

Soderville Athletic Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 16, 2007

Board Members in Attendance

Greg Zimmer	President
Greg Stephani	Vice President
Curtis Moe	
Brian Braden	
Marty Tynda	
Tom Dreshar	
Steve Miller	
Brad Hensler	

Not in Attendance

Phil Morem	Treasurer
Derrell Singh	Secretary
Donna Hable	
Dale Blonigen	

Others in Attendance

Nancy Nelson
Luke Scardigli
Randy McArthur

Meeting called to order by Greg Zimmer at 7:00 pm.

Steve M. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 18, 2007, Tom D. seconded, motion approved.

Public forum – none

New Business

East Bethel Fields – Luke Scardigli, the President of the St. Francis Baseball Association, came to approach the Board about utilizing a field at Booster West on Tuesday and Thursdays for the 2008 season, he was able to work with the Board last year and would like to be able to do that again, they could actually even use it for a third night, he is hoping to get an answer by January 1st, it was stated that once SAA knows what fees East Bethel City is charging for field use we would have to pass that on to St. Francis, they would also possibly look into getting volunteers to help at the concession stand, the Board will discuss this further when we know what the field fees will be. Tom D. made the motion to grant St. Francis baseball use of a Booster West field with the decision of a fee to be made later, Greg Z. seconded, motion approved.

Greg Z. introduced Randy McArthur as the person that will be scheduling the fields for the 2008 season. Everyone thanked Randy ahead of time for taking on this task.

SAA field fees – the Ham Lake City Council meeting is tomorrow night at 7:00pm so we are hoping there will be many Board and association members present at the meeting, SAA had offered the City a donation amount to put into improving the fields, it seems there is no logic as to how they came up with the \$15,000, none of the council members have responded to any of the emails that association members have sent, Paul Meunier, the Mayor, has responded in a positive way and Greg Z. has spoken to him numerous times, Paul also wrote an outstanding article that was published in the Anoka Union in support of SAA.

Fat Boy's – Greg Z. reported that Fat Boy's donates money to some associations and may be able to help out SAA also, they would at the least like to provide the concessions at one of our tournaments and we could use this as a fundraiser, they are also interested in getting on the SAA fundraiser card.

Committee Reports:

Concessions – Pierro – Nancy reported that she will be the spokesperson for concessions as while Teri is busy with other things. It was discussed that after the holidays we will look at how to make a better profit on concessions in 2008.

Umpires – Blonigen/Hensler – Brad asked about the software that was purchased to schedule umpires that was not used last year, Brad is going to contact Doug Evans to see if he has that program.

In-house fastpitch – Miller – Nancy talked about the fact that we need to do some research about who the in-house fastpitch girls are going to play against if the registration numbers are low in the 8U and 14U and higher age groups. It was stated that Andover just has a slow pitch program and St. Francis does not have a program for the older girls so neither of these nearby communities will work, someone is going to contact MYAS to see if any other communities are having this same problem and see if they can help us find others to play against.

In-house baseball (Junior) – Stephani – not present – ended up coming in late.

In-house baseball (Senior) – Moe – they will probably stick with the NorthStar league again for 2008, he also talked about the fact that Soderville field still needs many improvements made, it was talked about putting in a well and that a Sandpoint one may be a lot cheaper, it was discussed that it may be worth it to resod that field even if a well is not put in and the City would just have to bring a water truck to the field if it gets dry, Tom D. offered to get his equipment to level out the field and Greg Z. will look into the sod part of the field, Curtis M. will be the head of getting field improvements made to Soderville field.

Traveling fastpitch – Hable – not present

Traveling baseball – Braden – BAT elected their new President and they have put out the coach applications.

Field/Game Scheduling – McArthur – BAT may not be getting that tournament for July according to a schedule that Randy saw, Nancy and Randy will discuss the exact tournament dates and get a schedule out.

Equipment – Krenz/Tynda – Paul K. put together new bases for the fields, we need to see if purchasing new equipment bags will fit into the budget for 2008, Marty took the handles off bats and we need to bring the bats to an aluminum recycling place – Tom D. will take the bats tonight to a recyclable place.

Treasurer – Morem – not present - Phil had a copy of the report for November and a budget plan, Nancy let the Board know that Phil is resigning from his position as SAA Treasurer at the end of January, he will finish out the financials for 2007 though, it is very important to find a replacement as soon as possible, we will look for a volunteer and also look at some of the firms in the area as it would be more consistent if we did the accounting that way, Brad H. will make some calls to local accounting firms to find out what they can do and put the word out for a volunteer.

Fundraising – Braden – a contract has been negotiated with Impact Fundraising, the agreement has been signed by Greg Z. and the deposit has been paid, there was discussion on whether to stay with the same style of card or go to a credit card style card, Tom D. makes the motion to stick with the same card, Brian B. seconds, motion approved. Nancy will have Jon from Impact bring his final offer to the January Board meeting, it was also decided that each family would be required to buy fundraising cards for the first 2 kids but families with 3+ kids would not be required to buy more than for 2 children.

Greg Z. will see if Phil M. will meet to discuss the budget with a few of the Board members and Nancy N.

Uniforms – Singh – not present

Photos – Nelson – no report

Operations Manager Report – N. Nelson

Walk in registration dates – The walk in dates for registration have been set for February 2 from 9-2, February 16 from 9-2 and February 26 from 5-9. Nancy will send out a sign up so there are a few Board members at each registration.

Old Business –

SAA Building – Fastpitch donation and schedule – Steve M. made motion to approve the \$700 donation from that fastpitch offered to donate towards the improvements to the SAA building, Greg S. seconded the motion, motion approved. Nancy will talk to the fastpitch treasurer and have her send the \$700 check.

SAA Building – update on office space – Nancy let everyone know that Dan Gillund, a contractor, was at the building to give an estimate on what it will cost to build the office space at the building, he estimated the cost at \$3,500 and that does not include flooring, Dan is going to meet with the City inspector this week to see if there will be any problem getting a building permit and Nancy will report back, Brian B. made a motion to proceed with the office improvements, Marty T. seconded the motion, motion approved.

Other

The next meeting is set for January 20th, 2007 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Brad H., Steve M. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.