

## December 2024 Soderville Baseball Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 12/08/2024  
Present: Eric P., Nate, Greg, Terry, Corryn, Troy  
Not Present: Tim, Eric L.

Call to order at 5:34 PM

Approval of Committee Minutes for October Meeting:

*Nate motioned to approve November meeting minutes. Greg 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion carried by committee vote.*

Public Forum:

*N/A, only committee members present.*

### Old Business

- Storage container –  
*The storage container was broken into sometime in mid-November. The break in was discovered on November 24. The clasp and locking arm that were secured together with a lock were cut and the lock removed. It did not appear that anything was taken. A bracket and second lock were put on the storage container as a temporary solution to secure it and a Soderville Baseball sign was placed on the door to hopefully deter future break in attempts. The committee discussed better lock options and the addition of a spotlight to deter break-ins. Nate will get a container lock to secure the locking bars together and Troy will investigate a solar powered, motion activated spotlight.*
- Field maintenance at parks (fixing lips on the grass and baselines) –  
*Eric P. talked to the Diamond Doctor (Chris Bennett) about the needed field touch-up work. Chris wants to check out the fields in person in February and give us an estimate after seeing what work is needed.*
- 2025 rule changes –  
*No significant discussion on this topic*
- MYAS tournament updates/State Rec Tournament –  
*Corryn has been talking with MYAS about this – MYAS wants to discontinue the State Rec Tournament due to low attendance/participation. This will impact 10U, 12U, 13U and 15U. If we want to host the tournament, they are willing to help organize it but it's not clear how this would work. The consensus was to cancel the tournament for 2025 but to possibly host it in 2026. The plan is to decide by August 2025 if we will host this tournament in 2026. For the 2025 season, we will look into other tournaments to replace the State Rec Tournament.*

### New Business

- Tournament Hosting 2025 for MYAS
  - 8/2: All-Star Series expansion for 13U. City for sure. Maybe Lions. –  
*This is a go for sure and will likely be at both City and Lions.*
  - Gopher State Tournament of Champions possibility of hosting 7/25-7/17
- 10U and 12U on 4/1  
13U and up on 4/2

*Target first week in March for try-ons, will pick 2 days*

- Tournament Hosting 2025 for MYAS
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  - Gopher State Tournament of Champions possibility of hosting 7/25-7/27
  - *State Tournament –*  
*If State tournament is mid-season on dates currently proposed by MYAS, we couldn't host the tournament due to conflict with Freedom Days (verify name). Discussed possibility of changing location to East Bethel. Would need to get separate permit from State for concessions at East Bethel. Would also need to talk with Concessions Coordinator.*  
*Eric P. will send email to MYAS letting them know we may be able to host at East Bethel.*
- Committee Roles –  
*Still need to assign roles for 2025 - Jr. Baseball director (currently Nate) and Sr. Baseball director (currently Eric P.) – no immediate volunteers to take this over. Table this discussion again until next meeting.*

#### Committee Reports

- Budget –  
*Nate presented the budget in detail. The budget assumes more teams in 2025 than there were in 2024 and cost increases in many areas. The cost for the State Rec Tournament is still in the budget and will remain in the budget. This money will go to other things that are needed (pitching machines, field maintenance, etc.). Nate motioned to move \$11,000 from available cash back to Capital Improvements. Terry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried by committee vote. We will revisit the budget in March when we get registration numbers.*
- Tournaments -
  - Soderville/Ham Lake Classic May 9-11
    - Qualifiers at GSTC for 10A/12A/13A, MBT for 12A & 13A – *No discussion*
    - 12A is full, 13A has one open spot, 10A has 5 open spots – *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 15<sup>th</sup> – *No discussion*
  - 10U/12U Tournament: July 18-20 – *No discussion*
  - Gopher State All-Star: August 2 Lions and City – *No discussion*
  - Blaine Bengals Tournament – *This tournament didn't go well last year, they used our equipment and materials after we said they couldn't. Some things were broken and they used all of our Field Dry. The consensus is to charge a \$1000 damage deposit for 2025 and to refund (after the tournament) the deposit less charges for materials used, equipment damaged, etc. We will need to meet with Blaine to discuss this.*
- Junior League Baseball (6U-10U) – *Nothing new*
- Senior League Baseball (12U and up) – *Nothing new*
- Tournament Team Baseball –  
*12U and 14/15U coaches are lined up. Greg will send emails to these coaches next week. The registration deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup> but there are only 3 players registered currently. The registration may be extended. We will reevaluate on December 15<sup>th</sup>.*

- Uniforms – *Nothing new*
- Equipment – *Nothing new*
- Development & Training – *Nothing new*
- Umpire Coordinator – *Nothing new*

Other

- – *Nothing new*

*Next meeting date set for January 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 5:30PM*

*Troy motioned to adjourn meeting, Nate 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, motion carried by committee vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM*