

January 2026 Soderville Baseball Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 1/25/2026

x	Jake Yatckoske	x	Aleshia Sydness		Troy Schesso	x	Corryn Anderson
	Sophia Schesso	x	Terry Olson	x	Eric Laumeyer	x	Caitie Aronson
	Tim Smentek						

Meeting called to order: 7:00- Jake

Approval of Board Minutes for December 2025

Motion- Terry

2nd- Aleshia

Public Forum

- Mark, Marissa, Jack- interested in Umpire Coordinator,
- Steve- coach for 2 teams? 13U and 12U
 - 13U is variable for nights
 - 12U is set nights

Old Business

- Soderville Classic registration - status update
 - Number of teams-
 - 10U- 5 teams, 4 paid. Capped at 8
 - 12U- 7 teams, all paid. Capped at 12
 - 13U- 5 teams, 3 paid. Capped at 12
 - Can we share the tournament elsewhere? What communication modalities?
 - Posted to MBT
 - Could share to Facebook pages?
 - Could send an email through MYS?
 - Who is organizing? Rules, birth certificates, schedule.
 - Tourney machine
 - 2 tournament directors- as at 2 parks.
 - Nate shared a to-do list. Aleshia will share with Jake.
 - Need tournament schedule minimum 10 days before to schedule field maintenance. Corryn will send brackets/pitch count to printer before tournament.
- Committee roles - Verify committee roles for 2026 and discuss need for additional committee members
 - Greg will be stepping down
 - Caitie sent email to parents to invite to meeting.
 - Split equipment position-

- bags/organizing/tracking- Marissa may be interested
 - ordering
- Creating equipment check out system-
 - Ipad to sign out/sign in
 - Need to order. **Sophia?**
 - Have an inventory list
 - Have return dates for equipment bag
 - Seasons end at various times. Have coaches bring to next tournament.
 - 6/8 U- **Sunday, 5pm July 19th** (10 U tournament weekend)
 - 10U/12U- **Sunday, 5pm July 26th**
 - 13U- **Sunday, 5pm Aug 2nd**
- 2026 Budget approval - review any discussion about baseball budget from the SBAA Board meeting
 - Is baseball putting any money in the capital improvement fund? Terry
 - Should look at where we ended up for last year. What's projection for this year?
 - Start shifting money to do big improvements rather than have it just sitting in the bank account.

New Business

- **Virtual meeting option (Jake)-**
 - Soderville does 2 meetings virtually, one in person per quarter.
 - Jan-May meeting in person
 - During the season, fall to be virtual
 - October has to be in person
 - August in person to review surveys
 - Can be located elsewhere- Corryn will not coordinate- Maxx and Acapulco charge. **Look into MC's or Hidden Haven?**
 - **Feb. will be in Ham Lake.**
- Registration timeline and how we will handle late registrations or surrounding area traveling try outs (Jake)
 - Corryn
 - 27- 6U
 - 29- 8U
 - 10- 10U
 - 11- 12U
 - 9- 13U
 - 8- 15U
 - Down about 13% compared to last year
 - Julie Coolie (?)- has signs at her house. Need to collect after.
 - Refund for registration- can only be during the time registration is open.
 - FL family would like to register but tryouts for traveling isn't until March. Can they register and get a refund if they make the team?
 - Registration on Feb. 28th. Reopens for Late Registrations on March 1st.

- Late registration- no friend request.
- Baseball committee minutes need to be posted for all dates after April 2025 (Aleshia).
 - After approval, Corryn will post if shared with her.
 - **Caitie to collect and email to Corryn.**
- PNL reports now that everything is in one account (Aleshia)
 - Own class, everything in/out
- Eric Wagner will come to meeting- City Park, field 3 (he will also bring/give information at SBAA meeting) (Aleshia)
 - Eric does landscape
 - Have had proposals for work on Field 3
 - Big lips around home plate and bases. History of tripping. Drainage issues. Pitchers mound is a moat, base paths are water filled. Base path wide from home to 1st, and 3rd to home. Get rid of grass here to allow for use of dragging rather than raking.
 - Interesting grass- behind home base remove this. Remove grass in front of dugouts along foul lines. Get rid of grass on outer edge. Take out about 5 inches of grass. Get aggregate.
 - Likely sprinklers in here to consider.
 - Field was redone 3 years ago grass was level- due to poor removal of water. Taking out the grass may be harder as people don't know how to take care of it.
 - Minimum 6 ft base path. Ours is 2-3?
 - Eric consulted with Pederson's (?) regarding redoing the mound. Suggested using aggregate rather than clay. Sonny.
 - In the past- a video was sent for mound care to teach coaches how to care for after game.
 - Other issue- can't play on when wet. SBAA will be taking this on to check on the fields prior to games.
 - Rough estimate- for fixing sod, sink holes, fixing baselines, grass. 75-80 yards of aggregate. Sprinkler repair. 15-16,000. City will remove excess lawn, dirt, etc. About 10,000 is material in aggregate.
 - Could have volunteers help with labor.
 - Assign- home team does mound.
 - Sprinklers are unknown.
 - 4-5 days roughly.
 - Will need to bring to city for permission.
 - Need quote- let Eric know what all want done.
 - Remove squeegees
 - **Bring to next meeting to discuss**
- Where is regular season registration tracked?
 - Corryn tracks, she can update at any time.
- 75 year anniversary/birthday, **June 7th**
 - Community Party
 - Marketing to coaches
- Anders FLAA

- June 12-14th
- MYAS tournaments
 - **Single A??**
 - Corryn/MYAS says we can't have A level baseball, we are a rec league.
 - Adam Cook says no.
 - We don't have fields for the tournaments.
 - Rec team can play in A, but they take A teams over rec teams
 - Not in addition to, just replacing 13U to be A rather than "rec".

Committee Reports

- Budget (Sophia) –
Not present.
- Tournaments –
 - Soderville Classic- Mothers day weekend. Aleshia will be 1 tournament director unless someone else wants to. Need a 2nd at Lions.
 - Umpires and pitch counts after games.
 - Paid position.
 - Ordered flowers in the past- carnations
 - Soderville Classic numbers update
 - See above.
- Junior League Baseball (6U-10U) (Aronson) –
 - Playing up a level to 8U- Carter DeSmidt to 8U with his brother Keegan DeSmidt
 - Team formation happens in March
 - Coaches meeting in early April
- Senior League Baseball (12U and up) (Yatckoske) –
- Tournament Team Baseball - Need new member
- Uniforms (Schesso) – Looking to step down
 - Ordering for all levels- tracking
 - Coordinates spirit wear orders
- Equipment (Laumeyer) – Looking to step down next year
 - Corryn recommends Ipad for checking in/out.
 - Likely a two person job.
 - Security deposit for equipment bag?
 - Coach appreciation meal at end of season- bring in equipment bag
- Development & Training (Laumeyer) – Marissa may be interested
 - Not sure this is a position- could be just one big training to start. Eventually could do more frequently.
 - "Slammin Sunday's"
 - Kick off party- with home run derby, hot dogs, etc.
 - **Coaching seminars with Twins person (Brian Raabe)**
 - Twins used to do training for coaches
 - Expand position into family engagement
 - Reach out to community ed. Directors- funnel t-ball into Soderville, catch at end of community ed. Program

- Rec vs travel.
 - Feedback- don't know how to teach pitching-
 - Enjoyed the "Coach the Coach" - Jake
- Umpire Coordinator (Aronson) –
 - Inform coach if there is no ump,
 - Monitor on website
 - Motion for Jack Wilkins to take position- Aleshia
 - Caitie 2nd.
 - Caitie will connect Gayle once an email is set up for Jake.

Other

- Next Meeting- Feb. 22nd, 7pm- Ham Lake Lanes.

Adjourn:

Motion Aleshia,

2nd Caitie

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