

CGAA Softball  
2023  
Board Agenda  
Bureau

September 12<sup>th</sup>,

8:06 p.m. Youth Service

**Meeting Called By:** Amanda Albert, President  
**Meeting Facilitator:** Amanda Albert

**Type of Meeting:** Monthly Board  
**Note Taker:** Kayla Seerup

In Attendance: Danielle Weise  
Amanda Albert  
Kayla Seerup

Karyn Cronin  
Matt Kerttula  
Kris Steffen

Dev Hoven  
Tim Dana  
Angie Letourneau

**President Updates:** Amanda Albert

1. New Board Member Welcome - Danielle Weise
  - a. Confirmed that softball Gmail set up along with GroupMe-
2. Upcoming Board Meetings
  - a. LRPM in October – There will be two meetings split in half. First Meeting Tuesday October 10th on Zoom at 6:00pm, Second meeting on Tuesday October 24th at YSB 6:00pm

Please review Rules of Play prior to our LRPM

- b. Need to plan to focus on having more in-person meetings.

3. Parent Survey summary results -Inhouse: some families would like more practices than games. Some families wanted more cage time, some issues with the scoring system-5 run rule at 10u and 12u age level.

Traveling-some issues with some coach's philosophies different than what they like, some issues with player rotations and not getting rotated as they believe they should be.

4. Fundraising for 2024 – Auditor are very picky on how they want all the fundraising info turned in including all receipts and all money goes through Kayla/treasurer.

5. Discussed designating one of the members at Larges to coordinate background checks going forward and making sure all coaches and assistants are up to date on Ace certifications and background checks.

Dev Hoven has stepped up to take on that role.

6. Main Board update –

- a. Dan, Justin, Kim all appointed for another term.
  - b. COI forms -All Board members need to fill this form out, Amanda emailed the form to all board members.

7. Field Improvements – There is a good amount of money in the gambling capital fund account, looking for some ideas for different projects we can use to improve our fields.

a. Designated warm up spaces (think Mankato), looking for assistance in gathering information at Grey Cloud Elementary, and CGMS

b. Batting cages – partner with the city to cut back dirt in cages to lay excess turf from CGHA

c. look into buying baseballs side of batting cages at CGMS (they don't use it often) with potentially covering it so it can be used for winter, along with building off of it for more storage. \_ Amanda reached out to Baseball tonight to see if they would be interested in selling.

d. storage area/enclosed pavilion built out at Grey Cloud

### **Action Items Person Responsible Deadline**

1. ✓ succession planning- Amanda is considering stepping down as president after this 2023/2024 season. Would like to find someone willing and wanting to take it over so she can start transitioning them into the position.

### **Director of Tournaments Updates:** Angie Letourneau

1. Feels like PIP and Nationals went very well. Maybe scaling back the pip registration numbers as finding fields to fit them all in was challenging. Looking into maybe adding in 14U division next year.

2. Discussion on hosting PIP in 2024, if we decide not to host it, then we need to pick up fall ball or other opportunities for dibs hours, instead of just Nationals.

### **Action Items Person Responsible Deadline** ✓

1) Talk to Jim Fohrman with the city about handicap parking/Options closer to the fields at Grey cloud. Or any options of renting golf carts to transport people back and forth.

### **Director of Fields & Administration:** Danielle Weise

1. PAC and West Rink Scheduling - Reach out to Matt Kerttula/Matt Brink for help getting going with scheduling. Will be going over dates at long range board meeting

2. Schedule the closing of:

a. batting cages, need to set a date for some time early October

b. removal of bases from fields – early October

i. Plan on bringing all bases to batting cages and so we can look them over and decide how many new bases we need to purchase this year, many are starting to look bad.

### **Action Items Person Responsible Deadline** ✓

### **Player Development:** Matt Kerttula

1. Off-season practices, Jan - April, depending on space availability.

2. Pitching/Catching clinics dates with Bryan Ludwig and Gracie Bond, with a sign-up genius to register and to pay as well

- a. Catching Clinic at CGMS 9/22 and 9/29 10U and under 5pm-6pm, 12U and up 6pm-7pm,
- B. Pitching Clinic Same location and same time except age groups will swap times, in hopes catchers can catch for pitchers.

**Action Items Person Responsible Deadline** ✓

**Equipment Manager:** Karyn Cronin

1. Fall Ball Equipment return date- will check calendar and reach out tomorrow with the date.
  2. Winter indoor practices – equipment hand-out – softies – on our radar
  3. Equipment inventory – update spreadsheet
    - a. Begin gathering pricing on new equipment.
      - i. Equipment bags
      - ii. Catcher's gear
      - iii. Bownets and replacement bags
      - iv. Pitching plates
      - v. Bases
      - vi. Scorebooks
- Big Metal detectors  
Also need to order more ice packs, and first aid kits.  
Radar gun for try outs.

**Action Items Person Responsible Deadline** ✓

**Director of In-House Leagues:** OPEN POSITION

1. IH updates
  - a. Proposed Age Changes for upcoming season, mirror MN Softball age chart-making a t-ball 1st year age group and a t-ball 2nd year age group, where they will be coach pitching.
  - b. Games vs practice schedules
  - c. Time limits, going from 90 min to no new inning after 75 min games.
  - d. Senior League updates – Minors/Majors
    - i. Traveling hybrid, will be playing tri county league with the end of year tri county tournament with the option if they want to play in the state tournament, no Extra tournaments Will be the same price as in house prices, with inhouse jerseys on traditional traveling jerseys.

**Action Items Person Responsible Deadline** ✓

Karyn will reach out to Chris Duray in November to see if he's interested in taking this position, as he has voiced, he's interested but has not reached out.

**Treasurer:** Kayla Seerup

- a. Still waiting on a few items/invoices and a check to come in for Nationals, but Budget sheet should be very close to actual proceeds.

2. Traveling Teams financials - All teams are closed out

**Action Items Person Responsible Deadline** ✓ Review any open team/player accounts.

**Director of Traveling:** Tim Dana

1. Traveling Program updates

a. Tryout review

- i. 8U – 2 teams, 10U – 5 teams, 12U – 2 teams (cut players), 14U – 1 team (cut players), HS – 0 teams, some parents were upset with having to cut teams but the numbers were not there and there was no way to form another team

b. Schedule coaches & managers meeting- Tim will be reaching out to Kayla and Amanda with options.

- i. September/October – fundraising season fast approaching.

c. Tryout pennies order- need to order more to accommodate for our growing youth program.

2. Fall Ball Program updates-

**Action Items Person Responsible Deadline** ✓

**Director of Events & Promotions:** Kris Steffen

1. Winter CGAA Softball raffle for all Traveling teams, plans on talking with Diane to increase our tickets, for this coming season getting more books. Would like to get enough for each girl to get them and have a few more on hand also.

Hand out before thanksgiving, with hand in early/mid- and the drawing at end of January at Carbone's in Cottage Grove

2. Bags and helmets will be available to purchase at traveling tryouts on their form

3. Would like to go through Synergy again this year for traveling sweatshirts and windbreakers- keeping the same design, maybe making small changes
4. Will be getting the general softball store running here shortly through Advanced Sportswear so they can get items back before Christmas. - Kris will be reaching out to cubby this week.
5. 8U will be rolled into try-ons this year with the same jerseys offered as 10u and up

Motion made by Kris Steffen to stop providing/purchasing pants for the in-house program for pitch ball and up for the upcoming season. Using those funds to purchase better socks and upgrading to a better Jersey/Shirt. 2nd made by [Karyn Cronin](#), all agree, motion passes.

**Action Items Person Responsible Deadline** ✓

**Director of Communications:** Bridgitt Looney

1. Save the dates – update website calendar
  - a. 2024/25 Traveling tryout dates – post LRPM- Will talk about and confirm dates at long range board meeting.
  - b. IH Registrations opening- Amanda will be working on it to have a soft opening in December.

**Action Items Person Responsible Deadline** ✓

**Secretary:** Melodee Thole

Motion for past two meetings will be motioned in October's board meeting

**Action Items Person Responsible Deadline** ✓

**Member at Large I:** Allyson Youngquist

1. COVID Coordinator

**Action Items Person Responsible Deadline** ✓

**Member at Large II:** Devanie Hoven

**Action Items Person Responsible Deadline** ✓

**Vice President Updates:** Tim Dana

1. Dugout cover at Grey Cloud - Will be Breaking ground next week

**Action Items Person Responsible Deadline** ✓

**Team Formation Committee:** Tim Dana, Dev Hoven, Matt Kerttula,  
Amanda Albert

**Action Items Person Responsible Deadline** ✓

Motion made by Matt Kerttula at 10:18pm to end tonight's board meeting. Angie Letourneau 2<sup>nd</sup>, all agree, meeting adjourn.