

**Soderville Athletic Association**  
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 14, 2008

**Board Members in Attendance**

Greg Zimmer	President
Mike Laciskey	Treasurer
Brian Braden	
Dale Blonigen	
Steve Miller	
Brad Hensler	
Tom Dreshar	
Nick Braden	

**Not in Attendance**

Greg Stephani	Vice President
Derrell Singh	Secretary
Dan Legierski	
Heather Lund	
Justin Dahlberg	

**Others in Attendance**

Nancy Nelson

Meeting called to order by Greg Zimmer at 7:12pm.

Steve M. made a motion to approve the November 23, 2008 meeting minutes, Nick B. seconded, motion approved.

**Public forum** – none

**New Business**

**Registration fees/Budget for 2009** – since it is unknown what the City of Ham Lake has planned as far as any field fees for the 2009 season it is difficult to plan ahead; but after discussion about budget and registration fees it was decided that SAA will increase the registration fee \$5 and the volunteer fee \$5. Brad H. made the motion to approve these fee increases, Mike L. seconded, motion approved. Mike L. then reported further on the budget from 2008 and showed what would be required to continue operations through the first of the year. There was discussion about the balance that is in the Concessions account. Steve M. made a motion to transfer \$6,000 of that balance to the Capital Improvement Fund and \$19,000 to the General Fund, Brad H. seconded that motion, motion approved. Nancy will take care of making those transfers. The 2009 budget was discussed further and reviewed from the numbers provided by Mike L. Tom D. made a motion to approve the 2009 budget, Greg Z. seconded, motion approved.

**Red Umpire Shirts** – there are many extra red umpire shirts and there was discussion around what to do with them, it was decided that we would keep them to use for rookie umpire shirts in case we need them.

**Committee Reports:**

**Concessions** – Pierro – not present

**Umpires** – Hensler – no report

**In-house fast pitch** – Lund – not present

**In-house baseball (Junior)** – Stephani - not present

**In-house baseball** (Senior) – Blonigen – Dale B. talked to the guys at MYAS and there will be a 16 year old team for sure in SAA next year, they also told Dale that they have a 17U-19U league so it offers the kids that don't make a town ball team somewhere to play too; Dale really likes how the field looks at Soderville Field with the improvements that have been made; Greg Z. brought up the fact that the portable pitching mounds that were at City Park are owned by BATBA and they have taken them from that field since they did not like how they were being stored there, Greg Z. thinks there should be a portable mound at the building for practicing, we may have to have discussions with BATBA about using those mounds this season or we may have to purchase 2 of them.

**Traveling fast pitch** – Miller – Steve let the Board know that their pitching clinic starts Tuesday and the clinics will be starting at the high school in January so that will go out as a flyer and be put on the website.

**Traveling baseball** – Zimmer – no report

**Field/Game Scheduling** – McArthur – not present

**Equipment** – Braden N. – Nick B., Brian B. and Greg were in the building over the weekend and cleaned out the remaining used equipment, Nick reported that he created a spreadsheet according to what the registration expectations are and what we have left for equipment; then they discussed what type of balls are used for each age group so we could decide if we want to use the same type of balls for next season, baseballs sell for about \$500/box so we have to be careful about what we order with the budget we have, there is a lot of other equipment we could use new also such as chest protectors, bats, shin guards, etc. so we have to decide what is most important, Steve M. reminded Nick that the fastpitch bats have to be ASA certified when they go to the State tournament, Nick will compare prices and decide what is the best deal before ordering anything.

**Treasurer** – Laciskey – Mike L. said for the month of November we had a \$5300 loss (that just means we had more purchases than deposits), he went over the November P&L to show us those numbers, there was a \$350 deposit to concessions that Mike was questioning for concessions and Nancy said that was our last deposit of the last concessions that were sold from the left over from the season.

**Fundraising** – Braden – Nancy reported that the agreement has been signed with Impact Fundraiser for the 2009 season, Jon Frank will put the individual card in the 16<sup>th</sup> coupon spot for ease of use and try to get the vendors to put SAA in their window to remind patrons to use their coupons; Jon really thinks we should change the prizes for next year, especially the one for selling 5 or more cards, after many ideas were thrown out it was decided that Nancy will have Jon look into having a Brunswick gift card as the prize for selling 5 and more cards. We will keep the gift cards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place though as we think this is what the kids really like.

**Uniforms** – Singh – not present; Nancy will call Derrell and see where he is at for uniforms.

**Photos** – Nelson

**Operations Manager Report** – N. Nelson

**New Accountant Assigned to us** – Nancy said that Dawn Smith is our new accountant at Sannerud, Savarese.

**Registration dates/info. in Ham Laker and Courier for January** – Nancy set the registration dates for February as February 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-12, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 9-12, Nancy will put an umpire ad in the Ham Laker for February.

**Field Requests due to East Bethel and Ham Lake** – Dale B. said that Oak Grove Preserve field on hwy. 22 has had many improvements made to it so maybe we can look into that field, Steve M. thought St. Francis had offered some fields to us so that may be another avenue to check into. Nancy will get field request forms to East Bethel this week and to Ham Lake in early January.

**Old Business** –

**Elite Baseball teams** – we want to have the website changed to reflect the 2009 changes to SAA regarding the elite teams, if the information goes on the website now then the kids and parents have more time to think about if this is something they are interested in; SAA Practice Facility information should be on the website also, Steve M. makes a motion to continue to explore the Elite and 16U and 17-19 age groups, Nick B. seconds the motion, motion approved.

**SAA Building needs** – Greg Z. is wondering if we should order pop up nets to use at the building so Nick B. will look into those, there is a lot of extra netting at the building and Steve made some suggestions for how to use that to cover some areas we don't want balls going and to use for stations, it is good to have a lot of station options at the building so kids are not standing around when they are here.

**BATBA check approval from All Star Tournament**

BATBA notified Nancy that their understanding was that we would be paying \$400 for the 4 All Star teams we had in their tournament last season. Nancy told the Board that they had never officially voted on this, just talked about it but did not make a decision. It was discussed and decided that the \$400 needs to be paid to BATBA, Steve M. motions to send a \$400 check to BATBA, Brian B. seconds the motion, motion approved.

**Other**

The next meeting is set for January 18th, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Nick B., Dale B. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.