

March 2025 Soderville Baseball Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 03/04/2025
Present: Eric P., Nate, Eric L., Corryn, Tim S., Terry, Troy
Not Present: Greg

Call to order at 7:02 PM

Approval of Committee Minutes for December:

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

Public Forum:

N/A, only committee members present.

Old Business

- Storage Container Mural
Eric P. talked with the muralist. The muralist is interested in doing the mural(s) on the storage container. The current plan is to have the Soderville Baseball mural painted on the park side of the storage container and either "SBAA" painted on the street side or hang a banner on the street side. Next step is to get cost estimate from the muralist.
- Rule changes/clarifications
The rule changes/clarifications discussed in the January meeting were reviewed briefly. Nate will summarize the updates and send to Corryn.

New Business

- Registration numbers (as of 2/28/25)
 - 6U – 65 (6 teams) – 65 players as of 3/4/2025
 - 8U – 68 (6 teams) – 68 players as of 3/4/2025
 - 10U – 71 (7 teams?) – 72 players as of 3/4/2025
 - 12U – 76 (7 teams) – 79 players as of 3/4/2025
 - 13U – 38 (4 teams?) – 39 players as of 3/4/2025
 - 15U – 59 (5-6 teams) – 60 players as of 3/4/2025
 - 17U – 22 (2 teams) – 23 players as of 3/4/2025
 - 19U – 1 (0 teams) – We will close 19U registration
- Coach numbers
 - 6U – 6
 - 8U – 5
 - 10U – 5
 - 12U – 4
 - 13U – 4
 - 15U – 4
 - 17U – 1
- Usage of neighborhood parks is necessary
 - Needs for parks
The fields at City Park and Booster Park will be full all season and BHS won't give us any more days on their fields. It is likely we will need to use some of the neighborhood parks (Wisem, Twin Birch, etc.) this season.
 - *We will need to plan clean-up days for the fields at City Park, Ham Lake Park, Wisem, etc. April 26th/27th and May 3rd/4th are potential dates for clean-up days.*

- Radisson Baptist Church Usage (Jamie Borden)
 - \$75/night
 - Bases at 60', 70', 80', would adjust to 75' if we wanted
 - Rubbers at 46' and 52'
 - Tournaments available Friday and Saturday (\$1200, includes umpires for 8 games, full concessions)
 - No Wednesday or Sunday games/practices

Nightly cost does not include field prep (dragging/chalk). For reference, we pay \$20 per night at East Bethel.

We do not plan to pursue use of the Radisson Baptist Church field for the upcoming season.

Committee Reports

- Budget
 - *Paid for baseballs (enough for next couple years)*
 - *Working with Sophia Schesso on getting set up to take on Treasurer duties*
- Tournaments -
 - *Soderville/Ham Lake Classic May 9-11 – This tournament is now full*
 - *A-Town Classic (12U ONLY): May 31 - June 1 – No discussion, note date.*
 - *Anders Flaa Tournament (13U and 14/15U): June 20-22 – No discussion, note date.*
 - *6U/8U Tournament: July 11-13 – No discussion, note date.*
 - *12U All-Stars: July 15th – No discussion, note date.*
 - *10U/12U Tournament: July 18-20 – No discussion, note date.*
 - *Gopher State All-Star: August 2 Lions and City – No discussion, note date.*
- Junior League Baseball (6U-10U) – *Teams need to be formed. Eric P. will form 6U teams, Eric L. will form 8U teams and Nate will form 10U teams.*
- Senior League Baseball (12U and up)
 - *Get registered – We will wait until we know how many teams we have.*
- Tournament Team Baseball – *Kayla Ward from St. Francis 14/15U reached out to Eric P. to see if our fields are available for a tournament the weekend of May 31st. Corryn confirmed that the fields are already planned for that weekend. Eric P. will notify Kayla that the fields are not available.*
- Uniforms – *Wednesday, March 19th and Thursday March 20th from 6:00 – 8:00PM were planned for try-ons with a third date of Sunday, March 30th from 1:00 to 3:00PM tentatively planned. Nate will send email out notifying registered families about the try-on dates.*
- Equipment – *Equipment distribution is planned for April 6th and 7th.*
- Development & Training – *No discussion*
- Umpire Coordinator – *Nate will send out email to registered families letting them know we are looking for people to join the committee and summarizing the open positions.*

Other

- Discussed draft rules
 - *For teams with less than 4 keepers – At end of second round they will fill their first compensatory pick. At end of third round, they will fill their second compensatory pick.*
 - *All trades must be finished before the end of draft night (before leaving the draft)*

- Mounds
 - *Plan for portable mounds during season will be discussed at coaches meetings*
 - *New mounds will be used in tournaments*

Next meeting date set for April 13th, 2025 at 5:00PM

Tim motioned to adjourn meeting, Eric L. 2nd, meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM