

Soderville Athletic Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 24, 2008

Board Members in Attendance

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

Not in Attendance

Brian Braden

Others in Attendance

Nancy Nelson
Paul Krenz
Micki Levy
Teri Pierro
Randy McArthur
Danny Nelson

Meeting called to order by Greg Zimmer at 7:05pm.

Dale B. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Tom D. seconded, motion approved.

Public forum – none

New Business

Concessions – Nancy introduced Teri Pierro, SAA Concessions Coordinator, to the new Board members that may not have met her yet. She came to the meeting to hear ideas of how we can help the concession stands make more profit this year. It was discussed that it would be nice to have more adults than teens working at the stands this year and that should happen since the volunteer fee is per child instead of per family this year, Nancy will take applications in March for teens to work and her and Teri will have a training/hiring day in April, the group also discussed the pros and cons of having cash registers at the stands and it was left open on if we would try to use them this year or not, Nancy said she is interested in hiring Alex Blonigen to be the concessions assistant that will take care of Booster Park this year, the Board discussed this and Nancy thinks since it is an adult we will want to pay \$10/hour, she will be very helpful for Teri this summer, Marty T. made a motion to hire a Alex Blonigen as the Concessions Assistant at \$10.00 hour, Derrell S. seconds the motion, motion approved.

Dug out covers

Greg Z. talked about the dug out covers that we would like to purchase for each City and Nancy handed out a picture of one that has been researched, the Board will be kept up to speed on if those get officially approved by the City, Greg is working on a well with Tom right now for Soderville field too.

BBC Advertising

BAT sent Nancy an email asking if we want to advertise SAA on their outfield fences. The Board decided that it would not get us enough new registrations to make it worth the money it would cost. Greg Z. is going to look into SAA doing advertising of their own on our fences. This was brought up to the City last year and they had said no but we will look into it again.

Big Dipper

Jerry Guss, the owner of the Big Dipper Ice Cream place in Blaine wanted Nancy to ask the Board if he would be able to give us enough coupons for free ice cream cones to give have the coaches give them to the kids after games, the Board all agree this would be a good and fun idea, Jerry said hopefully SAA can come up with something he can do for us in return, Greg Z. wants us to ask him about advertising on our outfield fence signs if that ends up being approved.

Team formation

There was discussion around who will be forming teams for the various age groups. Greg Z. will find out if Greg S. is interested in forming the junior baseball teams, Curtis will do the senior teams with the coaches with a separate meeting will be set up for the 12U teams and Steve Miller will take care of the fastpitch teams himself.

Coach selection – this will be done when the teams are created, coordinators should be able to take care of this too.

Committee Reports:

Concessions – Pierro – done above

Umpires – Blonigen/Hensler – Dale said we have a clinic set up for the 25th of March, should have the same budget as last year for equipment, Nancy brought up that Steve Voss had suggested we put Mark Evans initials on the sleeve of the umpire shirts and everyone agreed this is a great idea to honor him and Doug Evans in that way, they will also try to keep the number of umps down so the ones doing it can get more hours.

In-house fastpitch – Miller -

In-house baseball (Junior) – Stephani – not present

In-house baseball (Senior) – Moe – Curtis is working on field scheduling with Paul and Randy, he may be using the Blaine fields for some games this year, coach and team selection will be done the 3rd week of the month.

Traveling fastpitch – Hable – they held their last try out today, they are not doing an 18U team this year as there is not enough interest, the teams will be on the website Wednesday the 27th.

Traveling baseball – Braden – Paul reported that Tuesday is their last registration date so he is wondering when our registration is over, they will have two teams at the 10's and 12's, traveling makes sure to tell everyone about SAA that does not make traveling so they can still play ball if they want to.

Field/Game Scheduling – McArthur – Randy started a field matrix for the 2008 season, he has all the weekend tournaments laid out, he had one copy he passed around, this is as much as he can do until he has final registration numbers, field #7 will be left open for the City, he will attempt not to use East fields at Booster Park to keep our field costs down up there but he is not sure that will be possible, Donna mentioned a traveling fastpitch tournament is not listed on the matrix so Randy will add that, Paul discussed the tournament they hold on a Thursday night that in house won't be able to use the fields so everyone has to remember that situation.

Equipment – Krenz/Tynda - Paul and Marty looked at the budget and talked about how much the chalk and drying agent and clay is going to cost, they want to purchase some catchers mitts and helmets, Paul then discussed ordering new equipment bags for the coaches, if he orders 100 bags they are \$60 each and there were 84 teams last year, maybe order half this year and half next year, it was decided to order 50 new bags for the 2008 season; the 12U in house base distances were discussed next, since we are redoing Lion's and if we change the 12U base distance it would only take one peg in the dirt then, the traveling 12's play at 75 feet so then the bases would not have to be moved if they were at 75

instead of 70 feet, Dale B. makes a motion to change the base distance from 70 to 75 feet, Steve M. seconded, motion approved.

Treasurer – Dreshar – Tom talked to three different accounting firms to get proposals, Tom thinks we need to get this into an accountants hands throughout the whole year, they will generate the reports and do our taxes, Tom would like to have us change accounting systems to Quick Books and not use the MYOB that we currently have, someone will have to take the information off of MYOB for the 2007 taxes, Greg Z. makes a motion to use Saanerud for our accounting purposes, Marty T. seconded the motion, motion approved. Nancy may need to buy some new supplies for the office to make the switch to Quick Books.

Fundraising – Braden – Nancy reported about the packets and getting them ready for mailing on Tuesday night, if anyone is able to come between 5 and 9pm we can work on those, Board members are welcome to take their packet for their children tonight, Donna will take some for the fastpitch clinic next week to save postage.

Uniforms – Singh – Derrell handed out a spreadsheet with information he collected on the uniforms, he also has a proposal from Andover Awards and Apparel, Inc. as that is the company he is suggesting we go with, they are willing to use our current inventory, they will also only charge \$2.50 a shirt to have the teams bring the shirts back to put the names on the shirts so this will save the parents having to pay \$5 for that, Clarence wants to come in and look at our pants, shirt, etc., Derrell S. makes a motion to go with Andover Awards and Apparel for the 2008 season, Steve M. seconded the motion, motion approved.

Photos – Nelson – nothing to report

Operations Manager Report – N. Nelson

BHS Scholarship Program – Nancy handed out a flyer sent to SAA from Blaine High School asking for a donation to their scholarship program. SAA has contributed in the past but they did not do it last year. Nancy said everyone should think about it and we can decide at the next meeting.

Mark Evans Scholarship Certificate – Nancy passed around a certificate that Mick's Printing did up free of charge for this scholarship event taking place on March 1st. SAA will contribute one season of ball as a silent auction item to help raise money.

Beacon Order Placed – Nancy placed the season order to Beacon for 4 pallets of chalk, and 1 each of drying agent and clay bricks. The bricks will be need to help rebuild Soderville field.

Registration Numbers Update – Nancy passed around a sheet with the latest registration numbers on it. The numbers are low but at the exact same spot that we were last year. Many people will still be registering this week at the walk in and online.

Old Business –

Other

Signage on the fences – Greg Z. is going to look into getting advertising on the outfield fences, Brian B. is going to work on leasing agreements, especially for the Soderville baseball field, the lawyer for Ham Lake does not like the idea because of any alcohol ads on there but we are still going to pursue it as we know we would not approve any alcohol ads to be used for our advertising.

The next meeting is set for March 16th, 2008 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Curtis M., Derrell S. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

