

Soderville Athletic Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 10, 2007

Board Members in Attendance

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

Not in Attendance

Steve Voss	President
Terry Speckel	
Paul Krenz	
Greg Stephani	
Donna Hable	

Others in Attendance

Nancy Nelson
Pat Carlson

Meeting called to order by Phil Morem at 8:10 pm.

Brian B. made a motion to approve the May 6, 2007 meeting minutes, Doug E. seconded, motion approved.

Public forum – none

New Business

Complaints from the association – there was discussion around the issues that have happened at the fields in the past week, there was a parent on a 16U team making calls behind the plate and the umpire got shook up about it and had a hard time keeping control of the game, the umpire coordinators will be talking to that umpire about her behavior and letting her know how this should have been handled, it was also decided that Jim Jarvi will talk to the coach of the team with that parent on it and let the coach know it is their responsibility to take control of the fans for their team.

Pat Carlson here to discuss a parent situation – Pat read the email that he wrote to Steve V. about the game he played against Steve Adelman's team in which Greg Zimmer was not acting appropriately, Pat C. understands that the umpires have a hard time taking control of these situations because they are kids, Pat really wants to see something done about his behavior because it is affecting the league in a negative way, Phil M. wants Nancy to send an email to Steve recommending that an email be sent to all the coaches regarding what Mr. Zimmer can and cannot do and Steve can talk to Phil about it if he needs more clarification on what was discussed, Phil asked Pat C. to talk to some of the other coaches too about letting the Board know if Greg Z. has any of these other situations. Pat C. was frustrated that SAA has done nothing to control Greg's actions but we were very clear to him that this is the first we have heard that there has been any problem whatsoever. Marty T. is also going to try to attend one of their games this week to see how it goes.

Umpire Scheduler on the Payroll - Doug Evans brought up the fact that the umpire scheduler we have should be on the payroll due to the amount of hours required to do this, Alex Blonigen is the one taking this task on right now and it is averaging about 10 hours/week, Doug E. feels the amount of time to do this warrants being paid, Brian B. brought up the fact that the organization needs to look at its infrastructure and what positions we need to have on an ongoing basis in the future, Doug E. brought up the fact that this position has really changed over the years since we have a lot more umpires

now, Doug E. makes the motion to add Alex Blonigen on as an umpire scheduler at a rate of \$10/hour at a maximum of 10 hours per week, Curtis Moe seconds the motion, motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Concessions – Nancy N. reported that concessions has been going great, the sales are very high and we have been able to fill the stand with volunteers or workers every night. Teri's husband, Mark, is creating a spreadsheet showing the profits made at each stand.

Umpires – Dale B. reported that the umpire situation did not start out good this season and there were a lot of no shows so he is trying to help them be more responsible about that, they do have plenty of umpires so the true test will be when the tournaments come, Dale B. talked about the fact that we need to look at adjusting the pay scale to try to keep the umpires that have done it before so we can talk about this in the future to try to keep the experienced umpires coming back.

In-house fastpitch – Jim J. said they need to figure out how many teams they are going to send to the state tournaments, there have been complaints about how small our league is of course so we should send as many as possible to appease the parents frustration with this, he thinks the fee is \$200 for each team, Brian B. commented that we should send the amount of teams that makes them happy, Jim J. makes the motion to send 7 in house fastpitch teams to the state tournament, Doug E. seconded, motion approved. The teams we are sending breaks down as follows: 10U – 1, 12U – 1, 14U – 2, 16U – 2, 18U – 1, Jim J., Donna H. and Nancy N. will work together to get this registration in.

In-house baseball (Junior) – Marty T. reported that there have been a lot of rain outs, Dale B. said they are working on getting the umpires scheduled for these make up games, Marty thinks there should be more practices instead of so many games at the 8U level so that will be looked at at a later time.

In-house baseball (Senior) – Curtis M. reported that things in general have been going good, need to look at getting the 13U tournament in for the 20th of July, he would like to get a mound cover for the Soderville field and Steve V. said there is a catalog for Curtis to look at to order this so Curtis will take care of placing that order.

Traveling fastpitch – Nancy N. reported that Donna H. will not be here.

Traveling baseball – Paul K. was not present. Brian B. said there will not be any meetings during the season.

Field/Game Scheduling – no report

Equipment – Paul K. was not present.

Treasurer – Phil M. is working on May right now, Phil reported that the uniform bill was about \$1500 over budget so Doug E. made a motion to approve the payment of this excess amount, Dale B. seconded the motion, motion approved, Dale B. had heard that the socks are a little less quality so we will want to be aware of that when ordering for next year.

Fundraising – Nancy N. reported that she has gone through every packet that has been handed in and so far has made deposits totaling \$12,577. The Board was very excited about that number and there are still about 10 teams that have not turned their packets in. Nancy will continue to work on this and try to get the prizes out to the kids deserving them asap.

Uniforms – nothing to report

Photos – Nancy N. reported that Sports Star has agreed to give us the 15% rebate for three years starting with '07 as the first year. There was discussion around that fact the Sports Star did a great job with scheduling and everyone seems pleased with the photo quality so there would be no reason not to commit to two more years with them. Jim Jarvi makes the motion to approve this, Brian B. seconded the motion, motion approved.

Operations Manager Report – N. Nelson

Holtz Landscape Fundraiser – a deposit of \$200 was made from Holtz for the Mother's Day weekend fundraiser. Hopefully this number will continue to rise each year.

Lights on Fields – Tom Reiner from the City told Nancy that the City has decided not to go ahead with their plans to put lights up at the fields. They just don't see the benefit of spending such a large amount of money on it.

Ham Lake Fire Auxiliary Donation – the Board decided not to donate any funds to this cause.

Mark Seracki – Nancy sent Mark S. a gift card of \$100 for Gander Mountain for his outstanding efforts in coordinating uniforms for this season.

Old Business –

In house tournaments – Brian B. brought up that we just don't have a lot of volunteers outside this room to do stuff and maybe we should bring up paying an amount of money to run these tournaments, Phil commented that he likes Brian's idea about getting the word out that we are looking for people to run the tournaments, send an email to the coaches about wanting this, the Board will also talk to people they know that we be good at running these tournaments. This will then be discussed more at the next meeting.

Other

Phone Bill for Roger Hanson – Curtis Moe brought before the Board the request from Roger Hanson to be reimbursed for the phone bill he had been paying, Brian B. remembers that it was recommended that Roger be told he come to a Board meeting to ask to be reimbursed, Phil M. will take the bills and look at them and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

The next meeting is set for June 24th, 2007at 8:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Brian B., Jim J. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.