

October 2024 Soderville Baseball Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 10/06/2024
Present: Eric P., Nate, Eric L., Greg, Troy
Not Present: Corryn, Terry, Tim

Call to Order at 8:01 PM

Approval of Board Minutes for September: Two corrections for the September minutes – expand on concern about stacked teams in End of Season Survey section and correct typo in “Portable Mounds at City Park” heading (current notes say Mounts instead of Mounds).

Nate motioned to approve September minutes as amended, Greg second motion. Motion carried by committee vote.

Public Forum – N/A, just board members present.

Old Business

- Storage Container Update – *Storage container is in place. Payment for storage container needs to be made, then we will receive keys to the lock on the container and can begin moving things from Storage World to the container. Eric L. will check out the shelves at Storage World and assess for moving. The current plan is to begin moving things from Storage World to the storage container next Saturday (10/12/2024) from 8AM to noon.*
- Batting Cage Update – *The batting cage is up and is being used. The net needs to be taken down for winter. Nate will purchase a 77-gallon tote that will hopefully be large enough to store the net. Nate is planning to take down the net Saturday 10/12/2024.*
- Field Maintenance at parks (fixing lips on the grass and baselines) – *We have received approval from the city of Ham Lake to fix the lips on the grass and baselines. Concerns were expressed about how to do this work without mistakenly digging too deep. Eric P. will call Diamond Doctor (field maintenance specialist) to get an estimate for the field touch-up work.*

New Business

- Tournament Hosting 2025 for MYAS
 - 6/27-6/29: State Rec Tournament hosting 13U and 10U – *These dates are expected to conflict with the Ham Lake Freedom Festival.*
 - 8/2: All-Star Series expansion for 13's. Would need Lions 4plex to host. – *No conflicts noted for this date.*
 - Gopher State Tournament of Champions possibility of hosting 7/11-7/13, 7/18-20, and/or 7/25-7/27. – *The 7/11-7/13 and 7/18-20 dates conflict with the Soderville Baseball in-house tournament dates. No conflicts were mentioned for the 7/25-7/27 dates.*

Committee Reports

- Assign Committee Roles – *Eric L. will continue as committee chair for Equipment and Training/Development. No other roles assigned, assumption is remaining committee members will stay in 2024 roles for the 2025 season.*
- Budget (Greene) – *Plan to purchase three portable mounds for 2025 season. Will need to get Board approval for this. Also plan to purchase logo baseballs. Cost for this is TBD.*
- Tournaments -
 - Soderville/Ham Lake Classic, May 9-11
 - 6U/8U Tournament, July 11-13

- 10U/12U Tournament, July 18-20
- *No discussion on this topic other than noting dates for these tournaments.*
- Junior League Baseball (6U-10U) – *No new discussion on this topic.*
- Senior League Baseball (12U and up) -
 - Field usage for 12/13U at Radisson Baptist Church – *Eric P. will try to talk with Jamie about this to see if use of this field is a good option.*
 - Field usage for 14/15U and up – *Soderville Field, BHS and BBC are options. BBC availability is expected to be very limited.*
- Tournament Team Baseball (Schraufnagel) -
 - Updates on teams - *Coach Wincek will coach at 14U/15U as mentioned last month, Zach Koering will coach 13U, Jesse Sawyer may be interested in coaching 12U, Brian Weiss may be interested in coaching 10U. Greg will reach out to Jesse and Brian to see if they are interested. Coaches for Tournament Baseball will get their registration fee back.*
- Uniforms (Schesso) –
 - *For 2025, names will be printed on Sr. Baseball jerseys at the leagues expense as they are for Jr. Baseball.*
 - *Discussed possibility of getting sponsors to help cover uniform costs. Troy to talk with Tanner to see what other leagues do (sponsor print size and location) and to get idea of additional printing cost.*
- Equipment (Laumeyer) - *Plan to get two new Z-screens for batting cages. Also plan to purchase baseballs with Soderville logo. – this requires a fairly large order commitment. Eric L. to let Nate know how many baseballs he plans to order and how many years they will cover.*
- Development & Training (Laumeyer) - *No new discussion on this topic.*
- Umpire Coordinator (Open) - *No new discussion on this topic.*

Other – *No additional topics discussed.*

9:40 PM Troy motioned to adjourn meeting. Nate second motion. Motion carried by committee vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Next meeting date: November 10th @ 5:30 PM