

Soderville/Blaine Athletic Association
Annual Board Meeting Minutes 10/12/2021

Date: October 12, 2021

Board Members in Attendance

Terry Olson President
Stephanie Wallschlaeger
Eric Potthoff
Nate Greene
Chet Latewicz
James Saulsbury
JamieLynne Sparre
Chris Vogel

Absent
Christina Smentek Vice President

Others in Attendance

Corryn Anderson and various SBAA members – Ryan Oman and Jen McGraw

Meeting called to order by Terry at 7:01 p.m.

WELCOME TO EVERYONE

Chet made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2020 annual meeting. James seconded, all approved.

President's Report

Thank you to everyone. Numbers were down again this year. Contribute this to COVID. There was no kickoff again this year due to COVID. There was an umpire shortage which affected both programs. Our board is an amazing group of people but we need more help. I commend everyone for all your efforts

Treasurer's Report

Player registration analysis
Went over Financials

Public Forum

McGraw – Fastpitch needs a new coaches meeting and training.

Baseball

Baseball numbers are down. But it was a successful season. Looking at A level baseball but there are issues with field availability. Lots of good responses on the yearly survey. Biggest issue with the summer was the lack of umpires. The baseball committee needs help. There are a few people doing the majority of the work.

Fastpitch

2021 recap

- The season started in January for Soderville Fastpitch with large group training for each age level and an inaugural domeball league for 10U.
- During the Summer we fielded 3 teams at 10U, 2 teams at 12U, and 2 teams in 14U. Our teams played in many tournaments - mostly local, with a few playing as far away as Iowa and Rockford IL. We have four teams participate in the North NAFA Nationals, and 1 team participate in the Midwest NAFA Nationals.
- Soderville Fastpitch once again hosted a local 8U league which offered a Slammin' 8s tournament as well as an end of season tournament.
- We received some coach, team, and program feedback and made changes or had conversations when warranted.
- Moving into Fall we had 2 teams at 10U, two teams at 12U, and 2 at 14U, and 1 at 16U. It was a quick 5 week program wrapping up with a Fall State tournament. I know of 2 teams that won their tier bracket, and most others had a decent showing at their State Tournament.
- We ended the 2021 season 9 days ago with our end of season tryouts for the 2022 season. Currently we are in the process of identifying coaches - which will be quickly followed by team formation so that off season training can begin.

Off-season

- Approved to run a 10U domeball league once again thru the NSC. Preliminary schedule would be 5 weeks of doubleheaders in Sundays starting February 13th and running thru March 20th. They would be 1 hour games starting at 1PM. Next step is to reach out to surrounding communities to find 3 more organizations that would like to take part in the league. Will also need to align umpires.(cost will be \$1,500 per team)
- Will once again offer large group training at Complete Game starting the 1st week of January and running thru the end of March. 14U+ will meet 9 times, 12U and 10U will meet 10 times (SBAA cost will be \$4,500)

Up Next

- Creation of the Soderville Fastpitch Handbook - covering roles, responsibilities, and processes.

- Create Coaching manual with expectations, tips, and ideal practice agendas.
- Get more involved with community government to strength our partnership in supporting youth Athletics in the Ham Lake and Blaine area.
- Still looking at offering a free beginner/intermediate pitching clinic - Checking out Optimize Sports Performance this week to see if the space and pricing would work.

Townball

Had a 3/13 season. Won the last 3 games.

Elect New Board Members

Ryan Oman would like to be on the board. Chet made the motion, James seconded the motion. All approved.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Chet and Chris seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36