minutes

Soderville Rec Board October Meeting		
10.4.2015	7:00 pm	Soderville Building
Meeting called by	7:06 Ben Stai	
Type of meeting	Monthly Board meeting	
Facilitator	Ben Stai	
Note taker	Derek Schmitz	
Attendees	Ben Stai (President) Chet Latawiec (Vice President) Eric Potthoff (Treasurer) Derek Schmitz (Secretary) Mike Hawkins (Board Member) Marshall Langemo (Board Member) Guests - Corryn Anderson Aaron Patton Waylen Hejny Pete Richmond Denise Richmond Paul Delaria Renee Delaria	
Approval of Minutes from September		
Discussion	Modification was made to the September notes to clarify that Theresa resigned from the board. Eric motioned Ben seconded Motioned passed	
Old Business		

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12U team formations

Aaron Patton and Waylen Hejny asked the board to consider raising the limit of kids that a coach can choose for 12U team formations. The current policy is at four kids, they would hope for it to be changed to additional kids.

12U teams are set up this way to prepare for the Senior leagues (13U and up). MYAS has oversight on teams at this level and reviews rosters to ensure there are no "loaded" teams.

Board to review team formations at a future meeting.

Fields

City Park #3 isn't planned to be rebuilt this fall. Construction should have started by now.

Fall ball teams have reported the sprinklers are being run on the field on the weekends. Corryn to ask city to turn them off again.

Board looking to purchase bases and hand drags for City Park and Soderville field. Fastpitch did their own purchases this past season.

Budget

Currently \$12,000 in the account Umpires have yet to be paid from 2015 season. Budgets have not been completely split, that work is still in progress.

Tournament Teams

Corryn to review website registration page with Ben.

Put on registration form how many tournaments are covered. Explain what tournament ball is, what it involves.

If more then 12 kids register for an age group, tryouts are done. Corryn to send emails out to registered kids + travelling cuts.

New Business

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Hosted Tournaments -

It was proposed that we change our tournament(s) to a new name. Teams may not know where "Soderville" is. Current tournament name is "Soderville Classic"

Proposed name is - Soderville/Ham Lake Classic

Marshall motioned Chet seconded Motion Passed.

Uniforms

Mike& Ben met with TAHO.

Discussed the possibility of Taho sponsoring tournament teams to help offset costs. A TAHO emblem could appear in on the jersey

State Rec Tournament

We spent \$125 for three extra jerseys from TAHO to get at last minute for team additions. This is a lot of money, what to do for next year?

Potentially order extra shirts before the season? (51 extra jerseys - \$6.50/shirt) and keep the shirts for several seasons?

Surveys

Discussion

Surveys with negative feedback was mainly around coaches/coaching

8U - Received feedback about reducing the number of games and types of bats being used.

16 games this past season
Parents/coaches wanted more practice dates
Board to review for 2016 season

No bat restrictions in the league

Some kids were using big barrel bats, especially at the younger ages (6U/8U). It isn't doing kids any good for the long run to start using big barrels at this age. If we put restrictions in place there is a concern that we would need to provide bats to each team resulting in extra costs for the league.

Put out notice year in advance - wouldn't be enforced until 2017

Recommend for 2016 Rule for 2017

Weather concerns - Parents want hotline / league to call off games with bad weather. This can be difficult to do with the large geographical area of the fields that host games. When possible we want to get all games even if they are just delayed before starting.

Complaints on awards/trophies for younger groups. Board is aware of the issue, we will improve in $2016\,$

Miscellaneous

Next Meeting

Nov. 1st - 7:00 Ham Lake Lanes

Derek to call to reserve back room.

Meeting Adjournment. 8:40 pm Benl Motioned Mike Seconded. Motion passed.