

Soderville Athletic Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 9, 2009

Board Members in Attendance

Greg Zimmer	President
Open Position	Vice President
Mike Laciskey	Treasurer
Derrell Singh	Secretary
Brian Braden	
Steve Miller	
Tom Dreshar	
Nick Braden	
Steve Rajtar	

Not in Attendance

Justin Dahlberg
Dale Blonigen
Heather Lund
Brad Hensler

Others in Attendance

Dan Klinkhammer – MYAS
Jim Green

Meeting called to order by Greg Zimmer at 7pm.

Greg Z. made a motion to approve the July 12th, 2009 meeting minutes, Derrell S. seconded, motion approved.

Public forum – Dan Klinkhammer (MYAS) explained the history of SAA and where the association stands right now. In the early 90's SAA and Blaine both had traveling and in house teams and both associations argued that each was taking kids from each other. In the late 90's SAA and Blaine created **North Metro Stars** with Board 50/50, however, big mistakes were made. There was no tryout process and two leagues were created: North Metro Stars and South Metro Stars. Kids just signed up for A and B teams. MYAS position – “We recognize associations that represent a specific community or high school attendance area. SAA covers a wide area – Forest Lake, St. Francis, Blaine, etc. MYAS already recognizes a traveling association for every piece of Ham Lake. Currently BATBA has authority to hold tryouts for traveling baseball for the Blaine High School area. SAA traveling would infringe on BATBA and other traveling associations.” MYAS already recognizes Soderville as the administrator of the rec team governing body. SAA can accommodate kids from any high school attendance area on their rec teams. If SAA wants to do some traveling, you must form an “All Star” team made up of players from various rec teams. It is not ok for an “intact” in-house team to enter a traveling tournament.

Dan will be asking for a meeting with BATBA to get more information on how BATBA is working things. He hasn't heard any complaints from families participating in BATBA. SAA should talk to all other associations to educate each on our intentions for “tournament teams”. SAA should also limit the numbers of tournaments the rec teams go to. SAA should also consider hosting a rec tournament and submitting teams to more rec tournaments. MYAS would like to hold more MYAS tournaments. Dan doesn't see anything wrong with what SAA wants to do but he thinks other associations will have a problem with it. Dan encourages SAA to discuss their intentions with the other associations. Another option is to write up a proposal to Gopher State Advisory Committee, and then MYAS can send this proposal to other associations and get feedback.

Jim Green introduced himself. Jim's son played in SAA for 5 years. Jim was previously an umpire. Jim wants to stay active in SAA by volunteering to supervise the batting cage at the building. Tom D. suggested that Jim contact Nancy Nelson to discuss and to get started with a background check.

New Business

Ball Field Improvements – City Park – Greg Z. would like to see a grass infield with raised pitching mounds and a moveable pitching rubber to accommodate 12-15 year olds. Lion's Park would need irrigation and other improvements and therefore would be expensive. HLCP Fields are preferred. Field #3 has a pipeline and therefore cannot be moved back. We could accommodate by raising the fence. Tom from the City is estimating the excavation at HLCP. The deadline would be the last week of September.

Tom D. motions for one field at HLCP to be modified with a grass infield and a raised pitching mound. Steve M. seconds the motion, motion approved.

Greg Z. motions for two fields at HLCP to be modified with a grass infield and raised pitching mounds. Derrell S. seconds the motion. In a vote Steve, Tom, Nick and Brian opposed so the motion was not approved.

Steve M. motions fastpitch to be able to use City fields in the spring if the field improvements have not been started.

Brian suggested we only follow through with improving only one field at City Park considering the resources available. The Board believes it's in the best interest to eventually complete 2 fields at HLCP with grass infields.

Committee Reports:

Concessions – Pierro – not present

Umpires – Hensler – not present

In-house fast pitch – Lund – not present

In-house baseball (Junior) – open position – Zimmer, no report

In-house baseball (Senior) – Blonigen – not present

Traveling fast pitch – Miller – Clarence at Andover Awards and Apparel is coordination uniforms for fall ball.

Traveling baseball – Zimmer – no report

Field/Game Scheduling – McArthur – not present

Equipment – Braden N. – no report

Treasurer – Laciskey – no report

Fundraising – Braden – fundraising is completed for 2009. Brian suggested that we focus on getting more businesses to purchase signs this year.

Uniforms – Singh – no report

Photos – Nelson – not present

Operations Manager Report – N. Nelson

Can recycling – Nancy was not present but wanted the Board to know that the last load of cans we turned in for recycling amounted to \$118.53.

Old Business –

Shelves in uniform/equipment rooms - \$400 has been agreed on for shelving in the uniform and equipment rooms. Derrell S. has agreed to install those for us within the next few weeks.

The next meeting is set for September 20, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Tom D., Steve M. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned.

