

September 2025 Soderville Baseball Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 09/21/2025

Present: Eric P., Aleshia, Caitie, Sophia, Terry, Eric L., Corryn, Tim, Troy

Not Present: Nate, Greg

5:31 Meeting called to order

Approval of Board Minutes for August

– *Tim motioned to approve August 2025 meeting minutes, Catie second the motion, motion carried by committee vote*

Public Forum – *No public forum, only committee members present*

Old Business – *No old business to discuss*

New Business

- Set up meeting with BATBA to talk about continuing to work together
– *BATBA has reached out and would like to work with us earlier this coming year to work together. Corryn would like to attend the meeting – Eric P. agreed. Eric will reach out to BATBA to get something scheduled.*
- Fall Ball requirements from Soderville Baseball next year
– *Teams that signed up for Fall Ball this year don't seem to know how to take care of the fields. Although we don't do anything with Fall Ball, except let them use the fields and equipment, maybe we should charge them to use the fields and we prepare the fields for them. We would prep the field(s) for the first game of the day. People using the fields would be responsible for maintaining the fields between games. We would need to find someone to do the work. The main benefit for Soderville Baseball would be to ensure the fields are kept in better condition. Will continue discussion on this through the off season.*
- Tournament rental fees jumping from \$500 to \$1000 per complex next year
– *This charge will be for each weekend. We will need to revisit what tournaments we choose to host and/or determine other ways to offset this cost increase.*
- Winter prep: Take down batting cages, remove bases, clean up storage, move 4 wheeler to storage.
– *Need to plan a weekend for this. October 3rd – 5th there will be a tournament at City Park. The date for this is TBD, the weekend of October 10th – 12th may be a good option.*
- Coach conduct
– *Fall Ball team dug a trench in the field with a shovel to remove water from the field. When asked about who said they could do that, the coach (Andy Gillquist) responded rudely. There was similar disrespectful behavior the following day.*

Committee Reports

- Budget (Greene/Schesso) – *Everything is up to date. Corryn will be sending stuff over to Sophie and Nate in the coming weeks.*
- Tournaments – *Nothing new discussed*
- Junior League Baseball (6U-10U) (Greene) – *Nothing new discussed*
- Senior League Baseball (12U and up) (Potthoff) – *Nothing new discussed*
- Tournament Team Baseball (Schraufnagel) -

- Numbers as of now?
We still have only three players registered for Tournament Baseball. The consensus is that Tournament Team Baseball is a good idea, but we are consistently not getting players and coaches signed up in the fall for the next season. Teams need to be assembled early to sign up for tournaments when tournament registration opens up in January/February.
- Uniforms (Schesso) – *Nothing new discussed*
- Equipment (Laumeyer) – *It's difficult to get coaches to return gear bags on time or are returning gear bags with missing equipment. Options discussed – 1) collect gear bags at the end of the season tournament. 2) don't reimburse the coaches volunteer fees until they return their gear bag, 3) charge the coaches directly if they do not return their gear bags by a certain date*
- Development & Training (Laumeyer) – *Nothing new discussed*
- Umpire Coordinator (Aronson) – *Nothing new discussed*

6:45 Other

- Discuss **next month's Annual Meeting – October 12th, at 7:00 PM at Ham Lake Lanes**
Eric P. stated that he will be stepping down as the Baseball Committee President for the upcoming year. Baseball Committee positions will be discussed in the Annual Meeting on October 12th.

Troy motioned to adjourn meeting, Tim second, meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM