

Soderville Athletic Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 12, 2007

Board Members in Attendance

Steve Voss	President
Open Position	Vice President
Phil Morem	Treasurer
Curtis Moe	
Jim Jarvi	
Brian Braden	
Dale Blonigen	
Marty Tynda	
Paul Krenz	

Not in Attendance

Donna Hable
Doug Evans
Terry Speckel
Greg Stephani

Others in Attendance

Nancy Nelson

Meeting called to order by Steve Voss at 8:05 pm.

Public forum – none

Brad and Gail Hensler introduced themselves and stated that one of them may be interested in becoming a Board member. They have two sons that have been playing in the association for years and have enjoyed it and they are interested in helping with the umpire program. It was discussed that they should stay for the meeting and the Board will vote on it at the end of the meeting.

New Business

Building Ideas – Mike Nelson came to the meeting to talk about a couple things that he will be discussing with the traveling fastpitch committee tomorrow, Mike talked to the City and got the OK to store the equipment bags at the maintenance building as that would open up a lot of space at the SAA building, it would just have to be figured out how we would go about handing out bags once the season starts, Mike is hoping to put together a committee of people that are interested in helping with this project of deciding what to do about using the building as a workout facility in the off season.

Lion's fields 5 and 6 - Mike also talked about fields 5 and 6 and how the scheduling was difficult this year – he thinks that traveling could utilize 5 and 6 as their official fields and not have to worry about the scheduling conflicts, then traveling could concentrate their funds on helping the city improve those fields by covering the dug outs and possibly getting lights at the fields, they could look into getting the permanent fences and a shed, look into a pump system for watering the fields, etc.

Steve V. said that SAA is also interested in meeting with the City about field improvements so Steve will look into setting up a meeting with SAA (including traveling fastpitch) and the City. It was discussed that having an irrigation system at Lion's is a must so that is one of the main objectives.

Discussion went back to the building and it was pointed out that since the bags have to come back here for hand out it might not be feasible to have the bags at another building. It was also discussed that we for sure need to keep the Operations Manager here and have a professional type of work space and to the extent that we can try to keep everything

here and keep it such that we can have meetings here also. Dale Blonigen and Curtis Moe are interested in being on the committee for making the building into a workout facility so there will be more discussion on this later.

Karl Sagedahl's 10U in house team – this team went to National's and traveling fastpitch agreed to pay the fee for them until the Board had a chance to vote on whether to pay this or not, the issue was discussed and it was decided that SAA will pay for this tournament fee, Phil M. made the motion and Brian B. seconded the motion to reimburse fastpitch \$300, motion approved.

Patty Olson situation – Nancy N. reported that Patty had paid for her son to play ball in 2005 and he did not make the team and she had tried to get reimbursed then but never heard from anyone about it, the issue was discussed and Phil M. made the motion and Paul K. seconded to have the amount refunded out of the old North Metro account for \$230 to Patty Olson, motion approved.

Set Annual Meeting – Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00pm will be the date and time for the annual meeting with the regular meeting to follow. The Board talked about replacing the picnic tables at the building with regular table and chairs before then; Phil M. made the motion to spend \$500 to purchase chairs and tables for the building in time for the annual meeting, Paul K. seconds the motion, motion approved. Nancy N. and Phil M. will work together to get those bought.

Phil M. handed out copies of the treasurer report and it was reviewed - all in all the organization is in good shape, as of this point we have made \$14,800 in concessions and that will increase from fall ball. At the end of July the cash balance in the general account is \$51,693.38. The registration fees did not cover the expenses for the year so that was discussed. There is \$9,800 in the old North Metro account and about \$15,000 in concessions. Phil would suggest that we convert the North Metro account into a field fund and use that money as a base for field improvements and such, Phil M. made the motion to change the name of the account to Capital Improvement Fund, Paul K. seconds the motion, motion approved.

City Donation - There was a motion made at the June 24, 2007 meeting to pay the City \$2500 to add dirt to the Lion's fields that are not holding up so good, Nancy reported that she had offered the amount to the Tom Reiner at the City and they have not responded; Phil M. made the motion to rescind the motion made at that meeting, Curtis M. seconds the motion, motion approved.

Fundraiser Revenue – amount due to Impact Fundraising is \$5075 minus the amount of the prizes which are \$490, Brian B. makes the motion to pay Impact Fundraising \$4,585, Phil M. seconds the motion, motion approved. Brian has a strong feeling that fundraising should be part of the operation budget and not be looked at as separate funds, Brian thinks that all of the money should be kept together to run the organization.

Building Sign Replacement – the sign on the building is getting old and tore, Paul K. made the motion to get another banner, Brian B. seconds the motion, motion approved; Nancy will look into getting another banner, we will add the phone number to the sign, keep the website on there and remove the February registration information.

Fall Ball – Paul K. reported that the registration deadline is this Thursday and they have full teams at every age bracket, everything is going in the right direction and they have fields for all these teams, BAT put together a tournament last weekend and SAA had three all star teams in the tournament and it went great, the SAA teams were able to play at no cost, it was nice to see the communities play each other.

Bases – last year we did not pull any bases off the fields so we need to decide what to do this year, we need more plugs so we can plug them after we pull the bases, Paul K. would like to get all new bases and home plates for Lion's since they are redoing the fields anyway, Paul would like to consider getting a painter instead of a chalker so the lines would last longer; it was decided that fastpitch should remove the bases from City fields when they are done with fall ball this year, we will leave the bases at the neighborhood fields.

Meeting with EB and HL to discuss field improvements – water at Soderville field and irrigating Lion's Park are two items that need to be discussed for sure. Steve will look into setting up this meeting.

Insurance Status – Brian B. will send him an email to make sure we get a copy of the policy.

State Tournaments – Steve V. brought up the fact that MYAS allows teams that make it to State to add four players to their roster and this was more of an issue this year than last year, Steve would like to look at making it a policy that SAA teams are not able to add players to the roster except in certain circumstances, Brian wanted to bring up that you want to

make sure to consider that more games are being played so they are going to need enough pitchers and it was also discussed that if other communities are adding players we want to make sure the SAA teams are able to be competitive. This may be discussed more before next year.

Committee Reports:

Concessions – Teri Pierro was not present, Nancy N. reported that Teri did a great job running the concessions this year. She really took this position on independently so Nancy was hardly helping her at all, she did have her spouse, Mark, help her out and he did a great job too. She is now finishing up with fall ball concessions.

Umpires – Dale B. reported there were many times that umpires maybe did not show but Dale had no proof that they were not there so coaches need to make sure and say when there is a no show, we need to look at paying for the certification of some of the better umpires who would in turn need to commit to umpiring a certain number of games, Dale believes that some the coaches don't respect the umpires because they are kids and this probably wouldn't happen if they were adults, Dale would still like to see every coach umpire one game to open their eyes, Gail Hensler brought up the MYAS clinic for umpires and the cost is \$21 per umpire, this should be well worth their money and time.

In-house fastpitch – Jim Jarvi had nothing to report

In-house baseball (Junior) – Greg S. was not present

In-house baseball (Senior) – Curtis Moe reported that everyone liked playing for the North Start league, the Coon Rapids teams were very good compared to the other teams so that was an issue this year, Steve V. thinks there should be some feedback sent back to MYAS about this, Curtis said everyone liked playing at Soderville field except for the field conditions.

Traveling fastpitch – Donna H. was not present

Traveling baseball – Paul K. reported that they are starting on next year already.

Field/Game Scheduling – Pat Carlson will probably not do the field scheduling again next year as this is a big task to take on two years in a row.

Equipment – Paul K. reported that he would like to find out what is left in the budget as he is interested in purchasing new equipment bags with wheels on them, Paul thinks they will be about \$45 per bag, the ones he is looking at should hold all the gear with no strain on the bag.

Treasurer – no additional report

Fundraising – no additional report

Uniforms – Nancy N. will work on getting everything inventoried and organized.

Photos – no report

Operations Manager Report –

Building Rent increase to \$960 – Nancy N. reported that the rent increased as of 9/1/07 as per the lease agreement.

Nancy Nelson's hours for off season – Phil M. let Nancy know that the budget is fine for her to work 20 hours per week still.

TWINS tickets for August 21st – Verna Lee, whose spouse was part of SAA many years ago, receives tickets from Saturn for purchasing vehicles there and they allow her to donate 25 tickets and she is donating them to SAA, Nancy N. wants to know if anyone from the Board is interested in going to the game, she will also email coaches about it.

Old Business –

Verizon Bill for Roger Hanson – Phil M. has reviewed Roger's letter for a request for reimbursement of old phone bills, part of the bills are the cancellation fee and the rest is the phone bill for 2 or 3 months for two cell phones, Phil does not see any reason why we shouldn't refund him the \$1619.61, Phil makes the motion to approve paying this amount to Roger, Jim J. seconds the motion, motion approved. Nancy will send a check to Roger Hanson for the approved amount.

Other

The next meeting is set for September 9th, 2007 at 8:00pm.

Steve V. and Nancy have been trying to get a hold of Terry Speckel and he has not been at a meeting for a few months so the Board needs to decide what to do with his position. After much discussion it was decided that Steve would try one more time to contact him and it will be voted on at the next meeting. Marty T. makes the motion to fill Rodney's Board position, Dale B. seconded the motion, motion approved. The Board decided then to put Brad Hensler on the Board in this position.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Brian B. Dale B. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.