

**Soderville Athletic Association**  
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 15, 2007

**Board Members in Attendance**

Steve Voss	President
Open Position	Vice President
Phil Morem	Treasurer
Curtis Moe	
Jim Jarvi	
Marty Tynda	
Doug Evans	
Dale Blonigen	

**Not in Attendance**

Terry Speckel  
Brian Braden  
Paul Krenz  
Greg Stephani

**Others in Attendance**

Nancy Nelson  
Teri Pierro  
Donna Hable  
Tom Bauer

Meeting called to order by Phil Morem at 8:07 pm.

Marty T. made a motion to approve the March 11, 2007 meeting minutes, Curtis M. seconded, motion approved.

**Public forum –**

Nancy introduced Teri Pierro as the Concessions Coordinator to the SAA Board of Directors. Teri has a child in both traveling leagues and one on in house and is very excited to start this new position.

**New Business**

10U/12U Invitational Tournament – it was decided that we would not hold this tournament again since no one has started coordinating it, it really is too late to coordinate this tournament at this time.

Equipment Handout – this is scheduled for next Sunday, we need to decide if we want to have the bags ready by next week, we need to decide how we want to run the equipment handout; Jim Jarvi said he can be here the first hour to help with fastpitch equipment; uniforms will be bagged by Ideal and ready to go that day too; Sunday, April 22, fastpitch handout will be 12-2, 6U/8U/10U will be 2-4 and 12U and higher will be 4-6, Nancy will look at getting some volunteers that are interested in helping with the equipment handout.

East Bethel – it was an interesting week as far as East Bethel fields go as we received quite a large bill for use of the East Bethel fields for the upcoming season, Phil M. went to the City meeting and reported that he talked about his indignation to the fact that we had no idea they were going to be charging us for fields and the City reported that they have been considering doing this for 2 years now, Phil told us that he expressed that we should have been part of the discussions and not just sent a bill; SAA has given so much to the fields in the past that it was understood that we would not be charged the same as other associations, Nancy N. and the City will figure out the final fees for using the fields and Nancy will take care of paying that, there is no way we can do the season without using the East Bethel fields as that has already been looked at, Phil M. makes the motion to pay the amount for East Bethel fields, Doug E. seconded the motion, motion approved. Steve V. abstained from voting due to his position on the East Bethel Council Board.

Fundraising Profits – Phil M. would like to approach both cities with the idea of improving/building fields with these monies.

Insurance – Brian B. was not able to be here so Steve V. reported on the insurance he has been looking into, this coverage would cost \$9,000-\$10,000 per year, this relates back to the East Bethel field discussion as they are requiring us to have this insurance policy to use their fields, they showed their City Attorney our waiver statement and they said this was not enough, Brian B. is recommending that we get this insurance, it does not cover kids from other areas coming into our tournaments but we can get “riders” for this, Phil M. reported that in looking at the budget he feels we can use the concessions funds and registration fees for this without using the fundraising profits, Doug E. makes the motion that the President and Treasurer can go ahead with discussions on this to obtain this insurance, Dale B. seconds the motion, motion approved.

Traveling Fastpitch – Mike N. introduced Donna Hable as the person that has been doing a lot of the Director role for the traveling fastpitch already and he would like to nominate her for this position on the Board, Phil M. nominates Donna Hable for the Fastpitch Director position on the Board, Doug E. seconds the motion, motion approved. We need to figure out what term is the shortest remaining from the Board members that left and Donna would fill that term; Phil M. reported that \$12,512.00 should be transferred to the traveling fastpitch fund, Jim Jarvi seconds the motion, motion approved, Phil M. makes a motion to remove Brad E. from the fastpitch account, Dale B. seconded, motion approved. Phil M. made a motion to add Jim Jarvi to the signers on the account, Dale B. seconded, motion approved, Nancy will need to do background checks on the signers and other Board members.

Approval of 2007 rules – Steve V. would like adopt the rules discussed at the coaches meetings for the 2007 season, Doug E. makes the motion to approve these rules, Phil M. seconded the motion, motion approved, Phil M. makes the motion to purchase rule books for the 13U/15U coaches for the North Star League and for the umpires, Curtis M. seconds the motion, motion approved.

Extra Baseballs – there are coaches wondering if they can buy some extra baseballs from us, Nancy and Paul will decide what to sell them for at equipment handout.

Pitching Clinic – last year we had this clinic so we are looking at doing this again; it was in the budget for this year already so it is approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Concessions** – Nancy introduced Teri Pierro at the beginning, she also reported that we may have someone for the assistant position, Phil M. let us know that the Lion’s may be interested in helping us with improvements to the stand, Phil thinks it may be a good thing with the City even though we don’t make a big profit at that concession stand, the Board agrees that we can continue looking into this further.

**Umpires** – Dale B. reported that the umpire equipment is here and will cost \$75, another umpire training is coming up on April 29<sup>th</sup> and this one will be an on field training, they feel they are short with their numbers so they will be trying to recruit this week and call them so many show up for the training, Steve V. reported that he talked to the coaches at all the coach meetings about how to treat the umpires, they were surprised that hardly any of the ones from last year are coming back, the coaches can help “teach” the umpires instead of yelling at them, the coaches need to control the parents as part of their job as only the coach should be talking to the umpires, Dale B. wants us to consider changing the pay for the umpires in the future in hopes of having more of them return (pay more for experience, more for the higher age groups), Dale B. reported that his spouse is going to do the scheduling for the umpires, they will need the field schedules soon to start doing this.

**In-house fastpitch** – Jim J. reported that rosters went out for everyone, at 18U there are 20 kids registered and only one person has offered to coach, Pat White, most other organizations don’t even have in house for this age group so we are happy this is going to work out, Pat White needs 22 t-shirts in Royal Blue for this team so Nancy will talk to Mark S.

**In-house baseball (Junior)** – the teams are formed and everything is set, 8U has 13 per team already.

**In-house baseball (Senior)** – Curtis M. reported that the North Star League fee has been paid, people like the fact that their will be some road games for them this year, Steve V. stated that no practices are scheduled for this age group yet, Curtis stated that he ran into Tom R. from the City and he thinks we may not be able to practice on the City fields until

May 1<sup>st</sup>, we would shoot for that Monday the 30<sup>th</sup>, Nancy will talk to Tom and Jack to see what they think about a start date for the season, Curtis also talked to Tom R. about improvements to the field and moving the building and putting power to that, discussion moved to the fact that maybe someone should start going to the Ham Lake Parks meetings more often, Curtis is going to the Parks meeting this Wednesday,

**Traveling fastpitch** – Donna H. brought up the fact that they are planning to host a fall ball tournament and will not have the use of Lion's Park, she will look into it further to see if using the two fields at Lion's and the four at City will be enough, Nancy N. will talk to the City about making a commitment to fixing the fields and will relay this information back to the Board.

**Traveling baseball** – Paul K. not here, Nancy N. said he handed out equipment.

**Field/Game Scheduling** – Pat Carlson is working on this, need to find out when we can start the season.

**Equipment** – Nancy N. will contact Paul K. to see if he can be here for equipment handout day.

**Treasurer** – Phil M. reported that we are in good shape with the funds and he will try to get through the rest of the month and email the report to Nancy N. and she will email the information to the Board.

**Fundraising** – Nancy N. will discuss with Brian B. what we are going to give to coaches about what to do with the packets and how to get them back from the coaches.

**Uniforms** – Nancy N. will check with Mark S. and Ideal on the status of the uniforms.

**Photos** – Nancy N. reported that we are on track with scheduling for photos.

**Operations Manager Report** – N. Nelson

Portable Toilets for Ham Lake – Nancy verified that SAA paying for their share of these is already in the budget so does not need to be approved.

Lights and Parking at Ham Lake Park – the City let Nancy N. know that neither of these will happen until September of 2007

Holtz Landscape Fundraiser – Holtz has offered us the weekend of Mother's Day where anyone coming in and saying "SAA" then 10% of their sales will go back to our association.

Roger Hanson phone bills – Nancy N. will look at these.

Recycle Day – Nancy will bring computers that are in the building to the Ham Lake recycle day to start cleaning out the building.

## **Old Business**

Registration refunds – we have a parent wanting a full refund as they are not allowing their son to play due to school issues, Steve V. suggests we give him a full refund and it was decided we would.

Saturday hours – Nancy N. and Curtis M. will be here this Saturday.

Field Prep – Nancy needs to find out if Kyle is for sure interested in the position.

## **Other**

The next meeting is set for May 6, 2007 at 8:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Phil M., Jim J. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 10:28pm.

