



## EPGBA May Board Meeting Minutes May 15, 2011

### Roll call @ 7:05 PM

**Members in Attendance:** Eva Boehm, John Boehm, Brenda Gorsett, Sam Guanella, Nicole Higgins, Karen Kofoot, Mike Kuntz, Carol Levine, Jon Nordquist, Brian Nordskog, LuAnn Sanford, Paul Tucci, Deb Weliver, Rob Wilke

**Members Absent:** Tim Bradley, Darryle Henry, Jessica Jirele, Tim Jones, Michelle Leisen, Stephen Martin, Beth Nordskog, Scott Verkinderen, Adam Weliver

**Adopt Agenda** - m/s/u Boehms

**Review of last month's minutes** - m/s/u Paul & Jon

**Financial Report** - Luanne \$20,500 left to pay (includes gym fees; just received those; scholarships and coaching directors) balance remaining \$13,000.00.

We need controls in place to safeguard against theft-Luanne is looking into it.  
Colleen Van Riper has the checks from the summer clinic

**President Report** - In-house and Travel committees had meetings as well as the Advertising committee. Swish news will be coming out please let Eva know any ideas. Exec committee did not meet but will meet soon. The president is studying the by-laws to find out the duties of exec committee and their abilities.

**Scholarship Committee** – Scholarships were presented on Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Karly Knutson and Claire Willeck were the recipients this year. The committee spent three evenings interviewing the candidates and it was a difficult decision. Selection was based on essays, volunteering and community involvement, GPA, basketball background, and how the interview went. It was quite a moving process listening to the young ladies. The interview questions are available for next year's committee members. It was a wonderful experience – an article and photo will be in Swish News.

**Advertising Committee** - handout from group; looked at what other associations are doing on their website. They brought three options to the board:

- 1 - Status quo
- 2 - Offer links page for training opportunities (example Centennial Basketball)
- 3 - Links page and sponsorship page

There are formatting ideas at the bottom of handout.

Chad F. maintains the Varsity site.

Eva will send out the document via email to everyone and you can take a closer look.

Feedback:

\*go with option 3 and do it all - this has been an ongoing discussion; the more links the more time people will spend time on the site

\*Ideas for keeping up the website - high school students assisting the web page design?

\*Who is going to go out and get the sponsorship? How do we implement? Tab on website for sponsorship? What is our timeline? The new page should be done by mid - late October before the tournament. What is the criterion for being a sponsor? We need to make sure the group fits. We need a disclaimer to say we are not endorsing this.

Fall is a good timeline, by next meeting we need to qualify what criteria is needed...would be nice to see a banner with all our sponsors as we walk into the tourney in November. Do we want to earmark the sponsorship money - scholarships, uniforms, and gym times – let sponsors know this is where the sponsorship money will be going?

Establish criteria and mock-up of sponsor page (goals for committee). Should there be levels of sponsorship? Something needs to be created that can be given to the business to explain the opportunity in being a sponsor. Example is the Eden Prairie Soccer Club, sponsor had coupon for the members - idea??

**In-House Committee** - assigned proposed roles, need a couple more commissioners; discussions revolved around the past year and the goals for the program. Stephen has great ideas for the high school program to put together a stronger program. 3v3 tourneys for the younger girls. We didn't review the survey; talked about creating a policy for best practice ideas. We are looking at how the travel program is defined based on policy. In-house does not have that, it falls on the commissioners it would be good to have more structure for the in-house program. However, it needs to be flexible since we know the numbers fluctuate through the years. This past season there was no tourney at 2nd but every other grade had an in-house tourney.

**Travel Committee** – Met as a group and confirmed committee assignments.

- Tourney this year will only be two days only, not three; Registration fee this year is down to \$225 from \$250 last year and associations sending 8 or more teams will get a 25 dollar discount for registration. Volunteering will be one shift per family (could be a 5 hour shift). Tourney participation: we are going to get to the other area associations to see if you come to ours we will come to yours mentality for tourneys. Last season 8th grade teams were the only ones who paid for the Edina tourney the rest of the teams were free because they needed teams.
- Evaluations - Sam G. will be the chair of this. It was decided we should always have a non-parent coach on the board if possible to lead the evaluation process so we don't have any issues with favoritism.
- Practice policy was to have older girls practice late but school hours are changing what do we do now? We need to look at the practice times.

- This summer we will use the “Wilke” open gym system of pick-up basketball two days per week June and August. Information was sent out in May.
- A Code of Conduct policy will be require a signature by parent/guardian, coaches, and players - every year it needs to be signed & returned to team mgr or coach - it will be tracked by the committee if there is an issue.
- Short-term player movement – change policy to state less than six allowed to pull-up players to assist.
- Travel teams – change policy to say 4th to 8th grade
- Coach pay – change policy to read minimum \$1500.
- Player Absence - change policy to read “player attendance is expected” changed from mandatory

Motion to approve the above changes: Jon and John m/s/u

### **TEAM FORMATION:**

Policy states less than 24 trying out no more than two teams of 10 (cutting 3). This past year’s issue: 27 girls in 7th grade would have needed to cut 1 according to policy

Possible Solution:

Set-up grid - numbers of team

27 - 9, 9, 9

26 - 8, 9, 9

Debated if odd versus even numbers for teams 9 vs. 8

If we have 31 travel ready players how do we split it? 10, 10, 11 (exception for the last team). Our goal is to keep as many as we can that are travel ready

Grid - it needs to be available to give guidance to the evaluators.

Large Group Discussion: team makeup/numbers/policies

Sam is coming up with the criteria for how to evaluate and how to form the teams...

Everyone will know they are being evaluated on prior to the try-outs.

All evaluators need to be given guidance prior to try-outs.

Paul will send an email to the whole board to invite them to the next travel meeting to debate team makeup issue. It was not resolved tonight.

Eagle Eye Shooting, Coach Carr ball camp, Summer Skills camp - registration is open now, encourage people to sign-up. The numbers are trickling in...Mike will send out an email with the numbers so far. The website has the information for all camps available

this summer. Chad and Denny will run the Summer Skills camp - another email will go out again the last week of May for this camp. Eagle Eye will also go out again once school is out. We will send out the emails a few different times. Open gym email will go out sometime this week once schedules are set with the high school staff.

### **New business**

- Did Rick get his gift certificate? No, but we need to do it.
- Email communication – please have it come from one person it makes it easier. It will all go through the secretary from this point.
- Scholarship committee needs to have more than the Boehm family. Jon N. and Carol L. will also be on that committee.
- Webpage will be updated to reflect the new committee members for this year.
- Eva will define the new communications position – one job: proofread all that goes out from association.
- Luanne has the mailbox key for the association.
- Policy committee – will meet as needed.
- End of season surveys - summary will be provided from the appropriate chair person.

**Adjournment:** m/s/u Paul and Rob 8:48pm.

**Next Meeting is Sunday, June 19, 2011 at 6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by Nicole Higgins, EPGBA Secretary 2011-2012