

Soderville Athletic Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 20, 2008

Board Members in Attendance

Greg Zimmer	President
Greg Stephani	Vice President
Derrell Singh	Secretary
Donna Hable	
Curtis Moe	
Brian Braden	
Marty Tynda	
Tom Dreshar	
Steve Miller	
Brad Hensler	

Not in Attendance

Phil Morem	Treasurer
Dale Blonigen	

Others in Attendance

Nancy Nelson
Steve Voss (SAA web consultant)
Tim Sukalski (BHS Baseball Coach)

Meeting called to order by Greg Zimmer at 7:00pm

Brad H. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 16, 2007, Steve M. seconded, motion approved.

Public forum – none

New Business

Coaches Clinic at BHS (Tim from Blaine Baseball) – Tim is the coach at the high school and has been for 3 years, he has been meaning to come to one of our meetings to get everyone working together since everyone has the same goal of teaching kids baseball and softball and having fun; the clinic is on March 11th that they are offering at BHS, they are getting all the coaches from the local area to show what should be taught at each age group; they will provide a handout of age specific drills to each coach that attends; they will break down pitching, hitting and fielding; they are also having a clinic for the kids and that information is posted on the SAA website already; they are thinking the cost for the coach clinic may be \$3-\$5 per coach; there would be a sign up sheet for our coaches then Nancy would pay them after we see how many of our coaches attend; there was discussion after Tim left if this is the clinic we want to use this year and comments were made that it would be nice to have it done by the Blaine coaches, it is a good price and a weeknight will be good; Tom D. makes a motion to have our coaches attend the BHS clinic discussed above for 2008 with SAA paying fees, Brian B. seconded, motion approved.

2008 Registration update (Steve Voss)/13U and 15U fee – Steve reported that him and Nancy have been working on the changes needed for the registration form and all the changes have been made; the fees have been increased by \$5 and we need to decide if the fees should be raised for the 13U/15U kids to pay for the MYAS North Star League registration fee; it was decided increase the fee by \$15 total for that age group, Greg S. made the motion to increase those fees, Brad H. seconded, motion approved; the volunteer fee is \$25 per child this year for administrative purposes, that is the only way we can guarantee we will get the volunteer fee from every family, but each family only needs to volunteer once to get the \$50 back, it is capped at two kids so they won't be paying it on the third child and more; fundraiser fee will be per child again but capped at two kids also; the coach application is up and running and a few have come in, in the past we have posted the coach names on the website as they register, last year we did the background check first and then posted them so it slowed down the process a little but we will do that again this year, umpire registration forms are coming in also and Brad H. is getting some of them, Steve will put a sign up on the website for the

upcoming coaches clinic, Steve will send out an email about the clinic to all coaches from last year and the ones that have signed up this year; one or more Board members should register their children this week to make sure the registration is working correctly.

Registration fees update – discussed above

SAA Treasurer/Accountant – there was discussion around what to do about a Treasurer since Phil is resigning his position, Nancy and Phil had discussed last week that Nancy will order laser checks for the MYOB accounting system so the entering of the checks would be easier, Nancy will then enter any other checks and deposits into the system, we could use a Treasurer to be the liaison between Nancy/SAA and an accounting firm, the accounting firm would be responsible for doing the tax returns and monthly reports, etc. Tom Dreshar said he may be able to be the Treasurer if it was on an interim basis and he would help look into which accounting firm we would use, Nancy will send Tom an email with all the information he needs to do this research, Nancy reported about the accountant on Constance in Ham Lake that she has already spoken with and Tom D. will be sure to visit them, Greg S. then made a motion that Tom D. be appointed the interim Treasurer from now until about July, Brad H. seconded the motion, motion approved.

Mark Evans Memorial Fund – Greg Z. thought he saw something about a scholarship fund for Doug Evans son but no one else is familiar with it; we will discuss again in February.

Committee Reports:

Concessions – Pierro – no discussion

Umpires – Blonigen/Hensler – Brad H. would really like to get as many umpires as we can certified, we could pay extra for the ones that get certified, Brad said it is a one four hour training and they would pay for the clinic but we would reward them by paying more for each game umpired, he said the few that are certified already are better umpires than the others, this is an MYAS certification clinic, Brian B. made a motion to pay the umpires \$20 for inexperienced and uncertified, \$25 for certified and \$30 for the certified and good umpires based on feedback and such, Tom D. seconded the motion, motion approved.

In-house fastpitch – Miller – Nancy and Steve talked about the Centennial league in house fastpitch group and the fact that they may be interested in our association's playing each other in fastpitch softball this year, they are just having their registration now so they will know more when their final numbers are in, we will see what our registration numbers are and then get feedback from the ones registered to see if this will interest our players, some games would be played on their fields off Lexington and we would have to have a field for those girls to play in Ham Lake this year instead of having those games in East Bethel, Nancy will hand this over to Steve now and he will keep us posted on what transpires.

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

In-house baseball (Senior) – Moe - he talked about possibly converting a neighborhood field into a grass infield, sod is \$2400 - \$3600 and a shallow point well would be needed, Wisen's would be the ideal field to make into a baseball field with grass infields since it is right down the road from Soderville field, it was discussed that the real importance here is improving Soderville field first.

Traveling fastpitch – Hable – the traveling fastpitch committee met and wanted to run a few things by the Board; Donna wants to know if fields 5 and 6 are still being designated to traveling fastpitch for this season so the four plex would be exclusively for in house and the Board responded yes, that is the plan; Donna also asked about the dug out covers and if they are going to be on by the season and the Board told her that we don't know where that is, Donna asked about them running their concessions and there was discussions about traveling using one of their tournaments as a fundraiser, most thought it would be a lot of work for them to go in and remove all the product so they can restock with theirs but it was agreed that if they want to do it they can; fastpitch registration fees are \$85 additional above the in house fees.

Traveling baseball – Braden – they are expecting their numbers to be way up in part thanks to SAA attending their tournament last year, this got a lot of kids interested in traveling baseball so BAT is excited about this.

Field/Game Scheduling – McArthur – not present

Equipment – Krenz/Tynda – the subject of ordering new equipment bags for coaches was discussed but Marty did not have any information to pass to the Board from Paul, Marty will contact Paul and try to get information on how many bags

we should replace and the cost by the next meeting, Nancy already knows that Paul needs an idea of what chalk will cost this year as that is part of the equipment budget, Nancy will get this information to Paul.

Treasurer – Dreshar – Tom D. will be interim treasurer while we transition in a new accounting firm.

Fundraising – Braden – an email had been sent around with an update on the vendors that Impact has so far for the fundraising coupon card, most Board members did not think the 3 cents off for Marathon gas was a worthwhile coupon so Nancy will have Jon at Impact try to get a better one, Nancy reported that Jon is still trying to get Subway to commit to being on the card, then discussion went to deciding how many cards should be mailed out in the packets, when discussing sending less than the 8 like last year most thought the postage savings would not be enough to justify sending less so it was decided to send 8 again, prizes were discussed next and Tom D. made a motion to have the baseball and softball again for the small prizes and Best Buy gift cards for the top prizes, Greg S. seconded the motion, motion approved.

Uniforms – Singh – Derrell reported that he has been busy with work but will be moving forward on uniforms this week, he will contact Nancy with any information/questions he has about this process.

Photos – Nelson – Nancy reported that photos are set for May 13 – 15, which is the same week Sports Star did them last year, she will work on reserving McKinley school as the back up location in case of inclement weather.

Operations Manager Report – N. Nelson

Registration dates sign up of Board members – Nancy passed around a schedule of the registration dates and asked if everyone would pick a date that works for them and come assist with registration. Nancy and Greg Z. will be present at all the registrations and Micki Levy, a coach, has offered to help on both of the Saturday dates.

The registration fliers were also discussed at this time and Nancy let everyone know that Marty T. has offered to deliver all of the fliers to the schools. Greg Z. also reported that he brought the signs that we can stick in the snow banks for advertising, he forgot to bring the stakes and he will have them sitting by the front door of the building early this week, each Board member is to take 5 signs on their way out and put them wherever they see fit.

Fundraiser Decisions – discussed above

Centennial Fastpitch – discussed above

Old Business –

SAA Office Update – Greg Z. is looking into a contractor he knows that may be able to frame the office in the SAA building, the plan is to have the materials here this week so construction can take place on Saturday, January 26, others will look into getting a taper for that step.

Donation to Cities – the \$5K SAA has offered to donate to each City is on hold as Greg Z. went to both City meetings and there were not enough members to make a quorum so nothing was finalized.

2008 Budget – Nancy will work on getting a finalized budget from Phil.

It was discussed that the Board needs to vote on the fee change/update that was given at the beginning of the meeting under “2008 Registration Update” so Tom D. made a motion to accept the fees as stated in the discussion above (\$5 increase to all age group registration fees so 6U is \$75, 8U is \$105, 10U and 12U is \$115, 14U – 18U softball is also \$115 but 13U and 15U baseball is \$125 based on them being in the North Star league, volunteer fee is \$25 per child but they only need to volunteer once to get a refund of their entire fee and fundraiser is \$40 per child with a cap being on the first two kids for volunteer and fundraiser fee) Brian B. seconds the motion, motion approved.

Other

The next meeting is set for February 24th, 2008 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Greg S., Donna H. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

