

**Soderville Athletic Association**  
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 14, 2008

**Board Members in Attendance**

Greg Zimmer	President
Greg Stephani	Vice President
Tom Dreshar	Treasurer
Derrell Singh	Secretary
Donna Hable	
Brian Braden	
Steve Miller	
Brad Hensler	

**Not in Attendance**

Dale Blonigen  
Curtis Moe

**Others in Attendance**

Nancy Nelson  
Jon Frank  
Mike Laciskey

Meeting called to order by Greg Zimmer at 7:08pm.

Greg Z. made a motion to approve the July 13, 2008 meeting minutes, Steve M. seconded, motion approved.

**Public forum** – Paul Meunier, Tom Paulson and Ferrell Tuohy attended the SAA Board meeting. Paul expressed his thanks to us for running the Ham Lake youth organization. He really appreciates what we offer to the youth of our City. Paul expressed that he wants to be sure the proper people are elected into the council so that the right things are done for the City of Ham Lake. He talked about the fact that he thinks the City will still try to impose field fees onto SAA if certain people are on the City Council. Greg Z. expressed that he would not want to see SAA pay fees if there was not a guarantee that the funds would go back into the improvement/maintenance of the fields.

Steve Miller then stated that in accordance with Section 501-Exemption from Tax on Corporations, Certain Trusts, etc. Revenue Ruling 2007-41, that organizations that are exempt from income tax under section 501©(3) may not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

**New Business**

**Fundraiser (Jon Frank)** – Jon and his wife started off by thanking us for using their company for a fundraiser for the last two years. Derrell asked about the fact that Our Saviour's Church sold almost the same identical card as we did; Jon's response was that the church only sold about 70 cards so it was a very small fundraiser and should not have affected ours, Jon can't promise that he will not do fundraisers in the northern area or he would be out of business, Steve M. said that the problem he had with the card was that theirs looked so identical to ours, Jon will try to differentiate them more this year, Brad brought up the fact that he thinks the smaller cards are better so there was discussion around that and which type of card is better, Jon wants us to know that the more time he has the better chance of making a good card, Tom D. asked if November is early enough to know if we are using him for our 2009 fundraiser and he replied yes to that, Steve M. asked what are the chances that the vendors could have a window decal saying that they sponsor SAA coupon cards and everyone thought that was a great idea, Jon said the Spectators, Subway, Movie Max and Holiday are getting used a lot and he may be able to get more corporate vendors for next year as he has more relationships with those companies now, good vendors are recognizable and what is used often, Jon will look at the price for doing a credit card style card and get back to us.

Mike Laciskey and Nick Braden came to the meeting to express interest in being on the Board. Brad H. made a motion to vote Mike Laciskey onto the Board, Greg S. seconded the motion, motion approved. Derrell S. made motion to vote Nick Braden on the Board, Greg S. seconded that motion, motion approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Concessions** – Pierro – Steve M. let everyone know that they tried to break into the Lion's concession stand and the shed over by Lion's. Concessions lost some money over the weekend due to the rain.

**Umpires** – Blonigen/Hensler – Brad wants to make sure that the umpires are trained on baseball and softball next year, he thinks they just received ASA training and not MYAS training last year.

**In-house fastpitch** – Miller – no report

**In-house baseball (Junior)** – Stephani – no report

**In-house baseball (Senior)** – Moe – not present

**Traveling fastpitch** – Hable – there are a couple weeks left of the fall ball season, today was tough with the rain but most games were still played. Donna notified the Board know that she is resigning from her position when her term is up in October, she may end up taking on the commissioner position that Mike Nelson currently holds, Donna will find out if MMFL is willing to donate to field improvements again next year and let us know.

**Traveling baseball** – Braden – Brian asked Greg Z. to give an update on the traveling meeting he, Tom D. and Greg S. attended, Greg Z. said they told traveling that they are not guaranteed to use the Ham Lake fields next year, they brought up the fact that SAA should have a voting Board member on the traveling Board, Steve M. wants to say that when traveling had their tournament they took all the plugs out and left them out and the fields were a mess, Mike L. let us know that SAA now has a link on the traveling website, there was much discussion then around BAT using the Ham Lake fields and what should be done about them donating something to SAA in order to use the fields, Brian says the Traveling Board has to hear a consistent message from SAA so they understand what we are getting at, Brian B. thinks that SAA's relationship with BAT really needs to get figured out.

**Field/Game Scheduling** – McArthur – Greg reported that Randy will be doing scheduling again next year.

**Equipment** – Braden N. – Nick and Brian put all the equipment bags in the small room over the weekend.

**Treasurer** – Dreshar – Nancy completed our financials, net income of over \$19,000 as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, Tom D. gave the balances for all 4 of our accounts, Tom gave the amount that will be needed to operate from September until the end of January 2009, Tom D. is looking at putting some funds into a CD so it is earning higher interest, Tom will decide how much to put into the CD and notify the Board.

**Fundraising** – Braden – Brian thinks we need to continue to do the same fundraiser, Greg Z. thinks we should decide on it this October, Steve would like to wait until the next meeting to make any decisions and until he lets us know what the cost of a credit card type of card would cost, Brian does not think we should change from Impact since we are familiar with them, Nancy will talk to Jon about getting us the price difference on the cards.

**Uniforms** – Singh – Derrell has 12 pullovers coming that he ordered that we will try to sell at the concession stands; Brad is considering having the umpires order their own uniforms so he wants to discuss this with Derrell before anything is done with umpire uniforms. Nancy will be inventorying uniforms this week with some volunteers.

**Photos** – Nelson – Nancy reported that Sports Star finally sent us the portion of the photos that belongs to SAA, 15% of what SAA members ordered came to \$1,549.25.

**Operations Manager Report** – N. Nelson

**Dug out covers pictured in Union** – Nancy showed the Board the picture and write up that was in the Union newspaper about the new dug out covers at Lion's.

**Sports Star %** - Nancy already talked about this above.

**Fundraiser ideas from association** – Nancy said that many emails came in from the association with fundraiser ideas from those that do not agree with the fundraiser we are currently doing. Most of the emails said they think selling candy bars is a good idea but none of them were willing to coordinate this effort. The Board decided it would take a lot of sold candy bars to make the same profit we are from selling the cards. One person suggested Happenings Books but with these we have to write a big check up front and it makes it much more expensive. We will most likely stay with the same fundraiser again.

**Break in at concessions/shed** – discussed above

**Old Business** –

**Building – work out facility** – Greg Z. wants to have the building ready to use as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, there was discussion around what types of balls can be used in the building, Nick will get a price on a pitching machine, Greg S. to make motion to spend \$2,000 on improvements to the building, Derrell S. seconded the motion, motion approved. Steve M. made a motion to spend \$200 for Nick to buy storage containers if needed for equipment, Derrell S. seconded that motion, motion approved. Greg Z. thinks there should be a small fee charged when kids are using the building, there was much discussion around if we should charge a set fee of \$20 for the year or \$1 per time, Greg S. makes a motion to charge \$1 per kid with a coach or SAA Board member, Derrell S. seconds the motion, motion approved.

**Soderville baseball field** – Tom D. is going to strip the infield of the Soderville field in the next couple weeks and we have sod being donated, we need to sod in the fall since we are not able to do it in the spring, Greg Z. made a motion to spend \$2,000 on the field, Steve M. seconded it, motion approved.

Nancy gave a reminder about the Annual meeting which will be October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Other**

The next meeting is set for October 14th, 2008 at 8:00pm, following the annual meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Derrell S., Brad H. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.