

February 2025 Soderville Baseball Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 02/02/2025
Present: Eric P., Nate, Eric L., Tim S., Troy
Not Present: Terry, Greg, Corryn

Call to order at 5:31 PM

Approval of Committee Minutes for December:

Nate motioned to approve January, 2025 meeting minutes. Tim 2nd motion. Motion carried by committee vote.

Public Forum:

Sophia Schesso attended this meeting to observe as she may take on the Treasurer role on the committee. Sophia introduced herself and briefly summarized her background, present committee members introduced themselves.

Old Business

- Meeting with Andover/Anoka
 - Updated 12U rules – *Eric P. distributed proposed new rules and summarized the discussion and rule changes*
 - Anders Flaa update – *Discussed umpiring issues*
 - State Rec Tournament discussion
- Pinewood Derby results – *The car sponsored by Soderville Baseball took 3rd place in the Pinewood Derby*

New Business

- Registration numbers – *Nate reviewed registration numbers to date. Registration is currently ahead of 2024 numbers through this point in registration. Nate estimated the number of teams for 2025 as follows:*
 - 6U – 5 teams*
 - 8U – 8 teams*
 - 10U – 7 teams*
 - 12U – 5 teams*
 - 13U – 4 teams*
 - 15U – 7 teams*
 - 17U – 2 teams*
 - 19U – 1 team**Two scholarships were denied by the SBAA Board due to the applicants not meeting their volunteer commitments during the 2024 season. Nate suggested finding out why the 2024 volunteer commitments were not met – perhaps there were good/reasonable reasons that might justify allowing the scholarships for the 2025 season.*
- MYAS 16/17U and 18/19U – *Age ranges changed from last year. Last year was 16U and 17-19U.*
- Ham Lake Hornets Town Ball team – *Ham Lake Hornets town ball team has asked about field availability for the 2025 season. We need to understand what dates they are interested in and then review availability.*
- Soderville Traveling (13A & 14/15A) – *The committee discussed how this might look. Proposal is to have A-level traveling teams to permit entry into one or two tournaments per year that do not allow rec teams to participate. Practice and regular season schedules would stay similar to rec-team levels.*
The main issue/concern driving the proposal for Soderville Traveling baseball is low competition in rec baseball at 13U and 14/15U. Soderville teams have been dominant in recent years and more/better competition is wanted. Potential issues raised were potential higher cost, limitations on available field time, what requirements MYAS would have for

this, players from cities with traveling baseball would need to waiver into Soderville traveling baseball. The decision was made to get more information this year about the potential issues raised and possibly start with traveling baseball next year.

Committee Reports

- Budget – *No discussion.*
- Tournaments -
 - Soderville/Ham Lake Classic May 9-11 – *No discussion*
 - A-Town Classic (12U ONLY): May 31 - June 1 – *No discussion*
 - Anders Flaa Tournament (13U and 14/15U): June 20-22 – *No discussion*
 - 6U/8U Tournament: July 11-13 – *No discussion*
 - 12U All-Stars: July 15th – *No discussion*
 - 10U/12U Tournament: July 18-20 – *No discussion*
 - Gopher State All-Star: August 2 Lions and City – *No discussion*
- Junior League Baseball (6U-10U) – *No discussion*
- Senior League Baseball (12U and up) – *No discussion*
- Tournament Team Baseball – *The committee discussed how Blaine Area Baseball does for Tournament Baseball. They do try-outs at the end of the season and assemble a tournament team. We should consider doing this too, with try-outs in September.*
- Uniforms – *Meeting with Tanner at Tahoe Sportswear on Wednesday to discuss uniforms and the Team Store. Try-ons planned to occur the week of March 3rd – 6th. Will pick 2-3 days.*
- Equipment – *Additional new baseballs are being purchased. We will need some larger catcher's gear for the 2025 season.*
- Development & Training – *No discussion*
- Umpire Coordinator – *No discussion*

Other

- – *Briefly discussed items for the storage container – lighting, painted or printed mural and new handles.*

Next meeting date set for March 2nd 2025 at 5:30PM

Nate motioned to adjourn meeting, Troy 2nd, meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM