



**Cottage Grove Baseball
Board Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2021**

BOARD MEMBERS		PRESENT (Y/N)
Tim Kaplan	President	Y
Scott Erickson	Traveling Director	Y
Cassi Ruhnau	In-House Director	Y
Matt McMorro	Budget Director	Y
Joe Venaglia	Fields Director	Y
Shane Waterman	Equipment Director	Y
Sarah Sivanich	Registrations Director	N
Josh Nienow	Umpires Director	Y
Josh Munger	Tournaments Director	N
Jon Zurbey	Communications Director	Y
LEVEL DIRECTORS (OPTIONAL)		PRESENT (Y/N)
Brad Pederson	15YO	N
Justin Hennem	14YO	N
Jim Rodriguez	13YO	N
Adam Sease	12YO	N
Pete Olichwier	11YO	N
Jason Gamache	10YO	N
Mike Zasada	9YO	N

Chris Crumb and Wade Carlson joined the meeting.

**Meeting held via videoconference on June 27, 2021.
Meeting called to order at 8:03pm. (Called to Order by Tim)
Meeting adjourned at 9:48pm. (Seconded by Josh and Cassie)
Next meeting scheduled for July 25, 2021.**

JUNE 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

President (Tim Kaplan)

The CGAA baseball board has approved installing a scoreboard at Woodridge South (big field); funds to pay for the scoreboard are being secured from the Lions Club and the CGAA Gaming Fund. Additional discussion about other field improvement opportunities with gaming funds, including additional scoreboards, batting cages, dugout improvements, etc.

Chris Crumb and Wade Davis gave an update on the 2021 CG World Series (14/15s): Registration is out with strong participation; continuing to secure sponsors and line up other activities to help get additional community involvement.

Continuing to work with all parties to get invoices submitted and paid.

Will work on setting up a coaches appreciation dinner for both traveling and in-house.

Looking into scheduling facility space to conduct off-season training programs.

Next board meeting: Review and discuss communications plan for promoting open board positions for 2022 season.

Traveling Director (Scott Erickson)

A good year for the program. More than 60% of our traveling teams earned a state tournament bid this year (11 of 18 teams); in addition with a number of teams securing top 3 seeds for MBL league playoffs.

Looking to lock down September dates for 2022 player evaluations with Coach McGowan and others. Once dates are finalized, smaller group will meet and map out any modifications beyond moving back to a traditional two-day evaluation.

Working on and will distribute an end-of-season player evaluation to all coaches.

Working on and will distribute a coaches survey to parents.

Brought forward how CG baseball handled a sportsmanship issue with a traveling coach.

Ongoing discussion around best role for level advisors in 2022 (year two).

In-House Director (Cassi Ruhnau)

Confirmed dates and locations for up-coming in-house tournaments:

Pitchball at Lamar (July 9-11)

Pee Wees and Minors at Hamlet (July 16-18)

Working with Tim to order trophies and Josh to secure umpires.

Going to reach out to Boy Scouts to see if they are interested in running concessions.

Budget Director (Matt McMorrow)

Continuing to pay out submitted invoices; catcher's masks still on backorder (no invoice yet).

Overall, continue to be on budget.

Starting to build out projections for 2022.

Fields Director (Joe Venaglia)

All and all, fields are running smoothly.

Asked Scott to communicate with traveling coaches about hosting playoff games so make sure fields are prepped.

Tim to connect with Zac Docktor to get the old L screens off the fields.

L screens moved from Hamlet will get returned.

Equipment Director (Shane Waterman)

Can sell balls and equipment to teams that need more balls for state tournament (charged at cost) as state tournaments are in addition to the fees covered by CGAA.

Likely need more L screens for next year.

Can do what we want at Oltman by way of equipment storage, but needs to be paid for by CGAA Baseball.

Will coordinate with Scott and Cassi about setting up equipment turn in sometime in August.

Registrations Director (Sarah Sivanich)

Set up and will help monitor the CG World Series registrations.

Queued up to setup a 2022 Player Evaluations registration.

Umpires Director (Josh Nienow)

In a flow and making it work. Some schedule/availability changes but pretty well set for the year.

Working with Cassi to get umpires for Pee Wees and Minors tournament.

Getting better. Kids schedules are changing but still doing good for rest of year.

Confirm and get umpires for Pee Wees / Minors tournament with some kids playing in Gopher State. Throwing cages at CGMS - just not great setups.

Tournaments Director (Josh Munger)

Not present; no update.

Communications Director (Jon Zurbey)

Updating web site with in-house tournament schedules.

Updating web site with end-of-season traveling update and communicating out.

Updating web site with CG World Series info and communicating out.

Supporting other ongoing communications.