

February 2026 Soderville Baseball Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2/22/2026

x	Jake Yatcoske	x	Aleshia Sydness	x	Troy Schesso	x	Corryn Anderson
x	Sophia Schesso	x	Terry Olson	x	Eric Laumeyer	x	Caitie Aronson
x	Tim Smentek	x	Jack Wilkins				

Meeting called to order: 7:02

Approval of Board Minutes for previous month

Motion- Aleshia

2nd- Terry

Public Forum

- None

Old Business

- Soderville Classic registration - status update
 - Rules- MBT rules, still have 2025 listed. Update if needed.
 - 10 A- 6, 1 team not paid
 - 12- 10 teams, all paid
 - 13- 7 teams, 2 not paid
 - Need to be paid by April 15th
- Ipad to sign out/sign in equipment
 - Corryn created checklist form
 - Get an email sent to Corryn- **Aleshia** will do
- Virtual meeting options/alternative meeting options
 - Hidden Haven- would be in open restaurant area
 - MC's- would be in open restaurant area
 - Emailed East Bethel City Hall
 - Jake has a proposed schedule for virtual options. Once per quarter in person, March, April, end of season wrap up in August would be in person, October in person. Continue at Ham Lake Lanes when in person.
- Registration numbers
 - 6u- 41
 - 8u- 72
 - 10u- 36
 - 12u- 39
 - 13u- 24
 - 15u- 38
 - 16u- 7

- 18u- 0
 - 6-10u Troy needs numbers ASAP to order uniforms
- Sign placement- Julie Coolie
 - Terry picked some up and placed
- Proposal from Eric Wagner
 - Estimate- Field 3 baseline and fill, 6ft wide. Remove 5inch of fill ,fill redball aggregate, fill home plate area, fix high spots, cut out square area in front of dugout entrances. 4200-5200.
 - During board meeting- was too much to do at beginning of season. Ask for less, see what we can do to make it playable.
 - Diamond Dr. had said to put 4inches of dirt.
 - Home plate would need to be filled in, and mound would need to be adjusted as needed after landscaping is done.
 - Safety issues with lips need to be addressed- Eric L.
 - Bring new proposal forward to SBAA.
- 75th anniversary/birthday, June 7th
 - Corryn brought fliers for people to bring to companies in the area.
- MYAS- level A Baseball
 - Corryn followed up- not a possibility due to the number of draw areas we cross, there is no feasible way to form teams that would comply with the rules. Because we cover so many school districts.
 - Eric L. asks about other communities that draw from multiple areas- Dayton/Champlin, Cambridge/Isanti
 - Why we would want to move to A-
 - Competition is higher
 - Tournament- Anders FLAA- is dwindling
 - No post season
 - Other teams left rec and went to A
 - Could play Forest Lake, St. Francis- just call them up, not part of league
 - Could we get an entrance into the mid summer or state tournament?
 - Offer something to have them stay here, or they will leave for other locations.
 - Maybe we do an end of the season rec tournament? Ask MYAS for competition/tournament. All that is offered now is All star game for 13u and up.
 - Field and umpire availability are issues potentially
 - Rebrand from Rec to A.
 - All players from St. Francis, Blaine, etc would need to be on individual teams.
 - **Corryn** to ask for rules for team formation. **Eric L.** will talk with Adam.
 - Is there a way to combine a tournament team and beef up our senior ball?
- Baseball donation to capital improvement fund? Terry
 - SBAA, concessions, and Fastpitch all donated.
 - Budget had roughly \$15,000 at end of 2025

- Previously Baseball paid for mound/home plate. SBAA may approve capital improvement of fields.
- Propose- \$5,000 to capital improvement donation.
 - Tim- motions
 - Troy- seconds

New Business

- Will there be any updates to 6u, 8u, 10u Rules in 2026?
 - 6u/8u- where is the coach pitching from? Can we set a minimum?
 - Mound is 46 ft.
 - 20 ft- proposed. **Corryn** will figure out how to update PDF rules.
- Current pay for tournament directors. Keep or change?
 - Weekend rate previously?- \$225 for full day, \$75 for friday night
 - Maybe move to more flexible payment based on number of teams?
 - Fastpitch pays- about \$700 for 32 team tournament, also makes sure field maintenance is being completed.
 - Checklist for tournament director- Aleshia has one
 - **Table until April**- would like to increase but will wait to see team numbers
- Plowing for storage unit
 - Just ask as needed, about a week in advance
- Restrooms at Booster
 - Key is lost.
 - Can't access concession, portapotties are not able to be moved closer.
- Park in East Bethel off 237th and Jackson (left at Cooper's Corner) Bonde Park- 13 acres. 2 old ballfields and soccer fields are there. Partner with East Bethel- concept plan for 4 ballfields, parking, building, concession stand, playground
- Rent our portable mounds? And if so, what would we charge?
 - Previously was \$500 for all ten for a weekend.
 - Small mounds- \$500 (keep same for this year, address increasing next year)
 - Large mound- not offered as an option

Committee Reports

- Budget (Sophia) –
 - System for replacement of equipment
 - Roughly every 3 years, less at 6u, at some point they buy their own
 - Get etch pen to mark year of purchase
 - Start planning for next year budget
 - Eric L. to put in a request to Jake
- Tournaments –
 - Soderville Classic- numbers above
- Junior League Baseball (6U-10U) (Aronson) –
 - Will get an update after March 1st to committee, then will be able to order uniforms and talk about team formation. **Jake and Corryn to send email.**

- Senior League Baseball (12U and up) (Yatckoske) –
 - Jake to send email to past coaches if needed.
 - Previous coach applications- unknown how many we will need/have currently
 - Code of Conduct issues from 2025 with one coach. Tabled until after team formation to determine if coaches are needed.
 - Propose virtual meeting after March 1st with registration numbers
- Tournament Team Baseball - Need new member
 - Had 1 email with interest
- Uniforms (Schesso- last year volunteering)
 - Willing to train in someone
 - Talked to Tanner about cost of uniform
 - Junior league- slightly under budget (about \$1 per child)
 - Senior league- above budget (Was previously \$62.50)
 - Keeping everything the same would cost \$65, explored other options of hats and pants
 - Straight leg pants decided
 - Hat types? Keep the same this year but explore upgraded for next year.
 - Option for store to sell upgraded
 - **Troy** to schedule days for try-ons
- Equipment (Laumeyer) –
 - After we know how many teams, good to have some committee members put bags together. Will schedule a Saturday to do. No lights, will need to be during the day.
- Development & Training (Laumeyer) –
 - Get together with Eric.
 - Chris Anderson is another option
- Umpire Coordinator (Wilkins) –
 - Corryn to get Jack's email address again, will get set up.
 - Gayle sent out list of prices and tournaments.
 - Have to be 3 years older than who you are umping
 - Ranking system for umpires

Other

- Next Meeting- March 8th, Virtual 5:00 PM

Adjourn: 9:58PM

Motion: Caitie

2nd: Aleshia