



CGAA Baseball Board Meeting
Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm – Youth Service Bureau

Board meeting called to order (Dave Weidner): 7:08 pm

Board meeting adjourned (Dave Weidner): 8:00 pm

Attendance:

- Adam Palodichuk/Traveling Director
- Chris Crumb/Equipment Director
- Chris Galloway/Director of Communications
- Dave Weidner/President
- Dianne Janski/Budget Director
- Mary Nichols/Assistant Umpire Director
- Peter Schulte/Umpire Director
- Rich Moen/Fields Director
- Shane Waterman/In-House Director
- Tom Tessman/Asst. Fields Director
- Troy Arvin/Registration Director

Absent:

- Jeff Bearth/Tournament Director

Motion to approve board meeting minutes for March 2015 made by Adam Palodichuk. Chris Crumb second. All in favor. Motion passes.

Updates:

Dave Weidner - President

- Attended the main board meeting. There was a discussion regarding audits, and the gambling figures are good. Also had a request for each division to provide a best practice to share with the others.
- Attended the MBL meetings. MBL typically follows USA Baseball for age cutoffs, and Cottage Grove follows MBL. USA baseball is recommending a change to birth year (rather than current cutoff of April 30). Bat standards were also discussed; there will change next year ; bbcor allowed all the way down to 10s.
- Did have to order some additional bats for the younger age groups.

Peter Schulte – Umpire Director

- Will complete an in-house clinic, looking at May 2. For in house, we have 6 new umpires, about 12 total.
- Have all other equipment, just need indicators and brushes.
- Discussed where to order rule books, suggested to check with MBL or Pro-Am.
- Shane requested the umpires do an occasional check with the coaches regarding pitch count, to help validate they are keeping track.

Adam Palodichuk – Traveling Director

- Set on umpires with Pro-Am, almost all are scheduled. Once complete, coaches will be able to log in and see that one is scheduled prior to the game.
- CGBA is hosting one traveling tournament at the end of June for a 14a and 15a. It is only an 8 team tournament; not expecting to make money off of it, it was requested by the coaches. Registrations filled up quickly. (3 CG teams, 5 outside teams). Permits complete for fields.
- Received a complaint that a non-Cottage Grove affiliated 13 year old team is signing up as “Park Grove” for MBT and Gopher State tournaments. Notified the respective organizations of the complaint.
- Will work with the traveling coaches at Hamlet to get the wind screens up before the opening day.
- There was one late sign up for traveling that is on a waiting list (13A level).
- Traveling games begin Monday April 27.
- Have had a request to see if Field 51’s home plate could be replaced.
- Traveling coach apparel was distributed.

Shane Waterman – In-House Director

- Held coaches meeting Sunday, April 26. Passed out picture forms. Reminded them to go to Peter Schulte with any umpire issues. Coaches will begin pitch counts this year (Per game: 75 pitches or 3 innings. Per week: 150 per week or 6 innings).
- Still need to distribute coaches shirts/hats.
- Will send links to schedule, as well as scoring reports to the older teams.
- Opening day event schedule, Saturday May 2nd. At Hamlet Park from 2:00-7:00 ages 7-14. (Zac Dockter is primarily organizing.) Fields will be ready.
- Games start Wednesday May 13th. Will send regular schedule to Peter for umpires.
- Tournament for peewee and minors is scheduled for the weekend of July 18-19
- Need to connect with Jeff Bearth regarding the plan for Strawberry Fest (how many fields we get by Grey Cloud Elementary and CGMS.) There will be All Star Games for peewees and minors on June 20.
 - Need umpires? Will reach out to McGowan to see if the HS players will help out.
 - Also ask if McGowan will introduce the rosters for the All Star Games.
- Requested to add post to the main page that all rosters have been distributed and season will officially kick off on May 2 with the open house.

Dianne Janski – Budget Director

- Background checks still coming in.
- All outstanding Advanced invoices have been paid; West Rink invoice should be received soon.
- Equipment invoices to expect: Field rakes, icepacks, L screen nets, scorebooks, foam balls.
- All refunds are complete.
- Balance \$133,270.

Mary Nichols - Asst. Umpire Director

- Pictures scheduled
 - In House May 20-21
 - Traveling June 1-3
- Ready to do score reporting.
- Submit claim sheets for umpires to Dianne to pay every other week. Checks will be mailed; no pickup.

Chris Crumb - Equipment Director

- All equipment is passed out for in house and traveling.
- Next activity is to dispose of damaged equipment and inventory remaining pieces.

Rich Moen –Field Director

- Most traveling fields are set.
- Will start working on in house fields this week.
- Pitching machines will go in.
- Pine Cooley will be used for Instructional; will set up tees
- Need 2 pitching machines to donate to St. Paul Park. Notify Dave when complete; will need to document the donation.
- Field schedules are complete; games start Monday. Will continue to check to see if there are reschedules and send out reminders.
- Wind screens starting to go up Hamlet.

Troy Arvin – Registrations Director

- 830 total registrations.
- Under budget for financial aid requests.
- Received one late registration and we do not have a spot for him in pee-wees. (Teams already have 13 because we didn't have enough coaches.) Offer to have him play in minors.

Chris Galloway – Communications Director

- No updates

Next meeting is Monday, May 25th at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 by Dave Weidner, second by Adam Palodichuk. All in favor. Motion passed.