

Soderville Athletic Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 10, 2006

Board Members in Attendance

Steve Voss	President
Rodney Gillund	Vice President
Phil Morem	Treasurer
Brian Braden	
Brad Eppenberger	
Jim Jarvi	
Curtis Moe	
Marty Tynda	
Paul Krenz	

Not in Attendance

Dale Blonigen
Greg Stephani
Doug Evans
Terry Speckel

Others in Attendance

Nancy Nelson
Mike Nelson
Jeff Arvold

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

Brian B. made a motion to approve the November 19, 2006 meeting minutes, Marty T. seconded, motion approved.

Public forum – none

New Business

Traveling Fastpitch Financial Reporting Procedure – Presented by Bob Murphy

Bob reported that he is a CPA by trade and his daughter plays traveling fastpitch – he will be using Quick Books and coming up with a budget with Mike Nelson, he will do a monthly report to come back to SAA, it could be ready for tax reporting purposes also; Brian B. says that this would cause there to be complete separate financials then, Mike N. says it has already been approved this way and they want to be ready to move forward once this is approved, there has been a letter emailed around with changes that may be made to the By-laws, Brian B. did not have the understanding that the accounting would be separate and he is fine with it either way, Mike N. says sign up could remain the same as he understands but they would have a Soderville Bengals bank account, Steve V. says there needs to be a written proposal, Jeff A. made steps towards that with his letter pertaining to North Metro, Mike N. will use Jeff's letter and make changes to that and submit it at the next Board meeting, Steve V. says the bigger picture is determining if fastpitch is still part of SAA, Mike says that yes, this was all discussed at the meeting they had, Brian B. thinks this is moving toward the separation of fastpitch but Mike says he is definitely not moving in that direction, Brad E. thinks having their own financials will make things easier for them to take care of things; so all in all they will give a proposal at the next meeting.

Mike Nelson – traveling fastpitch is planning to have two State tournaments that are already being scheduled, July 13, 14, and 15 (10U or 12U) and hosting a qualifier the preceding weekend, they may also host the 16B on July 20, 21, and 22.

SAA Building Discussion – Brian B. talked to Hawkeye Insurance about us using the building for a work out facility, Hawkeye said they suggest we do not do this and they don't want to cover it, we need to have liability coverage in place before we can use it as anything besides storage, Brian B. reported that the D & O insurance we have does not cover this, Brian B. suggested maybe we have someone come in and give a presentation on this situation, we will continue to have this checked into with other insurance companies.

Steve V. also brought up the information Paul K. presented last year on program coverage he had suggested we look into. This will be put on the agenda for January and discussed again at that time.

MYAS – Paul K. reported they would just like to talk to the Junior Baseball Coordinator and so they decided not to come to our meeting, MYAS is considering SAA as having All Star teams since we always sweep the standings at the tournaments, Curtis M. and Greg S. should contact MYAS and have a meeting with them, they will let Steve know as he would like to attend also.

2007 Registration – last year we did just about everything for advertising except postcards, Steve created a mailing list based off last year's registration and it came to 895 addresses, Nancy will look into getting the ad in for January in The Courier, The Ham Laker and the East Bethel newsletter. Brian B. suggests that we have the signs that sit around the city for registration, Steve will check into the flier and getting the 2006 changed to 2007, Nancy will look into getting the fliers printed to hand out to the schools and we will determine next meeting who will distribute them.

Committee Reports:

Concessions – no report

Umpires – Nancy will run it by Dale and Doug that we are advertising for umpires on the flier that will be distributed.

In-house fastpitch – Jim J. just wants to make sure the 16's and 18's have a reduced fee since their season is shorter, Steve V. suggested he bring a written proposal for the next meeting.

In-house baseball (Junior) – Greg S. was not present so Steve V. brought up that we need to determine how we are going to deal with 10U and 12U baseball for the 2007 season. This will have to be determined at the January meeting.

In-house baseball (Senior) – Curtis M. reported that he has had some discussion with Curt Olsen and they are talking about separating the 13's from the 14's and 15's, Curt O. is talking about having try outs, Curtis M. is wondering what fields they will be using this year.

Traveling fastpitch – Brad E. reported that this was covered under new business. The clinic dates are posted on the website. Brad E. reported that two teams went to the Turkey tournament in Rosemount.

Traveling baseball – Jeff Arvold gave out two hand outs; each entity has been met with besides SAA and Jeff A. is hoping to get the approval from SAA to approve this new association, Steve V. gave the information that basically this is about creating a new baseball association, it is a new direction from what the discussion was a few weeks ago, there was a small meeting two weeks ago that this is the direction this program may go, SAA would have a seat on the Board on the Blaine Baseball association but virtually it would be a separate entity, the finances and the way the program is run would be totally separate from SAA, Steve V. questioned what the anticipated timing would be, Jeff V. answered that the rest of the organizations are completely behind it, they are hoping to be having monthly meetings start by next month, the By-laws have been started and Paul K. is looking at filing it with the State, Paul reported that most of the kids are coming from SAA and they don't want to leave SAA and the fields are here, Paul also stated many of them would like to see gambling come back and they don't see that happening in SAA, NM runs into the issue with companies that they don't want to donate since they don't see it as a Blaine area program, Jeff thinks the whole program would be strengthened right into the high school program, Jeff A. wants SAA to know that they are not walking away on bad terms or anything and they would like to donate some money back to SAA, Jeff A. brings up that if they keep the North Metro name it will not get everyone excited to play for them so they have to be tied into Blaine so in the best interest in the community and the kids this is the best idea, Steve V. commented that he personally thinks it will make it a stronger program, we will have to discuss the concessions and field maintenance but they don't know those technical details yet, Rodney G. makes the motion that we agree with the general concept of what North Metro has brought forward to separate from SAA, Brad E. seconded the motion, motion approved. Steve V. suggests that there be a committee to discuss the issues that will arise from this and the new association will be looking for someone to be on their new Board, Brian B. and Steve V. will be part of helping with moving this forward.

Paul K. has also been approached for tournaments – they want traveling baseball to host the same ones as last year, 13B State would be July 13, 14, 15 and they would need both fields, they will also do the 13U Rec. tournament again.

Field/Game Scheduling – the first question is if Rodney is doing this position again, Rodney stated he is interested in doing the scheduling, Nancy will request fields from Ham Lake and East Bethel. We may also need the fields from Blaine again. Nancy will check with Kyle to see if he is interested in doing the field work again. It was suggested that we set a time for people to get together to work on fields in the spring.

Equipment – Paul K. will order new catcher's helmets, he also said the new stakes are done and can stay at the shop for now, he will order some new fastpitch balls but no new baseballs are needed, he is wondering if we should start replacing the bags, it was discussed we could just replace the older age groups for now since they have more gear to put in them, the coaches that have used the bags on wheels really like them, he will need to order a new set of bases, we have enough pegs now, other discussion around this will be at the next meeting.

Treasurer – Steve V. asked if we have started looking for an accountant, Phil M. reported that he has not done this yet.

Fundraising – Brian B. reported they have good news on postage that we could save half on the postage, he has talked to Mansetti's and has that one already and he is looking into others, Brad E. will find out if traveling fastpitch will be a part of this fundraiser.

Old Business –

VFW Fundraiser – it was reported that we are still going to try to go ahead with this, Rodney G. will try to set up a meeting with the comedian at the VFW and notify Nancy, Phil and Marty.

SNOBOL – Paul K made a motion to approve the \$100, Phil M. seconded, motion approved.

Operations Manager Report – N. Nelson

Registration Volunteer – there may be an association member interested in helping with registration, Nancy has discussed with her that we would be looking for someone to help at the walk in registrations and to assist with inputting the registration forms into the computer.

Ham Lake City Storage for SAA – Nancy spoke with Tom Reiner about using the upstairs storage at the City building in case we need it if we ever use the building for a work out facility and Tom said we can use it free of charge as long as everything is out by the spring.

St. Francis Graduation Party – Nancy reported that St. Francis High School is looking for donations for their all night graduation party, it was not decided if we would donate to this or not.

Other

The next meeting is set for January 7, 2007 at 7:30pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Paul K., Brian B. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 10:55pm.