

Soderville Blaine Athletic Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 08/14/2022

Board Members in Attendance

Terry Olson President
Christina Smentek Vice President
Eric Potthoff.
James Saulsbury
Chet Latawiec
Nate Greene
Stephanie Wallschlaeger

Not in Attendance

Chris Vogel
Sara Taylor
Open position
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Others in Attendance

Corryn Anderson

Meeting called to order by Terry Olson at 7:08 pm.

Chet made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes, James seconded, motion approved.

Public Forum –

- None

New Business

SBAA survey (not coaches) Survey can be created. Questions need to be developed and Corryn will create on Survey Monkey

Survey topics:

- Facilities
- Registration
- Volunteering
- General Comments

Batting cage requested at City Park and Lions Park. Before we go any further we need to determine an approximate cost to determine if it is something we want to go forward with. Motion to look into batting cages at both of the parks was made by Chet, Nate seconded the motion. Motion was approved

Board meeting agenda publication and membership notification-Board meetings will be posted on Facebook. Agendas will be posted on the website approximately a week before the meeting

2022 budget and 2023 budget planning discussion:

- Highlight some findings
- Potential solutions?
- Possibly form a committee to address shortcomings and policy

50% of SBAA's budget comes from unpaid volunteer fees. How can we change this? Where should the money come from. What to do with the concessions. What are the policies regarding budgets? A committee will be formed including Nate, Terry, Chet and Corryn. Nate made a motion to form a committee, Chet seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Volunteering fee collection and timeliness

- Fees are collected in Jan/Feb. By May/June for a lot this has been absorbed.

- Possible changes/thoughts:

- Collect fees later in the year
- Increase # of hours needed to get more volunteers for bigger events.
- Coaches and directors get registration fees returned for 1 player per year

All volunteer policies will remain as is. Collecting volunteer fees later would cause a mess. What do we do if they don't pay, etc. We will not be reimbursing registration fees for volunteers and directors on the baseball side it could be approximately 35-50 coaches depending on the year. Coaches who want to do it do it because they are passionate about the game.

Bylaw Voting discussion proposed change: **Change highlighted in yellow**

ARTICLE 15 BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETINGS The board shall hold regular monthly meetings, without call or notice, throughout the year. If any such date shall fall on a legal holiday, the meeting scheduled for that date shall be held at the same hour on the next ensuing business day that is not a legal holiday. At such regular meetings, the board of directors shall transact all business properly brought before the board. The monthly meetings of the board of directors shall be held at _____ or such other place within the State of Minnesota as the directors may unanimously agree on. At all meetings of the board, a majority of the directors shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a **majority of the directors present for discussion in person or online**, at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the board.

Corryn

Lightning Rule- The lightning rule was discussed. It needs to be posted on the website and reiterated with all the coaches. There is no give on this policy.

Volunteers

2022 53% had their volunteer fee reimbursed

2021 37% had their volunteer fee reimbursed

2019 48% had their volunteer fee reimbursed

2018 43% had their volunteer fee reimbursed

2017 38% had their volunteer fee reimbursed

Update balances were shared

SBAA's 990 showed a loss in 2020. Due to COVID and PP Loans

Outlying parks and Soderville fields will be getting new metal bleachers

We currently have 2 board openings. Chris has resigned as of July 31 and Ryan Omans position. Will post opening on website.

Committee Reports:

Concessions – Not related to concessions but how can we get keys to the storage room door at Lions Park. It has been lost by the coaches. We do not want to distribute another key because of the prior mishandling. Corryn will check with the city and see if there is any possibility of us getting a keypad on the door or how much it would cost.

Soderville Baseball – Potthoff

- City has put in new pitching mounds and home plates at Soderville and City Park #3. We have also asked for new mound covers
- Surveys were reviewed and there were no surprises
- Season went well. All of our senior league teams placed in the state tournament. MYAS had issues with their tournaments and will be putting in changes for the following years.
- Soderville players have a couple teams participating in MYAS fall ball league

Traveling fast pitch – James –

- Winning record of .560
- Fall ball start a week from today – MN softball has 694 teams
- We have 2 16U teams.
- New rule for next year – if you take the top 8 players after try-outs you must play a level up from the next lowest team
- 2 previous players were awarded Fastpitch scholarships of \$500 – Jade Bryant and Lacy Stark
- Possibly want to think about doing a HITATHON as a fundraiser – last year a community made \$25,000 in one month
- James and Jamielynn are putting together a 10U dome league again for this winter
- Looking at several options for umpire coordinator for next year

Field/Game Scheduling – Anderson – None

Fields and Facilities – Corryn will look into the possibility of getting Airport fields for overflow next year

Fundraising – JamieLynn – None**Sponsors – Wallschlaeger – None**

Web/IT – Greene – Should we pay \$2.00 per month to suspend our data service for the winter. YES

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Social Media – Sparre –

Any posts that you would like on facebook need to be forwarded to Jamielynn

Town Ball – Olson –

Won first playoff game ever

Terry other – Moved grill from East Bethel and ran into someone from the SnoCats. They will pay \$1500 a weekend if teams want to do field maintenance at their tournaments. Good fundraiser if a team wants to do it

Old Business –

We will be including the processing fee for credit cards in registration cost. Christina made the motion, Stephanie approved the motion, motion was approved

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11 at 7:00 at Maxxs

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Christina; James seconded the motion, motion approved, and meeting adjourned at 9:05