

**Soderville Athletic Association**  
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 15, 2009

**Board Members in Attendance**

Greg Zimmer	President
Greg Stephani	Vice President
Mike Laciskey	Treasurer
Derrell Singh	Secretary
Brian Braden	
Dale Blonigen	
Brad Hensler	
Tom Dreshar	
Heather Lund	
Nick Braden	
Justin Dahlberg	

**Not in Attendance**

Steve Miller

**Others in Attendance**

Nancy Nelson  
Randy McArthur  
Ernie Johnson

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

Tom D. made a motion to approve the February 15, 2009 meeting minutes, Greg Z. seconded, motion approved.

**Public forum – none**

BATBA – Ernie Johnson was here to give us an update on the tryouts they have coming up this weekend. Ernie stated that their tryout happens to be the same day as our Tournament team tryouts; he would like to know if the kids that don't make traveling will have the chance to play on a Tournament team and the answer to that was that we really do not know until after the process has gone through; this needs to be looked at for next year to see if we can get the try outs not to be the same day.

**New Business**

**Coach Clinics/meetings** – Tim Sukalski from Blaine High School let us know that he is not having the coach clinic he had last year at BHS, he decided that he would do the clinic every other year and not every year, he did offer to do something for our coaches if we wanted something; we would have to rent a space and see if Tim is interested; Dale will try to get a gym and Nancy will email Tim and see if he is available.

**Team Formation** – Greg S. is doing 6U, 8U and 10U, and Greg Z. is doing 12U, Dale B. is doing the 13U and up, Heather is taking care of the fastpitch side; Dale is still looking for a coach for 17U-19U so everyone should get the word out on that, he is close to having a full team at this point, it is like a traveling league so we have to determine what level this team is, they will play Gopher State; Nancy will have Steve Voss send out all the information to the appropriate directors for team formation, Brian B. will want a new tracking sheet for determining how many bags we need ready; coach meetings need to be set up for each age group - 6U will be on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and 8U at 8pm – 10U will be on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and 12U at 8pm; all girls teams will be on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Equipment/uniform handout date** – this will be on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – 9am – Nancy will determine the times for the handout and send out an email so everyone knows the times for each age group, Brian and Nick will have everything ready for that day and if they need help they will let us know.

**Dug out covers at Ham Lake Park** – Tom R. sent Nancy an email asking if we are going to contribute funds to getting the dug out covers, Dale let us know that the town ball team is willing to pay for the ones for Soderville field by doing some fundraising, Greg will discuss this further with the City at the Council meeting he is attending.

**Ham Lake Council meeting** – Greg said that they are going to have a proposal based on the gate fees for traveling fastpitch, Greg said we do have to put something into the fields this year as far as field improvements and that will probably be the dug out covers, the City will also be discussing the new ball field at the meeting; Greg will let the City know that we are willing to pay for the dug out covers; Mike and Greg will go over the budget before the meeting.

**SAA dragging fields in Ham Lake** – the City is proposing that we share doing the field dragging this year with the City and the Board decided that SAA would just be the ones to drag the fields every night and hire a kid to do that.

**Dave's Sport Shop/SAA Equipment Sale** – Brian worked with Dave's to get this going and it will be held on Saturday, April 4 from 10am-3pm, there is not a planned number coming back to SAA on this and far as profit this year but then maybe next year we will work something else out with them when we see how it goes, Rich has a banner made up to put on our trailer out front for advertising.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Concessions – Pierro**

**Umpires** – Hensler – Gail will check on using the school for the umpire clinic, Brad will look into having umpire gear at the SAA building for our April 4<sup>th</sup> equipment sale, if the umpire order is tied with the uniforms then Andover Awards will be able to get us a better deal on that stuff, Gail would like the umpires to have a number on their sleeve so coaches can report back easier on how an umpire did, Derrell will order 24 navy blue shirts for the starter umpires to use, Brad and Gail said that there are umpires that want to get certified for fastpitch softball also and Dale was able to give them a contact for ASA to do that.

**In-house fast pitch** – Lund – Heather said that she has 172 for in house numbers so that is the same as last year, the tournament is now going to be in Ham Lake instead of Centennial the weekend of June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**In-house baseball (Junior)** – Stephani – he is ready to make teams this week.

**In-house baseball (Senior)** – Blonigen – Dale will get the packets out for the coaches by the end of the week so he is getting all that organized. Dale and Randy will work together to find out which 15U kids are wanting to play on a tournament team and Randy will be coaching that team.

**Traveling fast pitch** – Miller – Steve was not present.

**Traveling baseball** – Zimmer – nothing to report.

**Field/Game Scheduling** – McArthur – Randy thinks we need to decide if we are giving the two fields to Ham Lake City Park, there was much discussion about this and trying to decide if we are able to commit to any fields yet, it needs to be decided in the next few weeks if we are able to give them a couple fields to use, Randy is trying to wrap up the matrix but has been having computer problems.

**Equipment** – Braden N.- Nick asked Rich from Dave's Sport Shop to give a bid on all our equipment and the order has been placed and it will be here in the next two weeks.

**Treasurer** – Laciskey – Mike gave out copies of February YTD but it is really not clear since so much came in right at the Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> date, we are doing just fine for now according to Mike and next month the qtr. ytd. will be more clear. Nancy will contact Sannerud to do our taxes for the year and will let Mike know if he needs to do anything. Nancy will look into getting a debit card for our bank account to use for certain expenses.

**Fundraising** – Braden – the packets went out this week through bulk mailing and Nancy will be working on the first payment to Impact Fundraising and Brian made the comment that if our registration numbers are up then the fundraising revenue will be up to so that is good.

**Uniforms** – Singh – Derrell wanted to clarify that he has all the correct information for the in-house and tournament teams so there was much discussion around what type of uniforms should be purchased for the tournament teams. It was decided that Greg, Derrell and Brian would meet after the meeting to make the final decision on this.

**Photos** – Nelson – nothing to report.

**Operations Manager Report** – N. Nelson

**Concessions Assistant pay raise** – Alex Blonigen has agreed to run the EB concession stand again for the 2009 season and Nancy would like the Board to consider giving her a pay increase, she was making \$10 per hour last year so the Board talked about increasing that to \$11 per hour, Tom D., made a motion to increase Alex Blonigen's pay to \$11 per hour, Brad H. seconded that motion, motion approved.

**Traveling FP garage sale at SAA building** – Nancy stated that there is traveling fastpitch team that is interested in using the building for a garage sale for a fundraiser June 4 – 6 and the Board decided that is fine.

**St. Francis field use** – Jeff Horner's team is going to be using a field at St. Francis High School and there will be a small fee charged for this and Nancy wants to know if SAA is willing to pay this fee or if Jeff Horner's teams should pay it. It was decided that since the fee is so small, around \$8 per use, that SAA will help that team out with this.

**Coach Deck Cards** – Nancy passed around coaching cards she received in the mail so the Board looked at them to decide if we should order them for our coaches, it was decided since it would cost \$800 to order them for all the coaches that that was too much for this year since it is not in the budget, we may get them next year, we will also show the cards to the coaches so they can order them on their own if they are interested.

**Old Business** –

**New Baseball field** – Tom Dreshar handed out an estimate from his company, MATTCO Excavating, of what it would cost to get the new ball field at Ham Lake Park up and running. The total bid he gave was \$100,900.00. The City is going to be asking Greg at the council meeting tomorrow where we are at with information on this so we just wanted to have an idea of what the total cost would be.

**Field signs/sign contract** – Nancy printed off a sign contract and handed it out for the Board to see, Modernistic is the company that is printing the signs for us, they already did the Blaine Hockey one that is in the building. Board members should be trying to find companies interested in advertising on the signs.

**Tournament Baseball Update** – Greg thanked everyone for the numbers we have for tournament ball and then handed it off to Brian to give an update – Brian talked about the tryout that is coming up this week on March 21<sup>st</sup>, he has all the kids broken down by age group and times so he is looking forward to a great turnout.

**Other**

The next meeting is set for April 19th, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dale B., Derrell S. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.