

**Soderville Athletic Association**  
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 16, 2007

**Board Members in Attendance**

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| Greg Zimmer   | President      |
| Greg Stephani | Vice President |
| Phil Morem    | Treasurer      |
| Derrell Singh | Secretary      |
| Donna Hable   |                |
| Brian Braden  |                |
| Dale Blonigen |                |
| Marty Tynda   |                |
| Brad Hensler  |                |
| Tom Dreshar   |                |
| Steve Miller  |                |

**Not in Attendance**

Curtis Moe

**Others in Attendance**

Nancy Nelson  
Steve Voss  
Brad Eppenberger  
Jim Jarvi  
Jeff Arvold

Meeting called to order by Greg Zimmer at 8:00pm.

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

**Public forum –**

Jeff Arvold from BAT wanted to thank Steve Voss for what he has done for the association and also wanted to thank Brian B. for the part he has played in the BAT program in attending their meetings and giving input. BAT is very interesting in seeing the SAA program succeed since this is one of the feeders into their program. Brian wanted the new Board members to hear that we have a great relationship with BAT and how the two tie together. Jeff stated that 95% of the kids playing varsity baseball have gone through the traveling program so they really need to keep that program going strong.

**New Business**

**Election of 2008 Board Officers –**

Tom Dreshar nominates Greg Zimmer for President of SAA, Greg S. made the motion to nominate Greg Zimmer, Donna H. seconded the motion, motion approved. Greg S. was nominated for Vice President, Marty T. makes motion to approve this, Brad H. seconded the motion, motion approved. Phil Morem accepted the position of treasurer and Derrell Singh accepted the position of Secretary.

**Appointment of coordinators/discussion of volunteer positions**

Director of Junior Baseball – Greg Stephani  
Director of Senior Baseball – Moe?  
Liaison of traveling Baseball – Brian Braden  
Director of In-house fastpitch – Steve Miller  
Director of Traveling Fastpitch - Donna Hable

Director – Umpires – Dale Blonigen and Brad Hensler

It was decided that we give the new President time to look over the positions that need to be filled and discuss the remainder of the positions at the next meeting.

Brad Hensler thought it was a good time to bring up retaining Steve Voss's services for running the website for the 2008 season. The Board should consider offering Steve a paid position, if he is willing, with the organization to assist with the registration process and scheduling. Steve will come to the next meeting with a proposal for the Board to consider and vote on. Steve will submit something to Nancy for the next meeting. Tom D. made a motion to have Nancy N. be the liaison with whoever fills this website consultant position, Greg S. seconded the motion, motion approved.

### **Meetings with Ham Lake and East Bethel regarding dug-out roofs, irrigation, concessions and other items**

Steve V. and Nancy N. met with Tom Reiner and discussed how to spend the fundraising money last month and SAA is on the agenda for the Ham Lake meeting tomorrow night. Steve V. will attend this meeting with the intent of introducing Greg Zimmer as the new President and giving his input on the improvements SAA would like to see happen. Steve passed around a picture of a dug-out cover that Ham Lake forwarded to him and Steve's concern about the one they have designed is vandalism. Jack Davis from East Bethel and Tom Reiner from Ham Lake are talking together about what is the best thing to do. Ham Lake is looking for a contribution from SAA for the lime that is being added to the Lion's fields so that will likely be discussed at the Ham Lake meeting.

### **Potential Field fees in Ham Lake**

The City of Ham Lake is considering implementing field fees for SAA and other organizations to use the fields. They have heard that we are paying EB so this is likely a big reason why they think we should be paying them also. It seems the City needs to be reminded that we are providing the service to the city that they would have to if we weren't here.

### **Increase in East Bethel Field fees**

On top of the fees being charged to use the fields M-F East Bethel has now implemented a tournament fee of \$350 per tournament for the West fields and \$50 per field for the East fields. There will also be an additional charge if SAA wants assistance from the City with dragging fields, emptying garbage, etc. The Board is not happy that the City didn't even talk to SAA about this before adding this fee and it seems a little steep.

### **Fundraiser Ideas for 2008**

There is a person in the organization that may be interested in coordinating the fundraiser but she was not present tonight. Nancy will try to find out if she is still interested or not. There was discussion over the 2007 fundraiser and the positives and negatives surrounding the cards we distributed. Derrell S. brought up the fact that the initial shock is over for the fundraiser and this year everyone will be more willing to accept it, Steve stated that Jon Frank is interested in helping with our fundraiser this year and that he would look into doing the small cards for us as some have expressed that these may be better, Nancy will contact Jon to talk about attending our next meeting and sharing his ideas.

**Committee Reports:** It was decided not to have committee reports since this is the first meeting with new Board members.

### **Operations Manager Report – N. Nelson**

**Extra Portable cleanings for traveling fastpitch** – Nancy reported that she is not sure what was decided as far as who is paying the fee when the portables are cleaned extra on traveling fastpitch tournament weekends, Donna H. remembers that it was agreed that SAA and traveling fastpitch would split that cost evenly, some discussion went on around this and everyone seemed to agree this is a good idea. Marty T. made the motion to approve the division of the cost of the extra portable cleanings, Dale B. seconded the motion, motion approved

**Gambling Audit Records** – Nancy reported that Gary Danger from Gambling Control called to see if we would like to have the records back from the gambling audit they did for SAA. The Board discussed this issue and decided that Nancy should get these records and they should be kept in case a future Board wants to look into having gambling again.

**2007 registration fees not paid** – There are four players in the association that have not had their full registration fee paid. Nancy sent letters to their parents stating that if they do not pay for the 2007 season they will not be able to register for the 2008 season.

**Equipment bags** – There are 7 equipment bags to be turned in by coaches yet. Nancy has contacted each of them so they should be coming in soon.

**Old Business –**

It was discussed what is going on with making the building into a workout facility. Dale B. will contact Mike Nelson to see where they are at with this.

Phil brought up the fact that Donna should discuss the relationship between traveling and in-house SAA so the new Board members have an understanding of that.

The Board will need to remove Steve Voss as a signer on the general account, Derrell S. makes motion to add Greg Stephani and Greg Zimmer as signers on the general fund account and remove Steve Voss, Steve Miller seconds the motion, motion approved. The Board also discussed removing Steve Voss as a signer on the traveling fastpitch and adding Greg Zimmer, motion made by Marty T., Phil M. seconded, motion approved.

**Other**

The next meeting is set for November 18th, 2007 at 8:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dale B., Greg S. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.