



**Cottage Grove Baseball  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2021**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>		<b>PRESENT (Y/N)</b>
Tim Kaplan	President	Y
Scott Erickson	Traveling Director	Y
Cassi Ruhnau	In-House Director	Y
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
Open	Tournaments Director	N
Jon Zurbey	Communications Director	Y
<b>LEVEL DIRECTORS (OPTIONAL)</b>		<b>PRESENT (Y/N)</b>
Justin Henum	15YO	N
Ron Tobias	14YO	N
Adam Sease	13YO	N
Pete Olichwier	12YO	N
Jim Rostad	11YO	N
Anthony LeMay	10YO	N
Open	9YO	N

**Dan Harrison from the main CGAA Board joined the meeting.  
Meeting held in person and via videoconference on September 26, 2021.  
Meeting called to order at 7:04pm. (Called to Order by Tim)  
Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm. (Seconded by Jon)  
Next meeting scheduled for October 12 (Special Session) and October 16, 2021.**

## **SEPTEMBER 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **President (Tim Kaplan)**

Shared congratulations on smooth 2022 Player Evaluations; noted a few staffing enhancements next year for running 14/15 evaluations in particular.

Continuing to set up coaches appreciation dinner and annual meeting at Carbone's for October 16, 2021. Will hold annual Board Elections during the annual meeting for President, Traveling Director, In-House Director, Fields Director and Budget Director.

JZ to send communication and update website.

Scoreboard installation at Woodridge South (big field) will begin in October.

Will request funding to install scoreboards at two new fields at Hamlet with funds coming from CGAA Gaming and Local Business (Sponsor).

Continued discussion about opportunities and barriers associated with developing a formal offseason training program.

Noted that any changes to CGAA Baseball's rules and regulations must be proposed and voted on at the annual meeting in October; issued a call for any potential changes to be discussed during October 12 special session.

Dan Harrison joined to share/ask divisions to standardize Board meetings, including sharing and approval monthly budgets and meeting minutes.

### **Traveling Director (Scott Erickson)**

Shared 2022 Player Evaluations update:

The Player evaluation process and format were a success.  
More than 40 additional participants and 3 additional teams compared to 2021.  
Two age levels moving back to AAA.  
All teams posted on September 23.  
Still looking for/need coaches for a few teams.

Continued to push for formal recognition and role definition for Level Advisors as members-at-large on the Board.

Board agrees to discuss further, including stipends and status, during the November Board meeting.

Due to personal reasons, announced his resignation after one year. CGAA Baseball to seek a new Traveling Director as part of annual elections (one-year term).

Discussion around what Scott believed worked well and where there was/is room to improve - notably building an offseason program.

**In-House Director (Cassi Ruhnau)**

Provide President and Budget Director respective costs to confirm/set 2022 budget.  
Still gathering a few team equipment bags - will coordinate drop off with Equipment Director.  
As Level Advisors are discussed for Traveling, noted that Commissioners are needed for In-House as well: T-Ball, Pitchball, Pee Wees and Minors.  
Shared primary concerns for 2022 are lower numbers at Pee Wees and Minors and In-House coaches training – have set practice plans and drills (same as Traveling).

**Budget Director (Matt McMorrow)**

Provided a general update and noted that most budgets have been submitted. Will present updated budget for Board approval during October 12 special session (submit to main Board after approval).

**Fields Director (Joe Venaglia)**

Budget submitted.  
Will start putting away bases and making notes for 2022 needs, etc.  
Clean up other equipment (L-Screen at Park) and batting cages.

**Equipment Director (Shane Waterman)**

Still collecting the last few equipment bags.

**Registrations Director (Sarah Sivanich)**

Need to work with President and Budget Director to set 2022 registration fees and timing.  
Distribute 2022 Traveling registration in October (two installments).

JZ to send communication once ready.

**Umpires Director (Josh Nienow)**

Budget submitted, noting that umpire costs will rise in 2022.  
Articulated need to get started on sourcing umpires sooner in 2022.

**Tournaments Director (OPEN)**

No update.

**Communications Director (Jon Zurbey)**

Continuing to support all communications outlined above.