

CGAA Softball

March Board Meeting

March 7, 2021

6:00 PM

Virtual - Zoom

Meeting called by: Amanda Albert

Type of meeting: March Board Meeting

Facilitator: Amanda Albert

Note taker: Amanda Albert

Attendees: Amanda Albert, Andrew Moerke, Allyson Youngquist, Matt Brink, Matt Kerttula, Kayla Seerup, Andrew Darsow, Brian Boothe, Ben Kleoppel, Derek Lasovich, Tim Dana

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item: President Updates

Presenter: Amanda Albert

Discussion

- CGAA of Directors – President’s transitions
 - There are Presidents are stepping out of their positions across different sports – awareness only
- Background check process
 - We will now be required to do **all** background through USAA softball (vs. Trusted Softball)
 - Waiting to hear if we can continue to do education through Trusted Softball
- MN Softball Directors Meeting updates
 - 16/18U combination – Tri-County has recognized that this age group of girls have other priorities so looking at the possibility of combining 16s and 18s (a “high school” league vs. 16s or 18s) more to come.
 - 8U Meeting 3/8 – we will have one 8u team this year
 - Final Directors Meeting 3/30
 - We need to make sure all of our teams are registered by this date – Kayla to help with registrations
- Website Updates
 - Derek graciously reviewed our CGAA Softball website and documented items that were outdated or needed a refresh. Board members walked through his feedback of updates that need to be made.
 - Derek to work on the in-house updates
 - Tim can work on the traveling updates
 - Crystal to manage all of the updates and ensure they are updated
- COVID Updates
 - More to come – we are waiting to hear if anything is changing for the summer season

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Monday, April 5th – 6:00PM

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
1. N/A		

Agenda Item: Equipment

Presenter: Allyson Youngquist

Discussion

- Coaches have been provided their equipment

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
1. N/A		

Agenda Item: Player Development

Presenter: Matt Kerttula

Discussion

- Speed and Agility sessions – (Tuesday/Thursday 7-8) March 16 – 4/1 @ GC EI
- PHS Team Practices – observation night for coaches – Matt has reached out to Tony

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
1. N/A		

Agenda Item: In-House Junior League Program

Presenter: Derek Lasovich

Discussion

- SEML Meeting Updates
- IH Registration updates
 - T-ball = 31
 - P-ball = 25
 - Peewee = 13
 - Rookies = 12
 - Minors = 4
 - Majors = 0
- IH PAC Clinics
 - 3/28 – 6 – 8:30 p.m.
 - T-ball – 6-7
 - P-ball – 6-7
 - 8u – 7:15 – 8:15
 - Peewee, Rookies, minors – 7:15 – 8:15
 - 4/11 – 5 – 8:30 p.m.
 - 8u - 5-6
 - T-ball – 6-7
 - P-ball – 6-7
 - Peewee, Rookies, minors – 7:15 – 8:15
- IH registration deadline 4/1
- COVID- board should provide wipes to clean benches, etc. with guidelines for cleaning

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
1. N/A		

Agenda Item: Women's and Sr. League

Presenter: Amanda Albert

Discussion

- Open position
- Need to gain traction behind a reboot of the Woman's league
 - Last update 3 teams in entire league

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
1. N/A		

Agenda Item: Treasurer

Presenter: Kayla Seerup

Discussion

- Update on CGAA Softball Financials
- Review open team/player accounts

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
1. N/A		

Agenda Item: Traveling Program

Presenter: Tim Dana

Discussion

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1. N/A		

Agenda Item: Events & Promotions

Presenter: Andrew Moerke

Discussion

- Uniform ordering update
 - Everything is in – Andrew is working on collecting money and delivering
- Raffle ticket profit update
 - Estimates but no confirmations yet – waiting for confirmation at main board meeting before releasing profits to each team
- Online store status update
 - Store closes on 3/14
 - Link should be coming out next week with more inventory
- Still have MN Pride t-shirts
 - Bring to practices and let the girls have them
- Spring raffle to include IH?
 - They will be included- waiting until numbers are known

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
1. N/A		

Agenda Item: Secretary

Presenter: Crystal Sherry

Discussion

***** Motion made by Crystal Sherry to approve February Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Amanda Albert, all agree, motion carries*****

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
1. N/A		

Agenda Item: Members at Large I & II

Presenter: Brian Boothe & Annie Mulgrew

Discussion

- COVID Coordinator (Brian)
 - Fluid position – responsible to communicate with IH Director, Traveling Director and Board with any updates regarding COVID (players/teams)
 - We will continue to take guidance from MN Softball
- Cadet Umpire Training (Annie) <https://slowpitch.mnsoftball.com/clinics>
 - 3/18 @ Minnetonka
 - 3/20 @ Prior Lake
- Sponsors (Annie)
 - Working on a letter
- Revisiting our Mission Statement
 - The Cottage Grove Athletic Association is dedicated to providing recreation and education in the field of softball for the youth of Cottage Grove, and to instill the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty and courage so they may be finer, stronger and happier children and will grow to be clean, proud, confident adults.

Agenda Item: Communications

Presenter: Andrew Darsow

Discussion

- Reminder: Communication blast out to membership for IH registrations – 8U closes 3/15, IH 4/1
 - Will send out – make sure they are registered
- Reminder: Upcoming PAC Clinics
 - Must be registered – what equipment they need to bring, etc.

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1. N/A		

***** Motion made by Annie Mulgrew to adjourn meeting at 8:02PM seconded by Andrew Darsow, all agree, meeting adjourned*****

FROM: Tri County / Tom Bye League Director

Coaches check list to get your season started.

All the steps listed are found on the Tri County team page. Also, information on all the programs is listed on [MNsoftball.com/programs](https://mnsoftball.com/programs).

- Complete these steps in this order and done prior to the league starting and or prior to your first tournament. These steps are all required.
- Director or coach registers team by March 29th. Team pages will be built by Tom Bye and given editing access by April 15th. Once built and you have editing access enter your contact information, add team logo, practice schedule etc.
- Schedules will be uploaded to your team page 2 weeks prior to the league starting. This will be done by Tom Bye. Please do not double enter.
- Complete the ACE (Aspire, Challenge, Encourage) coaching education program. One bench coach must complete.
- Background Checks: For each coach completing the ACE program the background checks are included in the fee. However, ALL bench coaches must receive a background check performed by USA Softball. No exceptions.
- SafeSport is a free online course focused on education and awareness.
- Insurance. All teams must meet minimum insurance requirements. Minnesota Softball offers many different insurance programs through USA Softball and RPS/Bollinger. If you do not carry RPS/Bollinger please confirm your minimum coverage on your policy.
- Concussion Awareness: Certificates are good for 3 years. Please print certificate and place in your coach's book. It's a state law.
- Softball Roster: You will need a roster to play softball. <https://tournaments.mnsoftball.com>. is where you will initiate your online roster. The roster that you create, once it is approved, will have all the signatures you will need and is your passport to play in Minnesota and in any USA Softball tournament in the county.

2020 Tri County League Rules

League Playing Rules- All Levels

1. 6:00 Doubleheaders
2. The host team is responsible for providing USA trained umpires.
3. Doubleheader games are 7 innings or 65 minutes
4. All games must be a minimum of 3 innings, 2 ½ if the home team is ahead. 1 or 2 inning games will not count toward seeding. If a game is called for any reason please resolve on the field with umpire if necessary.
5. Home team is considered the local team for the first game / second game is the traveling team. Each team is required to provide one new and one used game ball per doubleheader.
6. Host team coach/manager is responsible for entering their scores to the Tri County web site within 24 hours of completing the game.
7. Tie Breaker Rule: The offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base (e.g., if the number five batter is the leadoff batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base. A substitute may be inserted for the runner).
8. League games can end with a tie. These are doubleheader games and it is the responsibility of the umpire to keep the games going in order to complete both games.
9. 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 and 8 runs after 5 innings.
10. Teams are required to make up games before the on-line seed meeting.
11. On deck batters' will be placed to the back of the batter for safety purposes.
12. Steel cleats to be allowed at 14U, 16U and 18U
13. Jewelry, see USA Softball rule book, Rule 3, Section 6, Article F, page 40 for exceptions.
14. Make as an option, 5 run rule at 12U C, if proposed before the game and mutually agreed upon by the coaches. This will be for league play only.
15. Three coaches/adults will be allowed on the bench. At least one coach must be ACE educated. All bench coaches/adults must have a background check and be SafeSport trained.

Batting

1. In League play all teams bat the roster.
 2. For League Tournament and State Tournament All 10U & 12U (except at Tier 1 State) 14U, 16U, and 18U at B and C levels bat the roster.
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3. For League Tournament and State Tournament, 12U Tier 1, 14U 16U & 18U at (A) level bat 9 (DP/Flex). If an age group is combined with an A teams' then bat 9 (DP/Flex).

10U Specific

1. All levels of 10U follow the same rules as the older age groups with the following exceptions:
2. Teams are limited to 5 runs per half inning. The last batter to bat, if they were not out or were not a part of the 5th run, i.e. got a hit or walked then they will be first up to bat the following inning.
3. Use an 11" ball.
4. All 10U will play one doubleheader, 65-minute games on Thursday night until school is out. Tuesday and Thursday night doubleheaders will begin after the school year has ended.

Pitching Distance

- 10U 35'
- 12U 40'
- 14U, 16U and 18U 43'

No Shows:

A team must contact their opponent by 4:00 PM on game day if they are not able to play. Failure to do so results in a Forfeit due to no show. This will be recorded as a 7-0 win. Any team forfeiting three league night games will be ineligible to play in the league qualifier tournament.

For a complete list of league and tournament rules please go to www.tricountyfastpitch.com.