

Eden Prairie Girls Basketball Association Meeting Minutes

Meeting: March 19, 2006

Present:

Jill Johnson	Jean Biehl	Jeanette Thul
Jay O'Brien	Bob Hamilton	Craig Brosseau
Amy Sir	Curt Hiepler	Jean Jenderko
Bruce Schaepe	Jackie Faber	Mary Jo Lecy
Joann Foreman	Theresa Anderson	Coleen VanRiper
Jim Avery	Mary Steiner	Coleen Crampton
Thomas McGrew	John Eglseder	Doug Zuck

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. Agenda approved. February meeting minutes approved.

A. Review of Approved Items from February board meeting (no quorum—review and vote required).

Review and revoke Items:

B. Policy Items:

- 1. Assistant Coach Selection Process:** A policy was presented that outlines the process and priority by which assistant coaches will be selected. This policy was approved by the board members present.*
- 2. Short-term Player Movement:** A proposed policy was reviewed and discussed. The policy was shaped to address those situations when a team is scheduled for a tournament and for temporary reasons, (not season ending injury), has less than six players. One vote against this policy. The proposed policy and guidelines were approved by majority vote of board members present*.

C. Travel Committee: The travel committee presented the following from their recent action item list.

- 1. Injured Players Unable to Complete Try-outs:** The committee's recommendation included establishing a list of guidelines that would be used to make a decision for each situation. The guidelines suggested include:
 - A.** The individual must register within the regular registration deadline.
 - B.** They must have a doctor's note clarifying the nature and extent of the injury or illness.
 - C.** The individual must be able to complete a try-out with a doctor's written approval, and be ready to play by December 31st.
 - D.** A spot would not be held on any given team for the individual.
 - E.** Information would be gathered, as possible, from previous coaches in order to get a feel for the player's ability.
 - F.** All coaches from the girl's grade level and the coaching director will be involved in the try-out and majority vote would drive the decision.
 - G.** After completing the late try-out, the player would need to be deemed as skilled as at least half the players on the travel team to which she would be assigned (if her skills qualified her to be placed on team).

The board agreed with the recommendations outlined and has asked the policy committee to shape the recommendation into policy language.

- 4. 8th Grade Players: early season-ending injuries:** The travel committee asked the board to refund fees to two injured players. Based on the timing of their season

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ending injuries, partial refunds were granted to both players. The board approved an 80% refund to Shelby Spinner and a 60% refund to Maya Ferrell.*

D. New Board Members:

Jeanette Thul and Amy Sir were approved as board members.*

New Business:

E. Financial Business:

EPGBA financial reports were reviewed.

Theresa Anderson asked the board to review our needs for Directors & Officers insurance.

F. Travel Committee Update

1. The survey result summaries and highlights were shared with the board.

Highlights included:

- 1) About a 50% survey completion rate in grades 5-7; 38% in 8th
- 2) Comments of note:
 1. 5th grade: a number of recommendations to NOT have equally split teams.
 2. Requests to have paid coaches involved in some way during the try-out process
 3. Comments requesting paid coaches for all A teams (all grades)
2. Suggested changes to the survey for next year:
 - 1) Remove the personal name (team name only)
 - 2) Remove the player skill evaluation—use this only with coach and player development discussions during the year.
 - 3) Do the survey earlier, maybe mid-January
 - 4) Mid-season have the travel grade directors check in with each team to see what's working and what's not.

ACTION: Bob Hamilton will provide an update on the coaching directors' feedback on the season at the April meeting.

G. In-House:

1. 2 In-house directors will be back next year.
2. High school in-house had 65 participating.
3. **Youth Official Program:**
 - 1) Currently in-house officiating is provided by high school students. Interested students apply by the end of September. EPGBA will post this opportunity on the EPHS job site.
 - 2) MYAS provides the referee training—both classroom and court time.
 - 3) Pay is \$11/game with an increase of \$1/game per year they ref.
 - 4) 7 boys and 6 girls that refereed last year plan on returning next year. We need up to 20 qualified and trained referees.

H. Scholarship Committee:

1. The scholarship was posted and announced as available.
2. application deadline: April 11, 2006
3. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

I. Surplus Funds Recommendations:

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1. Jim Avery presented options for investing surplus funds. The options were discussed by the board. The following captures the next steps in deciding the board action:
 - 1) Travel committee is to revisit fees.
 - 2) Craig Brosseau will run the financial scenarios for the various options posed. These will be presented at the next board meeting. Item numbers 1-2 on the recommendation list will be reviewed closely at the June board meeting.

J. 4th Grade Travel: proposed communication will be reviewed at the April meeting.

K. Player Development Committee:

1. Shape plans to refine:
 - 1) Try-out process
 - 2) Coaching Director role
 - 3) Coach assignmentsIncorporate the feedback from the travel survey.

L. Committee Responsibilities:

1. Moving into the new season, the board would like to review and clarify the responsibilities and timing of activity for each of the committees.
ACTION: To that end, each committee chair is asked to send a brief description of their committee's responsibilities, key activities, and typically timing of key activities. These should be sent to Bruce Schaepe.

M. **Upcoming Board & Officer Elections:** Board member elections and officer elections will occur at the April board meeting.

1. Board member nominees must have agreed to the nomination.
2. Officer nominees must have agreed to their nomination. These nominations should be submitted to the secretary before the April board meeting. The board can then review nominees and any roles that still require a nominee.
3. The meeting notification will be posted in the Eden Prairie paper.

N. **Volunteers are needed to fill the following roles for the 2006-2007 season:**

1. In-House Coordinator
2. Equipment Coordinator

O. **April Board Meeting Moved because of Easter.** The board agreed to move the April meeting to April 23rd in order to avoid conflicting with Easter Sunday.

P. **Topics moved from 3/19/06 agenda to the April Board meeting:**

1. Summer program

Adjourned: 9:05 pm

Next board meeting: April 23, 2006, 7:00 pm