

Soderville Fastpitch Committee Monthly Meeting Minutes

When: September 7, 2025, at 7:00 pm

Where: Online via Google Meet

Present: Julie Cooley, Joe Jensen, Nicki Barry, Julia Velner, Randy Lowe, Matt Herrmann, JJ Wilkins, Corryn Anderson, Terry Olson, Sara Smude, Chris Liedman

7:00 Call to order

Julie: team manager reached out and asked if could be reimbursed instead of volunteer time. Asked Corryn how many people volunteer checks were cashed.

Corryn: did not remember how many checks. Does not think management of team should count for check return

Julie: person said it was a lot of work to be manager and debated not doing it again next time.

Randy suggested head coach log how many hours manager does

Stopped listening for a bit because we just got home and the dogs had gone through the pantry

Voted on okay for coaches to cover field maintenance for managers. Vote did not pass.

7:01 Public Forum

7:05 Old Business

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- **Tryouts**

- What went well?

- Randy: pitching machine went well. Went quickly

- JJ: thought it went well but no specifics

- Julie: Molly had suggested pitching machine for pop flies

- Matt: liked idea bc coaches can differ in throwing pop flies

- Chris: liked there were two stations for pop flies

Joe: could not evaluate soft skills like calling "mine" for balls, stepping.

Julie: difficult to evaluate soft skills because we don't know all the kids. Forming teams based on coaching evals too

JJ: wondered what plan was for old pitching machine.

Needs some replacement parts. Randy will look into it

- What can we improve?

- **Age Level Practices**

-Thoughts?

Sara: worked well for the 10s

Chris: good to get all the practice we can

-Is this something we should continue to plan for?

- **Team Formation & Jersey Challenges**

Julie: no coach picks bc no A team Jerseys, glitch in sports engine that changed youth large to adult large

- **Pitchers & Catchers Clinics**

Sara: pitching smaller turn out this year than last. Wallshaggers were helpful. Second week of catching clinic was more effective. High school girls first week were learning to run a clinic, better second week

7:20 **New Business**

JJ: field 2 was in bad shape after rain. Spent 2.5 hours fixing divots

Joe: requested reminder about when okay to play on fields

Julie: will send memo

Sara: requested general rules about when okay to play on field to be sent out to everyone

Corryn: this was discussed in big board meeting. Needs to be a policy in place about when fields are closed due to water. Julie and Corryn will send out memo

Corryn: big tournament at city and lions park next weekend. Still confusion about volunteer fees.people Did baseball tournament instead of softball and were upset. Rumbings about USA softball league starting in MN.

- Operations Manager Update
- Capital Improvement Committee○

JJ and corryn couldn't get in touch with Josh? Something about city building inspector

JJ asked what the fine is for making burgers without health inspector permission

Corryn: we have temp permit for tournaments. May not be cost effective for league games to have concessions open

7:45 Fastpitch Director:

- Current Balance:
 - Last Month- \$ 24,849.70
 - Current - \$ 12,580.45 - state gate checks, committee member registration refunds, tryout food for evaluators, Fall Ball registration(MN Softball)
- **MN Softball Director's/Association Survey**
- **Accent Color for Uniform Survey**

[Survey Link](#)

7:50 Committee Member Updates

Assistant Fastpitch Director - Matt Herrmann

Uniform & Apparel - Julia Velner

Equipment Manager - Randy Lowe

Fastpitch Treasurer/Secretary - Nicki Barry -

Committee At Large - Stephanie Wallschlaeger

Committee At Large - Terry Olson

Committee At Large - JJ Wilkins

Committee At Large - Heather Wright

Committee At Large - Chris Liedman

Committee At Large - Sean DeCent

Committee At Large - Joe Jensen

Committee At Large - Sara Smude