



**Cottage Grove Baseball
Board Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2021**

BOARD MEMBERS		PRESENT (Y/N)
Tim Kaplan	President	Y
Scott Erickson	Traveling Director	Y
Cassi Ruhnau	In-House Director	N
Matt McMorrow	Budget Director	Y
Joe Venaglia	Fields Director	Y
Shane Waterman	Equipment Director	Y
Sarah Sivanich	Registrations Director	Y
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 Henum	14YO	N
Jim Rodriquez	13YO	N
Adam Sease	12YO	Y
Pete Olichwier	11YO	N
Jason Gamache	10YO	N
Mike Zasada	9YO	N

Daniel Harrison from CGAA also attended the meeting.

**Meeting held via videoconference on January 24, 2021.
Meeting called to order at 7:12pm (Technology Delay)
Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm. Motion to close from Josh; seconded by Sarah.
Next meeting scheduled for February 28, 2021.**

JANUARY 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

President (Tim Kaplan)

Welcomed new board members to their first meeting: Joe and Josh.

Confirmation that 2020 uniforms will be the same for 2021. Registration fees will not include uniforms in 2021 and therefore be lower than 2020. Ongoing discussion with uniform partner to allow for families to order new and/or additional uniform elements at their choosing and cost (a la carte).

COVID-19: Plan, coordinator and communications will be topic for February Board meeting. Tim to connect with CG Hockey on their recent in-season experience.

Traveling Director (Scott Erickson)

Shared that he and Park High Coach McGowan have had a number of productive conversations in recent weeks about better aligning the CG baseball traveling program with Park baseball vision, etc. Scott to share additional details in the coming weeks.

Working towards engaging Coach McGowan and staff to help facilitate Traveling-level evaluations, along with both a coaching and player clinic in the spring.

Traveling level evaluations tentatively scheduled for March 20-21, 2021 and March 27-28, 2021. Various indoor/outdoor options being considered.

Scott also recently met with new Level Advisors and mapped out their roles/responsibilities for the coming season – including direct communication with age-level coaches and parents/players. Level Advisors also will help share and push out training materials and opportunities (in partnership with Traveling Director)

Due to registration and evaluations pushed to spring due to COVID vs. fall, Level Advisors are engaging previous year's coaches to determine potential interest in coaching again. Level Advisors also working to identify and secure tournament spots for AAA, AA, A teams before registration is full since coaches have not been determined.

Preliminary discussion around the structure for 2021 player evaluations. Further discussion to take place before next Board meeting.

Preliminary discussion on the number of Traveling teams at each age-level. Final determination subject to number of registrations and makeup of players.

In-House Director (Cassi Ruhnau)

Not present; no update or discussion among rest of Board.

Budget Director (Matt McMorrow)

Confirmed planned registration fees align with budget.

Will work with Equipment Director on purchase plan.

Scott to send Matt list of Level Advisors/coaches permitted to book tournaments so Matt can appropriately reimburse.

Fields Director (Joe Venaglia)

Connected with former Fields Director to get lay of the land; the two plan to reconnect in coming weeks and months once scheduling comes into play.

Equipment Director (Shane Waterman)

Still continuing to collect equipment from a few 2020 teams.

Continuing to take inventory of baseball equipment.

New catcher equipment standards go into effect in 2021; Shane to share cost estimate with Budget Director and map out purchase plan, as appropriate, to provide each Traveling team updated equipment.

Additional discussion on if/when new bats should be purchased, along with tees and catcher's equipment for In-House levels.

Registrations Director (Sarah Sivanich)

Traveling-level registrations will run February 1 through March 7.

In-house registrations will run February 1 through April 15 (Wee Tee through mid-May).

Traveling registration fees will be collected in two waves in 2021 since player evaluations will happen after registration closes (due to COVID). First wave is initial down payment towards registration and fees for player evaluation expenses. Second wave will come due once teams are rostered.

Umpires Director (Josh Nienow)

Reviewing 2021 umpires contract, including potential increase in fees.
Contract to be sent to CGAA President for review and approval.

Tournaments Director (Josh Munger)

Not present; no update or discussion among rest of Board.

Communications Director (Jon Zurbey)

Met with Jen Flick to get up to speed.

Drafted 2021 Welcome Letter to be sent the week of Jan. 25.

Working with Registrations Director to get access to SportsEngine to send communications to all members.

Plans to audit the CG baseball website with plans to clean it up and re-organize content to make more user-friendly and current; archive or delete outdated/old content.

Evaluating social media presence and if/how to use in 2021 or not given previous limited engagement.
