

**Soderville Athletic Association**  
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 13, 2008

**Board Members in Attendance**

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

**Not in Attendance**

Donna Hable  
Marty Tynda

**Others in Attendance**

Nancy Nelson  
Ernie Johnson  
Joe Cherveney  
Nick Braden

Meeting called to order by Greg Zimmer at 8:05pm.

Greg S. made a motion to approve the June 22, 2008 meeting minutes, Derrell S. seconded, motion approved.

**Public forum – none**

Joe Cherveney and Ernie Johnson came from BATBA to talk about the tournament they had from last year that involved BAT and SAA and Little League. BAT covered all the costs for that tournament. It seems like everyone had fun with that tournament last year. It was a good event for all the organizations involved. They have talked about making it for 11 year olds this year. Last year we sent 3 All Star teams to represent SAA. The dates of the tournament will be the second weekend in August. Ernie Johnson was an SAA coach last year and he had an SAA team in that tournament and he said it was real high quality baseball. All the kids were really thrilled to be there and as a coach he thought it was a great experience. Joe thinks it will cost about \$1,000 to put on the tournament and BAT would just be looking for a donation from SAA towards that. We will discuss this further and let them know.

Brian Braden presented a question to Joe about what he sees the relationship being between SAA and BAT. Joe talked about how BAT works very well with the SAA concessions, the City Board and the SAA Board. Greg talked about how we had the MYAS President here talking about having traveling back in SAA, Greg has many things that he would like to discuss with the BAT Board as SAA ends up having to pay a tournament fee to East Bethel when they have a traveling tournament here. Greg Z. would also like to see SAA mentioned on the BAT website and Joe talked about the fact that they just don't have someone that is good at updating and adding new stuff to their website but he will look at getting it added, Tom D. talked about that if we end up paying field fees we would have to pass that on to BAT also. It is set up that SAA does not have a vote on their Board but when Brian Braden is there they do listen to what Brian has to say and the other associations don't have a vote either. This discussion will be continued in the future.

**New Business**

**Umpire Scheduler** – there was discussion about the position of the umpire scheduler and that it has become very time consuming for Gail Hensler to do the umpire scheduling. It is taking her about 8 hours a week to schedule the umpires and this week it was way more due to the tournament and the changes that happened. Brian B. brought up that maybe we

pay a stipend to her for the season, Greg Z. made a motion to pay Gail Hensler \$500 for this year for umpire scheduling, Steve M. seconded it, motion approved. Brad Hensler and Dale Blonigen will also bring their cell phone bills and be compensated for that. They both went way over their minutes because of umpire calls this month.

**Board member resignation** – Greg Z. let the Board know that Marty Tynda sent an email that he has resigned from the Board and the equipment coordinator position. Nick Braden, Brian Braden's son, was present at the meeting and told the Board that he is interested in being the new equipment coordinator and the Board decided that was a great idea. Greg Z. and Nick will sit down and figure out how we want to have the equipment inventoried as that is the first thing that needs to be done.

**Fundraiser for Hannah Meunier on website** – The mayor of Ham Lake's daughter has health issues and he sent out an email with information for a fundraiser they will be having to raise money in her honor. Nancy will have the information for this put on the website.

**2009 BATBA at Booster Park** – Steve M. is questioning if the BATBA tournaments could be moved to Booster Park next year so our in house tournaments could be held at the Ham Lake Parks. Since we are having to pay tournament fees to use Booster now this is definitely something that needs to be looked at for next year.

**St. Francis Father's Day tournament** - The Board discussed that the traveling fastpitch team for St. Francis puts on their own concessions for this particular tournament. They do not use the concession stand, they just use the tables outside the stand. This seems like an opportunity for us to be running concessions.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Concessions** – Pierro – not present

**Umpires** – Blonigen/Hensler -

**In-house fastpitch** – Miller – Steve thanked the umpire coordinators for everything they did for the fastpitch tournament and said overall the tournament went well. Steve talked about how there was a certain umpire that was trying to tell everyone the rules and that caused some conflict over the weekend. Steve wants to make sure that the in house fastpitch tournament would not be the same weekend of traveling tournaments next year as those are people that would possibly help with the in house tournament. This may or may not be possible since we have so many tournaments to do at the end of the year.

**In-house baseball (Junior)** – Stephani – Nancy told the Board that Melissa Wald will be the coordinator for the 8U tournament and that we are trying to get Lion's for the 8U tournament so we may not need to use Booster. It was also discussed that for 12U we should send 4 teams to state instead of 2. Greg S. made the motion to change from 2 to 4 teams and to take the top 3 from tier 1 and the top from tier 2, Brad H. seconded the motion, motion approved. Nancy will send in 2 more registrations to MYAS.

**In-house baseball (Senior)** – Moe – Curtis is working on setting up the tournament for 13's and 15's.

**Traveling fastpitch** – Hable – not present

**Traveling baseball** – Braden – Brian wants to see the two organizations, SAA and BATBA, working together better. Greg Z. talked about that we need to decide tonight if we are going to send All Star teams to the tournament that BAT is having that was discussed during Public Forum. It was decided that the top two 10U teams and the top 2 12U teams will be going to the All Star tournament, those are the only kids that are eligible is from those teams. Brad H. made the motion to approve this decision and Brian B. seconded, motion approved.

**Field/Game Scheduling** – McArthur – not present

**Equipment** – Braden – Nick is the new equipment coordinator for SAA.

**Treasurer** – Dreshar – Tom D. reported that the balance in the general fund is at \$60,000, the main things we have left to pay for are rent, Nancy's salary and umpire payroll. Nancy hopes to have a better handle on accounting when the season is finished.

**Fundraising** – Braden – Brian talked about the profit we made on the cards and if we want to do this again next year, Nancy will invite Jon to come to our next meeting to see why Our Saviors Lutheran Church is essentially selling the same card and to see what Jon has to say about doing our fundraiser again next year.

**Uniforms** – Singh – Derrell will work on getting SAA pullovers to put at the concession stand, Derrell made a motion that he will order 10, Greg S. seconded, motion approved.

**Photos** – Nelson

**Operations Manager Report** – N. Nelson

**Air conditioning** – Nancy would like to purchase a portable air conditioner for the SAA office. Brian thinks it will cost about \$350 to buy one, Tom D. makes a motion to purchase an air conditioner not to exceed \$500, Steve Miller seconds, motion approved.

**Old Business** –

**Tournaments/Coordinators/Gates fees** – Nancy wants to make sure who will be in charge of paying the \$100 gate fee for the teams that attend State for baseball. It was discussed and decided that the teams will pay their own gate fees.

We will have Tony get the fields ready for the 8U tournament this Friday and he will work the entire weekend for the 10U/12U/13U tournament. Tony will be working the 8U and Derrell made the motion to approve this, Dale B. seconded, motion approved.

**Other**

The next meeting is set for August 17th, 2008 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Derrell S., Tom D. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 10:25pm.