

Soderville Athletic Association
Annual Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 16, 2007

Board Members in Attendance

Steve Voss	President
Open Position	Vice President
Phil Morem	Treasurer
Greg Stephani	
Donna Hable	
Jim Jarvi	
Doug Evans	
Brian Braden	
Dale Blonigen	
Marty Tynda	

Not in Attendance

Paul Krenz
Curtis Moe

Others in Attendance

Nancy Nelson
Brad Eppenberger
Steve Miller
Greg Zimmer
Jeff Arvold
Tom Dreshar
Jim Green
Jill Fuller
Derrell Singh
Greg Troswick

Meeting called to order by Steve Voss at 7:00 p.m.

Dale B. made a motion to approve the October 17, 2006 annual meeting minutes, Steve V. seconded, motion approved.

President's Report

Steve V. commented that the building looks really good as Nancy N. has taken the time to organize everything.

Steve handed out the 2007 Player Registration Analysis. Overall we dropped about 10% and we had a little over 1,000 players, including traveling fastpitch. The analysis shows how many kids were in each age group and from what areas they are from. It also gives an idea of what the numbers will be for next year to help with future planning. Steve shared these numbers with the City of Ham Lake and East Bethel so they know what percentage of kids is playing from their area.

Steve handed out the evaluations that have been done by the association. Steve thinks overall the organization is pretty happy with how everything is going or there would be more negative feedback coming in from the evaluations.

Steve reported that he has seen many improvements made since he has been on the Board. In 2006 there was no fundraiser and that hurt the organization but the 2007 fundraiser brought in over \$34,000 and the key to the success of that is spending it correctly. For the most part we have decent uniforms, fields and volunteers so for the price the kids pay to play they are getting a good deal. The fundraiser is set to provide improvements that the cities may not be willing to pay for on their own.

Doug E. and Dale B. did a great job to improve the umpire program and Steve wanted to thank Doug E. especially since he is leaving the Board.

The all-star game was a new experience this year and that went very well and that should happen again next year. BAT had a big part in organizing that and allowed the SAA and other teams to play for no fee. BAT is hoping this experience will get more kids interested in playing traveling baseball.

Brian B. made the comment that Steve V. did a great job as President of the organization and he wants to recognize the work that has been done by Steve. Everyone present agreed and a round of applause was given to commend him for his great efforts.

Treasurer's Report

Phil handed out the report for the year ending 2006 that everyone is welcome to look at anytime. Phil stated that we are sitting OK for the organization financially as we have about a \$50,000 total cash balance. There was a question from Tom Dresher wondering as a non-profit if we have to have the excess dollars spent by 2008. Brian B. reported that it is good to have a cash balance on hand and that \$50,000 is an OK balance to have. Steve feels it is good that the fees have stayed the same for three years and it is important to keep those fees the same for next year and the cash balance will help with that.

Concessions – Nancy reported that concessions was run exceptionally well by Teri Pierro this past season and that she is planning to keep this position for the 2008 season. The stand was open every night the entire season largely due to the fact that we had teens hired to fill vacancies when there were not enough adult volunteers. We still need to figure out what the benefit was financially for the organization now that concessions are closed for the season. Nancy also let everyone know that we will be hiring someone to work at the East Bethel stand every night as the concessions assistant for the 2008 season.

Julie Sinner is coming back as the volunteer coordinator for the third year in a row. She was extremely helpful in getting the adults scheduled in the concession stand.

Brian B. talked about Nancy and what she has been doing since she was hired. Brian said her hard work has been very much appreciated. Everyone also thanked Phil M. for what he has done as the treasure.

Public Forum

Steve Miller said that he enjoyed the concessions being open and the fact that the stands were open every night and his son was one of the workers. He also commented on the fundraiser that it was a shock at the time of registration but it ended up working out for the best.

Elect New Board Members

Steve has a sheet that shows how many Board seats are open and there are 7 seats open. Paul Krenz has decided to resign and Steve has accepted that resignation. Paul will continue to help with equipment and other SAA stuff but his job does not make it easy for him to attend Board meetings anymore.

Steve discussed what to expect if you are on the Board, meetings are on Sunday nights, once a month; each Board member tries to take on an aspect of the association that interests them and works on that area, as soon as the Board is formed then the area of interest for each member will be decided in the regular meeting following this annual meeting. The floor was opened up to see who is interested in being on the Board as anyone present is able to nominate each other or themselves:

Marty Tynda is interested in pursuing a 1 year term.

Steve Miller is interested in pursuing a 2 year term.

Brad Hensler, Greg Zimmer, Tom Dreshar and Derrell Singh are interested in pursuing 3 year terms.

A vote was put forward and all new Board members were voted on.

Doug E. commented that he is pleased that so many people have come forward to help out.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Doug Evans, Greg S. seconded the motion, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.