fundraiser for them; Steve said he will know on Feb. 2nd if fastpitch will have the opportunity to host that tournament or not, BATBA would have 32 teams and fastpitch would have 64 teams so SAA would make more off concessions from Fastpitch; Greg S. asked if the 10U/12U could be split into different weekends since many people have kids on both, Randy will look into seeing if that is possible; Steve would like to see the girls in-house tournament moved earlier to the June 26th weekend (as discussed above under in-house fastpitch too) but that may not be possible; BATBA requested to have use of the Ham Lake City fields during the week again; they then talked about the portable pitching mounds and what should be done with them and everyone thinks they should be left on the field; it was decided that BATBA can have two fields each night but not necessarily fields 1 and 3, Randy will rotate them around; Randy sent Nancy a matrix to look at to make sure he is using the correct fields, there was discussion around the use of fields 5-8 at Booster park and whether or not we will need them, it was decided to keep them in case; we have to pick two tournaments with MYAS that the Tournament Baseball teams will play in, Randy said St. Francis is holding a tournament in May for the 10's and 11's, there is also one in Burnsville for all the ages but they will be all spread out; there was much discussion around what should be on the website for information on the Tournament Baseball then also. Nancy will finalize that information at have Steve V. put it on the website.

Equipment – Braden N. – Nick met with a Sales Rep. from Dave's Sport Shop and he is supposed to be contacting Nancy shortly with some pricing, he recommended the Diamond balls for 13U and 15U, stick with 12U with Baden for now and switch to Diamonds for 12U if the older kids like them; we will deplete the stock that is here for practice balls for this season.

Treasurer – Laciskey – Mike received an email with a question about validating that our funds are being deposited when we do our VISA payments, apparently there is a lot of fraud going on; we just need to make sure it is secure so he will work with Nancy on that during registration; as far as the December financials Mike L. had some questions, Nancy and Steve M. will get back to him since they were Traveling questions; Mike asked about the pop up nets he thought we were going to purchase for the building. Nick replied that he was going to order pop up nets but he is waiting to see what we need to use the budget for for regular equipment first before buying more for the building. Steve M. said coaches are free to use the Traveling pop ups that are in the back room as long as they know how to put them away.

Fundraising – Braden – the Board decided to increase by \$50 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for this season and have the \$10 Brunswick card for the 5 cards sold but also give the option of a ball if they don't want the gift card. Nancy said that Impact Fundraising is on track with getting enough vendors to have our card ready on time.

Uniforms – Singh – Derrell has been working with Andover Awards and Apparel on the uniforms and has been trying to email us all something but his computer has not been working; Derrell will have 3 total comparisons from different vendors for the Board when he prices out uniforms, Steve mentioned that the Customer Service end of it is very important also besides the pricing and Andover gave us excellent Customer Service; Brian was asking when Derrell is planning to place the order and Derrell said Clarence is already starting to get stock in; the Board decided the older boys would have the major leagues and the younger kids would have the minor league hats; he also talked about the sweatshirts and they would cost \$24 a piece to purchase for us to sell.

Photos – Nelson – no report

Operations Manager Report – N. Nelson

Ham Lake SnoBowl Participation – Feb. 7th – Nancy asked the Board if they are interested in sponsoring a hole at the SnoBowl this year, it is \$100 to sponsor and not be there and \$75 to sponsor and be there, Brian is not sure if a non-profit should be donating money and the final decision was not to sponsor.

Registration signs – Nancy let the Board know that each person can take a couple registration signs to put in snow banks when it gets closer to our February 1st registration date.

Laptop Computer – Nancy asked if the extra laptop computer could be used by anyone and no one really saw a need. For now we will just keep it as an extra.

Walk In registration dates – the walk in registration dates are set for February 14th from 9-12, February 26th from 5-9 and February 28th from 9-12. Board members will need to volunteer their time at these. We will also be getting the fundraiser packets ready to be mailed out at these times. Micki Levy is planning to be here to assist at these again.

Coaches to get registered now – if anyone talks to “would be” SAA coaches they should let them know they should sign up ASAP, many coaches have already registered; Nancy sent an email to all the last year coaches to let them know this.

Flyers going to schools week of Jan. 26th – Marty Tynda has offered to help distribute the SAA flyers to the schools again this year. Marty has stopped in earlier and everyone thanked him. He and Nancy will get together next week to make sure he has everything he needs.

Take a few flyers to post at area businesses if you can – Nancy did not end up having flyers ready but she will notify the Board when they are and then people can post there wherever they see fit.

Online registration form – Elite Baseball – Nancy will delete the draft process for 13U/15U on the registration form; she will also change all the “Elite” Baseball wording to “Tournament” Baseball as the Board feels this name is more appropriate. She will also get information finalized to go on the web site regarding Tournament Baseball as players and parents will have questions soon. It was decided that the try out date would be listed at “To Be Determined” based on numbers and that the fee will be \$60 above the regular in-house fee and that they will play in two tournaments but those have not been decided yet.

Old Business –

Elite Baseball – already discussed above

Other

St. Paul Saint's game day- Nancy was wondering if the Board would like this event to be organized for SAA again and the Board decided that yes, we should go ahead with it since many SAA players and parents attended last year. Micki Levi has offered to coordinate this event for us again this year.

The next meeting is set for Sunday, February 15th, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Heather L., Nick B. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

