

June 2025 Soderville Baseball Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 06/08/2025
Present: Nate, Aleshia, Corryn, Sophia, Greg, Troy, Terry
Not Present: Eric P., Caitie A., Eric L., Tim S.

5:02 Call to Order

Approval of Board Minutes for May – *Secretary was not in attendance for May meeting, no May meeting minutes to review.*

Public Forum – *N/A, just committee members present*

Old Business

- Storage Container Update/Mural
 - Since we went bigger, there might be more costs involved. I have a guy who might prep it and the muralist is onboard. Just need to get with them on timing.
 - Eric L and Troy will be fixing shelves to get them sturdy again.
- Diamond Doctor
 - Do we want to move forward with this? Or have volunteers? Mike Johnson (Schlichting team) was a groundskeeper at a local college and said he would help. Maybe utilize him?
 - *Committee members present all agreed that we should go with the Diamond Doctor – in the interest of getting this done in more timely manner.*
 - *Schedule meeting at the beginning of next season with coaches to go over best practices on keeping up fields. See if Mike Johnson can help with this.*
- Baseball Scholarship – *Nathan Haukos from St. Francis and Max Kinney from Blaine were the only two applicants. They will be scholarship recipients.*
- Landscape edging around batting cages
 - It looks like we will go with concrete edging. *This will be installed in July.*

New Business

- Ham Lake Classic went well. Minor recommendations for improvement but overall went very well.
- ADA issue that will be discussed at SBAA meeting – *player with Cystic Fibrosis had a flare up and needed to sit out. One coach said he couldn't sit out and they treated it like an injured player – not the right call. Two Soderville teams involved. This will be discussed at the board meeting, one of the coaches will be in attendance to discuss.*
- Received new signs for City Park.
- We have received our pitching machine. Currently in storage container. Need to run an extension cord to use it at the batting cages.
- Add to discussion with coaches – look for and pull base plugs before putting in bases, make sure the equipment closet/shed is closed each night.

Committee Reports

- Budget (Greene/Schesso) - Everything is up to date in QuickBooks. We have some large expenses coming up (field maint, mural, new equipment, etc.). We will need to determine how these things will be paid for.
- Tournaments -
 - Soderville/Ham Lake Classic: May 9-11
 - Tournament went well, great weather, no major issues. – Already discussed
 - A-Town Classic (12U ONLY): May 31-June 1
 - Soderville took 1st (Sawyer), 2nd (Pearson), and 3rd (Gillquist)
 - Some incidents with mostly Soderville vs. Soderville teams.
 - ADA issue that will be discussed at SBAA meeting – *see discussion under New Business.*

- Anders Flaa Tournament (13U and 14/15U): June 20-22
 - Cost increase from \$250 last year to \$325 this year
 - 6U/8U Tournament: July 11-13 – **Need a tournament director.** *Friday: games from 5:30 – 8:30, Saturday: games from 8AM to 4PM, Sunday: games from 9AM – 6PM. Aleshia is willing to be the tournament director – with assistance from Nate and Eric.*
 - 12U All-Stars: July 15th – Need to get shirts for this – Troy to start talking with Tanner about this.
 - 10U/12U Tournament: July 18-20 – **Need a tournament director.** *Troy will think about this. Will talk with Tim S. to see if he is available to help with this....*
 - Gopher State All-Star: August 2 - 13U at City Park – **Need a Site Director**
- Junior League Baseball (6U-10U) (Open) - *Nate sent out email to coaches about player development – specifically for pitcher rotation.*
 - Senior League Baseball (12U and up) (Open) – Nothing new. Ongoing discussion about tournament.
 - Tournament Team Baseball (Schraufnagel) -
 - Info went out and I had two people ask about it. They said they knew nothing about it. Need to discuss more on how we are going to get this off the ground next year. *Will post a sign to get the word out. More competitive level baseball – will have try-outs if there is enough interest. Cost will be slightly higher because cost of tournaments has gone up. Shooting for registration starting at beginning of July (registration from 7/1 to 8/1). Tryouts tentatively at end of August.*
 - Uniforms (Schesso) – *Nothing new to discuss. Troy to start talking with Tanner about shirts for 12U All-Star team(s).*
 - Equipment (Laumeyer) – *Eric L. will be ordering baseballs with Soderville logo and will be ordering catcher's gear. For catchers gear check out Baseballsavings.com. New Z-screens were purchased for the batting cages. Nate has these.*
 - Development & Training (Laumeyer) -
 - *Lovdahl Baseball Camp email sent out this week. Will be held at The Ballpark.*
 - Umpire Coordinator (Aronson)-
 - *Payment plans with GT Officials has changed. Need to pay 75% up front – This has already been paid for this year.*

Other

- *The city is putting up “No parking on grass” signs at City and Lions and will begin enforcement immediately. We need to send an email out informing all baseball people about this.*

Next meeting – *Tentatively scheduled for sometime during the first two weeks in July.*

Meeting Adjourned 6:09PM