

Soderville Athletic Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 17, 2009

Board Members in Attendance

Greg Zimmer	President
Open Position	Vice President
Mike Laciskey	Treasurer
Dale Blonigen	
Steve Miller	
Brad Hensler	
Tom Dreshar	
Nick Braden	
Justin Dahlberg	
Steve Rajtar	

Not in Attendance

Brian Braden	
Heather Lund	
Derrell Singh	Secretary

Others in Attendance

Nancy Nelson

Meeting called to order by Greg Zimmer at 7:10pm.

Steve M. made a motion to approve the April 19, 2009 meeting minutes, Brad H. seconded, motion approved.

Public forum – none

New Business

Greg Stephani resignation- new Junior Director and Vice President needed – Greg Z. let everyone know that Greg S, has resigned from the Board of Directors so we are in need of another Board member to fill these positions, this will be more important when tournament time comes, in the mean time us as the Board will take care of anything that comes up that Greg was in charge of.

Traveling Registration fees – Nancy figured out what is owed to the traveling fastpitch account for registration fees paid for 2009, she handed out copies for the Board members to see, Nancy will transfer \$8,260 (\$5,000 was already done previously) from the general fund account to the traveling account.

T-Mobile Phone Plan – Greg is spending a lot of time on his phone for SAA and the cell phone he uses is for his other job so he would like to come up with a way to have a phone for SAA business, he is not able to be on his computer during the day like some of us are so he has to be on the phone instead, Nancy had some T-Mobile plans for the Board to consider to add a phone for him that way, it was also discussed that maybe Greg could add a phone line through his family plan and SAA could reimburse those charges, Greg and Nancy will work together to look at both options and see which one is cheapest.

Tiers for age group for tournaments/trophies – there will be two tiers for 6U, 8U, 10U and 12U and one tier for the rest and for fastpitch. Nancy had trophies and medals to show the Board and everyone agreed on one so Nancy will get going on ordering those.

Intern – Michael Stitt – Nancy met with a guy that goes to Bemidji State University that would like to intern with SAA this summer, she met with him on Friday and he is interested in doing whatever we have for him related to baseball, Greg said

he could possibly go to area businesses and promote our sign sales and Nancy will have some office stuff for him to do. He would like to get 100 hours over the summer so we will use him where we can.

Blaine Hockey/pull tabs in East Bethel – Tom D. said that there is a new bar opening in East Bethel, he is not sure of the name of the place yet but BYHA wants to have a pull tab booth at this bar, the bar said they can't donate the proceeds to BYHA as they are not local so since BYHA really wants to do it they have agreed to donate 90% of the proceeds to SAA, Tom thinks that maybe BYHA would end up wanting SAA to donate back to them, maybe about 40%, but that would still be a large amount for us, Greg Z. made a motion to go ahead with it, Mike L. seconded the motion, motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Concessions – Pierro – no report

Umpires – Hensler – Brad said if there are rule changes the umpire coordinators need to know immediately, Dale would like to have umpires at the games that are being played with the tournament teams for home games only, Gail had a meeting with the umpires and they received their first payroll, for the most part everything is going good.

In-house fastpitch – Lund – Heather was not present so Steve M. talked about the fact that it is Centennial's rules when they play at Centennial and SAA rules when they play here, Centennial plays with 4 outfielders so that is a big difference in our rules, it was decided that for the tournament there has to be 3 outfielders but they can play 4 outfielders when they play against Centennial for regular games, Steve said we are going to send 5 teams to State to a MMFL rec. tournament, there has to be one team per age group registered for ASA at \$30 per team by June 1st, for a total of \$150, Steve M. made a motion to have one team from each age group registered for ASA, Dale B. seconded the motion, motion approved. Steve also talked about the rule that if a player leaves in the middle of the game they can't reenter the game but it is not an out when they would be up, the only time there is an out when up to bat is if there are only 8 players because of the players leaving.

In-house baseball (Junior) – Greg Zimmer/Michael Stitt (intern) Greg will help him get acquainted with rules to be ready for the in house tournaments.

In-house baseball (Senior) – Blonigen – there are a few teams in the 17U-19U age group so that is exciting for SAA, Dale went and bought a larger chest protector for them, the 13U games will start June 1st, MYAS goofed when they put the schedule on the website and they just put Booster West instead of having a field number, Randy is working on making sure this is straight with the umpire scheduler. Greg thanked Randy McArthur and Steve Rajtar for all the scheduling work.

Traveling fast pitch – Miller – all the age groups were in a tournament in Wayzata over the weekend and that went well, there was an issue with the uniforms with Tahoe and Steve will look into going with Andover Awards and Apparel next year.

Traveling baseball – Zimmer – no report

Field/Game Scheduling – McArthur – Randy should have the matrix all final by the weekend, there are not a lot of open spaces for practices, Randy can now move some games over to Booster West from Booster East, he has many 6U teams that are requesting practices during the week so we may look at adding that to the schedule next year,

Equipment – Braden N. – Nick just let the Board know he is planning to come up and get the equipment organized.

Treasurer – Laciskey – Mike had some financials for the Board to look at, he had a registration analysis that showed that we have quite a few more kids in SAA this year then last year, the other sheet shows the difference in what we budgeted versus the actual, we are about \$24,000 over budget in income and \$24,000 in expenses so the financials are looking good.

Fundraising – Braden – Nancy reported that we paid an additional \$1568 to Impact Fundraising for late registrations and we made an additional \$2352 from those registrations. She will now have volunteers go through the packets as they come in and figure out the total from sales made by the players.

Uniforms – Singh – not present

Photos – Nelson – the photos are completed and Nancy reported that all three nights went very well with Sports Star, pictures ran on time and all parents seemed please with the process. We have a couple additional photo dates set with them for traveling and tournament teams.

Operations Manager Report – N. Nelson

East Bethel field and concessions payment made – Nancy reported that she made the payment to the City of East Bethel for the use of their fields and concession stand for the 2009 season, \$1540 was paid for Booster East fields, \$310 for Anderson Lakes, Bonde and Norseland and \$1000 for rent for the concession stand.

Assistant coaches as volunteers – Nancy has received many questions from assistant coaches that want to know if being the assistant covers their volunteer time, it was decided a while ago that it does not but Nancy wanted to make sure she still has the Board's backing on that as some of the assistants are frustrated with that, the Board still says it would be too difficult to determine who is really assisting and who is just helping so we need to draw the line at head coaches.

Add Teri as signer on concessions account – Nancy let the Board know that Teri is having to use her personal account to buy products for the SAA concession stand and she does not want Teri to have to do that anymore, Nancy wants the Board to consider adding her as a signer on the account and get a debit card for her to use, Steve M. made a motion to get debit card for SAA for concessions and to add Teri Pierro as a signer on the account, Steve R. seconded the motion, motion approved. Nancy Nelson, Greg Zimmer and Teri Pierro will all be signers on this account now.

Fundraiser possibility – Metro Dining Club – there is a parent in the association that would like us to consider this as a future fundraiser for SAA, her mother does this for a living and for now she will sell cards and donate the proceeds to SAA, Nancy had information on the fundraiser for the Board to look at and we will discuss this further at a future Board meeting.

Old Business –

Signs for ball fields – Nancy has another sign in the making with her brother's company but wants to know if we are still doing them even though it is past the May 1st date when we wanted our signs up, the Board says yes and we can adjust the contract so they are still up for 3 years, Greg Z. will get the BYHA sign up soon.

Outsourcing our website – Greg Z. and Tom D. let the Board know that they are looking into getting a company to manage our website in place of Steve Voss, they want to see if this will save the association money, they are concerned that we are paying to high of a fee for our registration that is done online but many Board members said we can certainly look at trying to get a better deal on that and still have Steve as our web master, there was much discussion around this topic and whether or not this is being looked into for the right reasons or not. This will be discussed further at another Board meeting.

Dale Blonigen informed the Board that he called MYAS and told them that the 13U and 15U tournament team rosters were the same for North Star league and tournament play.

Other

The next meeting is set for June 14th, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Nick B., Justin D. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.