

CGAA Long Range Board Meeting

October, 2019

October 13, 2019

9:00 AM

Youth Service Bureau

Meeting called by: Amanda Albert **Type of meeting:** October Long Range Board Meeting
Facilitator: Amanda Albert **Note taker:** Crystal Sherry (S)

Attendees: Amanda Albert, Don Oswald, Tim Dana, Chris Wilson, Matt Brink, Stacy Fritsche, AnnMarie Mulgrew, Andrew Moerke, Kayla Seerup, Derek Lasovich, Crystal Sherry, Allyson Youngquist
Guest: Matt Kerttula

Meeting Minutes

Agenda item: Open Forum **Presenter:** Amanda Albert

Discussion:

- **Open Forum: Matt Kerttula (Guest)**
 - Director of Player Development Candidate
 - Position has been open for 2 years
 - Matt has joined the meeting to present to us his thoughts and plans on the role
 - Matt shared the goals he would like to see/do in the position
 - Bob/Tony introductions to understand skill levels from their perspective
 - Take those skills and bring them forward to traveling and in-house leagues – provide coaches with skill plans
 - Provide coaches with skills plans for the girls at start of season and where they should be at the end of the season. Giving coaching set goals for each girls development
 - Start a CGAA softball page for coaches to connect
 - Tools and instructions for coaches
 - Video links for skills etc.
 - Break out by skill and positions
 - Winter programs – looking at other programs across the cities and bringing in more in the off season since teams are formed so early
 - Shared he is coming in as a learner – he would like to see us bring in others to teach (college, high school) connecting with others that the girls could look up to.
 - Open discussion Q&A with Matt

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Matt Kerttula to be invited to November board meeting	Amanda Albert	November Board Meeting

*** Motion made by Annie Mulgrew to appoint Matt Kerttula as the Director of Player Development – One Year Term, seconded by Allyson Youngquist, 9 agrees, 1 dissenting, 1 abstaining, motion carries***

Discussion:

Fields & Administration

- Discuss possible assignors for next season (umpires)
 - Dave Watkins – less expense but unsure if he will be back from FL – group agreed Dave is a no go
 - Lori Dineen – more expensive but seems to be more reliable – group agreed yes- Matt will contact Lori
- **PAC** - Off season scheduling
 - Board members run these practices
 - Traveling Teams (10U-16U) Schedule
 - Sunday, January 12th
 - Sunday, January 26th
 - Sunday, February 9th
 - Sunday, February 23nd
 - 5pm-9pm (by age group)
 - 5:00-6:30 – 10U
 - 6:30-8:00 – 12U
 - 8:00-9:00 – 14U, 16U
 - In-House Teams (Pitch ball-Majors) Schedule
 - Sunday, March 29th
 - Sunday, April 5th
 - 5pm-7:30pm
 - All in-house levels – divide gym by age levels
- **West Rink** - Off season scheduling
 - Matt working with Jordan
 - March 7th anticipated first rental, \$90/hour
 - Scheduling March-Traveling Teams Only
 - Sunday, March 22nd
 - Wednesday, March 25th
 - Sunday, March 29th
 - Wednesday, April 1st
 - Sunday, April 5th
 - Wednesday, April 8th
 - 5:00pm-9:00pm
- **Armory** - Off season scheduling
 - Hockey Association has reserved Tues-Thurs
 - Schedule for traveling and in-house
 - Monday – 5:00-9:00 (open gym for pitchers and catchers)
 - Set-up scheduling and payment prior to (Amanda)
 - November 18th & November 25th
 - December 2nd & December 9th & December 16th
 - January 6th January 13th January 27th
 - February 3rd February 10th February 24th
 - March 2nd
- Develop a template to assist in umpire validation – Matt working on
- Field and cages winterization
 - Matt will be finishing up this week.
 - Some fields have a couple mounds and bases that are stuck
- Batting cage code change
 - 1967

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Matt to contact Lori to start discussing umpires for summer	Matt Brink	Update at next meeting
✓ Matt to reserve PAC, West Rink, Armory	Matt Brink	ASAP
✓ Create sign up site for Armory	Amanda Albert	TBD

Agenda item: Director Player Development

Presenter: Amanda Albert

Discussion:

Player Development (position open)

- Pitcher development
 - See above notes, more discussion after Director is appointed
- Winter Clinics
 - See above notes
- Spring Coaches and Players clinic
 - See above notes
- Coordinate clinics with the High School coaches – Bob Loshek and Tony Young
 - Encourage HS players to attend and train with our players
 - TBD when Director is appointed

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ N/A

Agenda item: Equipment Manager

Presenter: Allyson Youngquist

Discussion:

Equipment

- Equipment Status
 - Game Balls
 - 21 boxes of 12" and 11" balls
 - We would like to be at 25 boxes (stick to 40-45 boxes)
 - Order 25 more boxes of each
 - Soft Balls
 - 2 Buckets 12" + ½ Tupperware Bucket
 - 3 Buckets 11" + Tupperware Bucket Full
 - 6 Dozen – 12" - order
 - 6 Dozen – 11" – order
 - Dimple Balls
 - Need 2 dozen yellow
 - Heavy Balls
 - Need to confirm what is on hand
 - Every traveling team should have them
 - Need to determine how many we need, each team should have at least 6
 - Buckets (2 per team)
 - 16 Black buckets, down from 23 last year's count
 - 13 yellow buckets, down from 16 last year's count
 - Need to determine if we need more buckets on the ordering list
 - Tri-Color Plates (Two per team)
 - 15 in stock right now
 - Tee's (One per team)
 - 10 tees (some still outstanding)
 - Bow-Nets (One per team)
 - Catcher Gear
 - Looks good, still some in boxes
 - Score Books
 - 12 in stock
 - Should get another box
 - First Aid Kits
 - Need to review what we have and make new kits
 - Put needed items on order list

- Bases
 - Some replacement bases are needed, 2 sets
 - Pitching mounds were ordered last year
- Penny's for Tryouts
 - We have some that work now; to be discussed next year
 - Possibly get a sponsor to get us new ones?
- Review budget requests
 - Review at November's meeting
- All equipment accounted for?
 - Still outstanding for some
 - Next year we should label each so we know when turned in if anything is missing
- Batting cage improvements
 - Rubber mats for backstop
 - Netting – Tim has
 - November meeting – come with all improvements requested with cost

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Order 25 more boxes 12" and 11" balls	Don Oswald	January
✓ Allyson to create equipment order list for next board meeting for approval	Allyson Youngquist	November
✓ Allyson to collect remainder of the outstanding equipment from coaches	Allyson Youngquist	ASAP

Agenda item: Director In-House Sr. League & Women's League Presenter: Amanda Albert

Discussion:

In-House Sr. League & Women's League (Open Position)

- Sr. League
 - Rookies, Minors, Majors
- Women's League Background
 - 16 years and up
 - Tuesday's at Lamar
 - June-August
 - We've typically had 5-6 teams each season
 - CGAA – provides umpires, fields, and equipment
- 2019 season
 - Need to develop and roll out League Rules
 - Discussed and reviewed during meeting
 - Need to switch to a registration process to collect money and create rosters
 - Amanda will set up a managers and coaches meeting 1Q to review
- SEML meeting should be held by end of the year
 - All Star game
 - End of year tournament

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
▪ Amanda to schedule a manager/coaches meeting 1Q to review league rules	Amanda Albert	First Quarter

Agenda item: Director In-House Junior League**Presenter: Derek Lasovich****Discussion:****Junior League**

- League Updates
 - Junior League = t-ball, pitch ball, peewees
 - SEML – we are inviting the Inver Grove teams to join our league
- SEML meeting should be held by EOY
 - All star game
 - End of year tournament
 - Derek would like to have “home fields” for each team
- IH registration open/close dates
 - Open date – January 5th to March 7th (8th to 21st would require a late fee - \$20)
 - Derek to create a document – how to register
 - Increase registration on all levels by \$5, except t-ball will remain as is
 - Matt to help assist with website and transferring date (Derek and Matt to discuss)
- Recruitment of younger players
 - Derek has spoken to elementary schools
 - Willing to have Derek come to open houses to talk to schools
 - Have to go through the district office for advertisement in newsletters
 - Pinehill was open to inserting messages any time we wanted
 - Amanda suggested to talk to the PTA, PTO groups?
 - Roadside signage
 - County vs. City roads?
 - Derek to look into this and see if this type of advertisement is working?

***** Motion made by Amanda Albert to increase the 2020 in-house program fees, T-ball will remain at \$60, Pitch Ball to \$105, Peewees to \$115, Rookies to \$125, Minors to \$135, Majors \$135 and the registration late fee of \$20, seconded by Derek Lasovich, all agree, motion carries*****

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
▪ Registration dates confirmation	Derek Lasovich	November Meeting

Agenda item: Treasurer**Presenter: Kayla Seerup****Discussion:****Treasurer**

- Update on CGAA Softball Financials
 - Reviewed Softball Complete Yearly Budget (for each level)
 - Discussion around fundraising and how/when the money can be spent
 - At coaches meeting, board needs to be more explicit on how the money can be used. At the end of the year, any left over money must go back to the association (i.e. cannot be spent on random softball items for girls (necklaces, water bottles, etc.))
 - Review Treasurer’s checklist – main board requirement
 - Completed, reviewed and discussed

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ N/A		

Discussion:

Traveling Program

- Fall Ball Season
 - 8U – 1 team; same as 2018
 - 10U – 3 teams; same as 2018
 - 12U – 2 teams; same as 2018
 - 14U – 1 team; 2 less than 2018
 - 16U – 1 team; 1 more than 2018
- Traveling program
 - Coaches selection
 - Review for potential coaches prior to tryouts to ensure there are enough coaches for the teams ahead of time in case we need to have more coaches at tryouts to watch
 - Review of traveling rules
 - Add: max # of players is 12 (Number 1)
 - Reword: “Traveling head coaches and/or team manager will turn in their season close financial report to the CGAA Softball Treasurer no later than 15 days after Nationals. All remaining funds not spent will go back to CGAA Softball” (Number 11)
 - Remove: (Number 12)
 - Add: Coaches gifts (Number 13)
 - Remove: “for away tournaments” (Number 13)
 - Reword Number 21
 - Remove bullet in number 25 (regarding special tryouts for waiver players)
 - Update Number 31
 - Outfield, Saturday
 - Pitchers, update number of pitches for 10’s and 12’s
 - Speed, update lowest speed to be 0 points
 - Speed, update fastest speed to be 4 points (from 3)
 - Speed, update fastest speed to > or + to (from >)
 - Amanda to update all traveling rules to be reviewed and agreed upon in November’s meeting
- Tryout etiquette
 - Board members involvement in tryouts – discussed with board members rules of engagement during tryouts as this was not shared prior for new members.
 - Next year possibly have a quick huddle before tryouts start to review rules and pick assignments/areas to assist
 - Independent evaluators
 - More communication next year with evaluators
 - No speaking to coaches or board
 - Evaluate girl to girl – we will make the teams
- Traveling Tryouts 2020
 - October 2nd, 3rd, 4th
- 8U Traveling Evaluations 2020
 - March 29th
- 8U registration open/close dates
 - Open the week of January 5th (follow in-house registration)

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Update Traveling Rules for board review and approval	Amanda Albert	November Meeting

Discussion:

Events & Promotions

- Raffles
 - Andrew to connect with Lisa Watterman (CGAA Gambling Manager)
 - Winter Traveling team raffle fundraiser (November – December)
 - 2100 tickets printed last year
 - 1200 tickets turned in
 - Approx. \$12,000 in sales
 - Approx. \$9,000 that went back to the teams
 - Sell or Pay for them
 - Spring ALL CGAA raffle
 - Hand out at picture day
 - Determine picture day next meeting
- Traveling Uniforms for upcoming season
 - January 12th – Uniform Tryouts
 - Andrew will bring all try on jerseys, pants, etc.
 - Stay with Boombah but with a possible style change to jerseys
 - Sleeveless option but only as a 2nd jersey paid for as a team expense (Boombah providing Andrew a sample to look at)
 - Bring to coaches meeting and have them help with the decision?
 - Possible survey to players & parents?
- Boombah as a possible sponsorship for Nationals?
 - Andrew to check with Trisha on this

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Determine Picture Day	Andrew Moerke	November Meeting
✓ Discuss sponsorship for Nationals w/Boombah	Andrew Moerke	TBD
✓ Discuss raffles w/Lisa Watterman	Andrew Moerke	TBD

Discussion:

Communications

- For next year’s tryouts – a communication should go out immediately following tryouts thanking them and letting the parents know expectations.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ N/A		

Agenda item: Secretary**Presenter: Amanda Albert****Discussion:****Secretary**

- N/A

***** Motion made by Crystal Sherry to approve September Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Chris Wilson, all agree, motion carries*****

Agenda item: Member At Large I**Presenter: Stacy Fritsche****Discussion:****Member At Large I**

- Coordinate cadet umpire training with Lori Dineen

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Amanda to send email to Lori w/cc to Stacy	Amanda Albert	November
✓ Stacy coordinate umpire training (working with Matt)	Stacy Fritsche	TBD

Agenda item: Member At Large II**Presenter: Annie Mulgrew****Discussion:****Member At Large II**

- Seek nationals tournament sponsorships

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Seek Nationals Tournament sponsorships	Annie Mulgrew	TBD

Agenda item: Tournament Updates

Presenter: Tim Dana

Discussion:

Tournaments

- Pride in the Pack tourney weekend – Determine dates
 - Friday, June 5th – Sunday, June 7th
- Minnesota Pride tourney - Do we want to consider hosting a tourney for Pride?
 - Instead do a hosted fall ball season
 - Fundraise through concessions
- Nationals 8U & 10U age levels
 - Dugout covers at Lamar – city is updating Lamar in 2021
 - Can we do a short term solution? Mesh or tarps?
 - Tournament sponsors
 - Boombah
 - Tinucci's
- Dugout covers
 - Grey Cloud 2 & 4 were completed last year
 - Quoted for the rest of the fields 1,3,5 – very high estimate, Looking at new quotes
 - Need to have medical staff onsite - Need to have a plan for PIP and Nationals

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Pride committee to look into hosting fall ball location	Amanda, Annie, etc.	TBD
✓ Decision on dugout covers – get new estimates	Amanda, Tim	TBD

Agenda item: Minnesota Pride Update

Presenter: Amanda Albert

Discussion:

President Updates

- Minnesota Pride team updates
 - 14U registered players; 7
 - 16U registered players; 6
 - 18U registered players; 14
 - Of the 14 registered;
 - 5 are 18U eligible
 - 9 are 16U eligible
 - Need to be quick about forming teams so girls can find other club teams to join if teams cannot be formed
- Meeting 10/24, 7:30pm (MN Pride Committee meeting) @ YSB
- Fall training schedule – tournaments, practices
 - MFA make up tourney day – 10/27
 - Dome Ball – session 1 full, look at session 2 in Rosemount
 - Need to figure out Armory schedule
- Pride Financials
 - Reviewed all financials
 - Balance is negative
 - Girls still owe from last season – working through this and sending to collections

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Decision needs to be made on what teams will be formed (meeting scheduled for 10/24)	MN Pride Committee	10/24/19
✓ Training Schedule (practices – Armory, Dome Ball, etc.)	MN Pride Committee	TBD

Agenda item: VP President Updates

Presenter: Tim Dana

Discussion:

VP President Updates

- N/A

Agenda item: President Updates

Presenter: Amanda Albert

Discussion:

President Updates

- Fall Ball season parent feedback (via survey)
 - We received 40 responses
 - All coaches got really good feedback; nothing negative
 - Will be shared at the coaches meeting
 - Shared options of having HS girls help – possibly assistant coach
- Review CGAA Softball Rules of Play
 - Any revisions need to be discussed and approved by the end of October and voted on in our November board meeting
- Next Board meeting 11/3/19
- \$12,500 from CGAA Gambling
 - Decision needs to be made on what to use this for.
 - Proposal needs to be drawn up
 - Ideas: dug out covers, batting cages, bat hangers, cement pad for grilling,

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ All members review Rules of Play and email to all for discussion	ALL	10/27/19
✓ Determination on how to spend CGAA Gambling budget	ALL	January at latest

*****Kayla Seerup made a motion to adjourn meeting at 5:06pm, seconded by Stacy Fritsche, all agree, meeting adjourned*****