

Soderville Athletic Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 6, 2007

Board Members in Attendance

Steve Voss	President
Open Position	Vice President
Phil Morem	Treasurer
Curtis Moe	
Jim Jarvi	
Doug Evans	
Brian Braden	
Greg Stephani	
Donna Hable	

Not in Attendance

Marty Tynda
Dale Blonigen
Terry Speckel
Paul Krenz

Others in Attendance

Nancy Nelson
Pat Carlson

Meeting called to order by Phil Morem at 8:15 pm.

Curtis M. made a motion to approve the April 15, 2007 meeting minutes, Donna H. seconded, motion approved.

Public forum – none

New Business

Vice President – This position is still open on the Board and it was discussed that it should be geared for someone who is interested in being the President, Steve V. is doing a lot right now as the President, especially with the website so there has to be some thought put into who will take over this position, it was decided to table this discussion until the next meeting.

In house tournament sign up – there needs to be one person directing each in house tournament, others will need to help but there needs to be one person in charge, the Board assured everyone that there will be someone at each tournament in charge of each one and we will discuss this more at the next meeting.

6U baseball– Greg Stephani

8U/10U and 12U Fastpitch – Jim Jarvi will be at a traveling tournament so someone else will have to run this – the one with the best record at the end of the season is the one that goes to state

8U baseball – possibly Curtis M.

10U tier 1 Booster

10U tier 2 City

12U baseball – Curtis Moe

13U/15U baseball

Scheduling - Steve V. sent out revised schedules, Maynard Peterson field is a safety issue so those games have been moved to other fields, the City of East Bethel did not follow through with the fixes they were going to do; we also were able to move games to City Park now that we have the traveling baseball schedules so many games from the neighboring fields have been moved to the complex; Pat Carlson has done a tremendous job with the scheduling, the biggest

challenge is waiting for the traveling schedules to come in, we will look at waiting a little longer to send out the entire schedule next year; every team plays at the complexes for at least some games this year; we will take McKinley off the matrix and remove the portable toilet, Nancy will talk to Brian Johnson about this, we will also remove the portable from Burman's but keep the one at Twin Birch for scheduled practices.

Committee Reports:

Concessions – Nancy N. reported that Teri P. is ready to go with concessions; Nancy said she has done a great job preparing for the opening of the stands for the season. We have many teens hired and Nancy/Teri had a training session with them on Sunday, May 5th, we will use the teens to fill in when we don't have enough parent volunteers.

Umpires – Doug E. reported that they had a meeting today and said there are a lot of new umpires registered so it will be interesting to see what happens at the games this week; Alex Blonigen, Dale's wife, is doing the scheduling and only has dial up on their computer so the scheduling program Doug E. set up will not be used, it will be ran in the background so it will still be ready to go for next year; there is someone scheduled for every game for this week; Alex will also be taking over the payroll portion of the umpires and reporting that to Nancy N.; Doug E. said that they will have a meeting every two weeks to discuss how it is going and give some additional instruction.

In-house fastpitch – Jim Jarvi reported that Pat White will be coaching one 18U team of 16 kids; 18U will be playing the 16U teams so hopefully this will go OK.

In-house baseball (Junior) – Greg S. reported that everyone seems to be happy in this league and things are going well.

In-house baseball (Senior) – Curtis M. has a quote from a landscape company to make improvements to Soderville field but we are not able to have equipment on that field without City approval, Curtis M. should approach the City and state that this field is now a safety issue, Steve may send an email to Tom Reiner about this; Curtis said the scheduling is complete for 13U/15U.

Traveling fastpitch – Donna H. reported that she brought a copy of the finances for the month and she will leave it with Nancy if anyone wants to see it; the official season starts this week for most of the age groups; she still does not have the schedule for 16U and does not know when that will be coming; Donna also brought up the fact that there were many parents helping at the clinics over the winter and they are wondering if that could cover their volunteer fee and it was decided that this is fine, Donna has a list that she will leave with Nancy and Nancy will send checks to them.

Traveling baseball – Brian B. reported that everything is going fine with baseball.

Field/Game Scheduling – talked about this earlier

Equipment – Nancy N. reported that equipment exchange went well and there weren't many coaches that came even.

Treasurer – Phil M. handed out a Treasurer's report to the Board members, we will still need to transfer some funds to traveling fastpitch and Phil and Nancy will work on this shortly, uniforms have not been paid yet so that is not on here, the budgeted amount was \$26,000.

Fundraising – Brian B. reported seeing many cards around town; Nancy would like to start figuring out the prizes and getting these to the kids that have sold a large amount of cards, Brian said we would need to wait until we get all the packets back from the kids; Phil M. would like to have a discussion about what we are going to do with the fundraising profits and suggested that at one of the meetings we should open it up to the association to come and give opinions on what to spend the money on; he also recommends we change the North Metro account name to a field improvement account and that amount is about \$9,000, Steve V. suggests we actually have a separate meeting pertaining to this; Brian B. wants to make sure that our operating expenses are covered and that we can keep our registration fees down based on this fundraiser too.

Uniforms - \$100 gift card to Mark Seracki was approved for his hard work, Phil made the motion, Doug seconded, motion approved. Nancy will purchase the gift card.

Photos – Nancy N. reported how great Sports Star has been to work with and that scheduling is going well.

Operations Manager Report – N. Nelson

Portable toilets at McKinley, Twin Birch and Burmans – discussed above

Holtz Landscape Fundraiser – on Mother's Day weekend anyone that goes to Holtz Landscape and says SAA 10% of what they spend will come back to SAA, Steve V. will send an email to the association about this and Jim Jarvi is working on making posters for the concessions stands to help advertise it.

Assistant Coach Volunteer Fees – Nancy reported that there have been a few assistant coaches pushing the fact that those being an assistant coach should cover their volunteer time. The Board stands by their decision that it should only be for head coaches.

Blaine High School Scholarship Donation – it was decided that we will not contribute to this.

Gambling Return – Nancy N. reported that we received the refund on the unsolds for the gambling account and this amount was \$1,652.42. Nancy will deposit this into the gambling account, and then a check needs to be written for the total in the gambling account to the general fund to transfer that money. At that point LarsonAllen will be able to file the final return for gambling.

Old Business - none

Other

The next meeting is set for June 10, 2007 at 8:00pm. June 3rd at 8:00 will be the date for the planning session pertaining to the fundraising profits.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Doug E., Greg S. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at pm.