

**Soderville Athletic Association**  
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 9, 2007

**Board Members in Attendance**

Steve Voss	President
Open Position	Vice President
Phil Morem	Treasurer
Donna Hable	
Curtis Moe	
Doug Evans	
Marty Tynda	
Brad Hensler	

**Not in Attendance**

Paul Krenz  
Greg Stephani  
Jim Jarvi  
Brian Braden  
Dale Blonigen

**Others in Attendance**

Nancy Nelson  
Gregg Boster

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

Steve V. made a motion to approve the July 15, 2007 meeting minutes, Marty T. seconded, motion approved. Marty T. made a motion to approve the September 9, 2007 minutes, Phil M. seconded, motion approved.

**Public forum** – none

**New Business**

**2008 Fundraiser Ideas** – Steve V. had a conversation with Jon Frank from Impact Fundraising about 2008 as far as if we are planning to do the same fundraiser again. Steve said we would notify him either way, the Board should start planning now for what, if anything, SAA will do for fundraising next season; advertising on the fences at the ball fields was also discussed but the City is not totally for this idea because of the liability, we also would need someone that is willing to head something like this as it would be very time consuming; many of the Board members feel the cards would be a good idea again next year as we made such a good profit, we would need to make sure the cards fit into a smaller envelope, we also discussed the small card idea that is laminated so it is not paper; all this will probably be discussed again at the annual meeting.

**Terry Speckel's resignation** – Terry has officially resigned so that leaves an open seat on the Board, at the annual meeting there will be 5 seats that are open, Jim Jarvi and Steve Voss are going to be finishing out their term but not planning to go for reelection, Steve sent out an email to about 10 people that he has talked to before about being on the Board so hopefully a few of them will be interested.

**Operations Manager performance/compensation review** – Nancy N. has not received a salary review since she has started, Steve V. said that he has received good comments from coaches and parents about what Nancy is doing so since there is not any benefits with the job he would like to give her an increase to \$20/hour, it was questioned if the budget will allow for this kind of increase and the answer from the treasurer was yes, Phil M. made a motion to increase the Operations Manager position hourly wage to \$20, Brad H. seconds the motion, motion approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Concessions** – Nancy N. reported that Teri Pierro is planning to give feedback on the season at the next Board meeting.

**Umpires** – Doug E. reiterated that the reason he got on the Board was because the umpires did not always get paid back when his son was umpiring a couple years ago, Doug thinks him and Dale did a pretty decent job improving the whole program, including them being paid appropriately and in a timely manner, Doug will help set up the next season but he hopes that the work that has been done will continue when he is not around.

**In-house fastpitch** – no discussion

**In-house baseball (Junior)** – no discussion

**In-house baseball (Senior)** – Curtis M. reported there was 9 teams this year in 13U/15U and the year before there was 7 so there was some growth there, Steve only heard that they would like to play less against other SAA teams and more against the other communities, the Coon Rapids issue was discussed again that their teams are so much better than the others and Donna H., who is from Coon Rapids, talked about what a good program they have and they don't have many traveling teams so many of these kids are forced to play in house, Phil M. thinks that MYAS should set up two tiers for the in house depending on what type of play the teams want.

**Traveling fastpitch** – Donna reported that the summer league went well, the girl's pictures were in the paper that did well at State, fall ball is going on now and she said many in house girls are playing fall ball.

**Traveling baseball** – no discussion

**Field/Game Scheduling** – no discussion

**Equipment** – Nancy would like to have the equipment sorted through/organized by next season.

**Treasurer** –no discussion

**Fundraising** – discussed above

**Uniforms** – Nancy will try to inventory the uniforms to make it easier for Mark Seracki if he coordinates this again.

**Photos** – the Board just reiterated that we have a contract with Sports Star for two more years.

**Operations Manager Report** –

**Cleaning up Building** – Nancy N. reported that she is working on cleaning up the building and will have items out at the Board meetings that she is questioning what to do with (keep/throw/give).

**Old Business** –

**Meeting with Tom Reiner from the City** – Steve V., Nancy N. and Tom R. all met last week to discuss the fields, the City is almost done redoing the Lion's fields, the purpose of the meeting was to get him on Board with some field improvements that SAA would like to do, safety nets over the fences were discussed, covers on the dugouts, improvements to the concession stands, irrigation to the fields, Soderville field and the safety issues there (getting a tall screen over the top of the fence to help the foul balls from going to the parking lot, grass improvements can't be done until they get irrigation), the idea was brought up that there should be one field at City Park made into a baseball field but the reason we can't do that is because adult softball uses those fields also, there is a lot more maintenance on a grass infield so the City is against it for that reason too; Mike is very fired up about having fields 5 and 6 geared for traveling; Steve wants to make sure the Board agrees with the improvements we want made and how much we want to contribute to the City.

Steve will be going to the Park and Rec. meeting with Ham Lake and bringing the Board's suggestions – everyone seems to agree that the dugout covers at Lion's and Ham Lake Park and the irrigation at Soderville field are top priority.

**Other**

The annual meeting is set for October 16th 7:00pm at the SAA building.

The next regular meeting is set for October 16th, 2007 also, to follow the Annual Meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Phil M., Marty T. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 10:35pm.

