

Soderville Athletic Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 19, 2009

Board Members in Attendance

Greg Zimmer	President
Mike Laciskey	Treasurer
Derrell Singh	Secretary
Brian Braden	
Dale Blonigen	
Steve Miller	
Brad Hensler	
Tom Dreshar	
Nick Braden	
Justin Dahlberg	

Not in Attendance

Greg Stephani	Vice President
Heather Lund	

Others in Attendance

Nancy Nelson

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

Tom D. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 15, 2009, Brian B. seconded, motion approved.

Public forum – none

New Business

Possible new Board member – Steve Rajtar was present and said he is interested in being on the Board. Steve is an assistant coach to Brian Braden and has already been helping with other things within the organization. Greg Z. made a motion to add Steve R. to the Board, Brad H. seconded the motion, motion approved.

There will be someone hired to drag the fields at Lion's for the season and they will be covered by us for insurance. Booster needs to be set up appropriately for the age groups that will be there. Tom D. is working on this now. Greg Z. will talk to Paul Krenz about getting the base pegs that Paul ordered in the past.

Dale B. asked about having a pitching mound at Booster while they are playing there. There was discussion around this and it was said that they are very expensive and that they ended up not using them much anyway.

Committee Reports:

Concessions – Pierro – it was discussed about having concessions at Booster 6-8 field area. Nancy will talk to Alex and see if she is interested in doing that. The Board also discussed lowering Teri's salary because of the City stand being closed for 2 months but it was decided to leave her salary as is and we will absorb the cost elsewhere.

Umpires – Hensler – Brad wants the building next week for an umpire meeting at 7pm, Nancy will schedule it for him, Brad thinks about 70% of the umpires are getting certified at MYAS so that is good, we may lose some of them because they are certified and can make more money umping elsewhere but many will want to stay close by so we should still have plenty.

In-house fast pitch – Lund – not present

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

In-house baseball (Senior) – Blonigen – Dale said we have 4 13U teams, 5 15U teams and 1 16U team and 1 17U team, Gail Hensler should send an email to the coaches to have them notify the umpire coordinator when they cancel a game due to rain.

Traveling fast pitch – Miller – Steve said that their umpire fee went from \$35 per game to \$40 per game; the season starts the week of May 11th for them.

Traveling baseball – Zimmer – nothing to report

Field/Game Scheduling – McArthur – Randy handed out the final field matrix for us to look at, Nancy asked about the 10U BB schedule showed a Wednesday and Randy said that was just an error, Mike L. verified that weekend practices are first come first serve, the white boxes on the matrix are open fields, Gail will need the schedules emailed to her and Randy will do that.

Equipment – Braden N. – Nick talked about how him and Brian and Greg got all the equipment ready – they used poker chips for the bags and some of them fell off so they should be zip tied and we will deal with that next year as they bring them in, Brian talked about the equipment sale and said it went OK but they did not have softball stuff like they were supposed to, Steve asked what we made for money and Brian said we did not make money off the sale, the intention was to help out our association, Mike L. commented that he came to the equipment sale and was a little disappointed in what they had to offer and others were also so it needs to be improved for next year. Nick thinks everything went good all in all for getting the start of the season going and all the equipment bags.

Treasurer – Laciskey – Mike handed out accounting information, he brought up that we will have less concession income coming in this year, registration is \$10,000 lower then budgeted, he did not factor in the 5% league line up fee and there are late registrations to be accounted for yet, he did not budget for the family discounts either and there are many making payments so that money will come in also, we could delay the dug out covers to save some money for other field maintenance that may need to be done but it was decided not to do that, Nancy will look at the registration expense number and see why it is at \$7,350, that number does not sound correct, we have spent \$17,000 more then we budgeted overall; it was brought up that we have to look at what it cost to have tournament ball and that we will have to charge those teams more next year and that is definitely the intention, it was done this way this year just to get the program going; Tom D. has a meeting with the City in the morning about the fields at Ham Lake and he wants to know how much we would be able to spend on getting the grass better; Nancy will talk to our tax people again about our returns.

Fundraising – Braden – Brian talked about how much money is coming in from the fundraising cards, it is going very well, Steve talked about the Spaghetti dinner that traveling fastpitch is having on April 30th, then the signs were discussed and what field we would hang them on and it was said that Lion's would be the one for now, some businesses think Soderville field just does not get as much traffic and we can't put them at City until the fields are being used again.

Uniforms – Singh – Derrell said we are waiting for one set of 16U girls shirts since we ordered so late, Brad would like the umpire shirts here by Sunday so hopefully they will be ready, Greg said that the tournament uniforms have been taken care of.

Photos – Nelson

Operations Manager Report – N. Nelson

Nancy said that she has been very busy getting different situations worked out with rosters. She was here very late on Friday getting uniforms and coach packets ready for the equipment handout. She feels we need so get going on things a little earlier next year so we are not doing everything at the last minute again.

Old Business –

Tom D. talked about giving Randy \$150 Visa Gift card for the scheduling he does, Steve M. made a motion for the \$150 gift card for Randy, Brad H. seconded it, motion approved. Greg Z, makes a motion to donate \$200 to BYHA for the golf tournament they are having, Mike L. seconds the motion, motion approved. Nancy will take care of those two things.

Rule changes – there were only a few rule changes made at the coach meetings and those need to get sent to Steve and put on the website. Brad needs rule changes by Sunday for umpire meeting. Mike L. is going to type up the rule changes and get them to Steve. Brian B. made a motion to approve the rule changes, Tom D. seconds the motion, motion approved.

Other

The next meeting is set for May 17th, 2009 at 7:00pm.

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

