

Soderville Athletic Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2008

Board Members in Attendance

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

Not in Attendance

Greg Stephani	Vice President
Derrell Singh	Secretary

Others in Attendance

Nancy Nelson
Randy McArthur

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

Steve M. made a motion to approve the March 16, 2008 meeting minutes, Brad H. seconded, motion approved.

Public forum – none

New Business

Traveling Baseball in SAA – Greg Z. would like to get traveling baseball back in SAA, this is something he is looking into and he wants the Board to know this, Brad suggested that we don't have enough fields since we don't have baseball fields, Greg Z. thinks we should be giving the SAA kids an opportunity to stay in our association and play traveling baseball. This will be discussed further at upcoming meetings.

SAA website for complaints about East Bethel fields – we are going to need to use the East side fields more then we were hoping and Greg Z. thinks these fields are junk, East Bethel said their building permits are down and we think that is part of the reason for the field fees, if we don't use Booster East we may be able to get some of the field money back, the \$5,000 donation for dug out covers will not happen, SAA will look at some nice covers we can buy elsewhere, Greg Z. would like to have something set up on the website so he has more people giving their opinion on this issue, Steve M. thinks we should get a liaison to go to the East Bethel City council meetings, Nancy will check with Micki Levi and see if she is interested in doing this position.

Committee Reports:

Concessions – Pierro – Nancy reported that Teri, Nancy, Brian and Greg Z. met before the meeting to discuss how to make the most out of the concession stands this year.

Umpires – Blonigen/Hensler – Brad and Dale reported that they have a good bunch of kids for umpires this year, they said that the umpire clinic went good, the kids will have to study the rules on their own, many are planning to attend the MYAS clinic so they will be certified, we had more applications then we need even so that is good.

In-house fastpitch – Miller – the schedules are almost complete, we only have 2 12U teams so they will have to go to Centennial more than Steve would like but that is how it worked out, Centennial sends their coaches through a first aid course and they save 20% on their price, Nancy will check with John Moore to see if we offer this.

In-house baseball (Junior) – Stephani – Greg S. talked about trying to find the final 10U coach so he can get those rosters completed.

In-house baseball (Senior) – Moe – Curtis was not present, Greg Z. and Nancy got the 12U rosters to Steve today but they are not sure where the 13U/15U teams stand.

Traveling fastpitch – Hable – the Soderville Slam tournament has been cancelled for May as they did not have enough teams sign up, they are looking at putting up a shed at field 5 and 6 so some pictures have been sent to the City for approval, the City may pour the concrete slab but they are not paying for any of it, Greg Z. will talk to Tom about seeing if the City workers will build the shed.

Traveling baseball – Braden – Brian said everything is going fine and they are pleased with their numbers.

Field/Game Scheduling – McArthur – Randy is just going to do the schedules for the first two weeks for now until he gets the traveling baseball schedule so he does not have to do it twice, Brad H. let Randy know that he wants to make sure he gets the schedules and field matrix as soon as he has it. Randy has 8U fastpitch scheduled for practicing at McKinley so Nancy will make sure a portable is delivered there.

Equipment – Krenz/Tynda – Marty reported that they ordered enough bags for every team, they are getting the numbers put on them right now, they have wheels and a handle on them, Paul is ordering more catcher's mitts and it was mentioned that we need some left handed mitts, Marty and Paul are getting together to inventory the equipment possibly tomorrow, McKinley field was discussed at how that may need to be looked at for what kind of shape it is in.

Treasurer – Dreshar – Tom D. asked if we have received a bill from accounting and Nancy said we have not, he also brought up that Steve is at his 80 hours, Nancy will ask Steve how many hours he thinks he will need to keep going until November, Greg S. made a motion to add another 40 hours to Steve's contract, Donna H. seconds the motion, motion approved. Nancy reported on the registration numbers for 2008.

Fundraising – Braden – Nancy reported that we are at \$37,200 for the fundraiser just from the registration fees.

Uniforms – Singh – Nancy reported for Derrell that the uniforms will be here this week.

Photos – Nelson – no report

Operations Manager Report – N. Nelson

Equipment Preparation and handout – Equipment preparation is set for Friday night and many of the Board members said they will be here for that, Marty will check that the equipment bags are going to be ready for that night, each director from their age group has agreed to be at equipment handout at their designated time on Saturday, handout is set for 9-2pm on Saturday the 19th.

St. Paul Saints game – Nancy showed the Board the flyer done by the St. Paul Saints that she will distribute to the coaches for their players about the night we have set for SAA to attend a game as an association on Monday, August 18th.

Coach Packets – Nancy will make sure a packet is ready for each coach at equipment handout, she talked about everything that would be included and asked if anyone has anything they think should be included to let her know.

Field Worker – Mike Kohler decided not to do this position again this year so Nancy asked the Board if they are interested in hiring someone else, after much discussion it was agreed to hire a replacement, Curtis said he knows a coach that may be interested and Dale knows a couple umpires that may be interested. Curtis will check with the coach first and he will let Tom Dreshar know as Tom will be the one to supervise this person.

Registration numbers – in 2007 we had 1,012 kids registered and we have 938 so far this year, baseball is down by 68 kids, in house fastpitch is at the exact same number of kids and traveling fastpitch is down by 6 players.

Old Business –

Signage on Soderville Baseball field – this has been approved, Brian and Greg are working on getting an agreement signed, Dale asked if he has received any prices on those, the type we are looking at have to come down in the winter time, these would be put up with tie wraps, the plan is to have 100% of the revenue go back into the fields,

Soderville field well – the City decided that we could get the sandpoint well so they have a contractor looking at this now, they are looking at \$10,000 for the price at this point, Brian B. made a motion for the Board to implement the program of signage at Soderville so the President and Treasurer is able to approve the policy, Marty T. seconded the motion, motion approved.

Other

The next meeting is set for May 4th, 2008 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Greg S., Dale B. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.