

EPGBA BOARD MEETING

August 17, 2014 6:00pm
Eden Prairie Community Center



MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Reid Baynes, Suzanne Becker, Jeff Burke, James Clairmont, Lisa Ellis, Denelle Flesner-Czech, Rayanne Foss, Sam Guanella, Rob Laumeyer, Jennifer Mathews, Joel Matthews, Jon Nordquist, Julie Peyer

Non-Board Members Present: Manoj & Riley Moorjani

Board Members Absent: Corey Cain, Matt Davies, Brenda Gorsett, Bob Wentzel

Meeting called to order: 6:13pm

Meeting Agenda: *Motion to adopt meeting agenda made by James Clairmont and seconded by Suzanne Becker. Motion carried.*

Previous Meeting Minutes: *Motion to adopt June Meeting Minutes made by Suzanne Becker and seconded by Reid Baynes. Motion carried.*

Travel Committee Report

- Feedback obtained at West Metro meeting is that most associations planning to switch to A/B teams for 4th grade. Most tournaments also switching to A/B brackets for 4th grade. We will plan to switch to A/B teams, but will be contingent upon the evaluators' opinions. Want to ensure any B team is skilled enough to be competitive.
- Recommending that we drop MYAS Grade State Tournament from 4th grade schedule. Season gets too long for 4th graders and it's challenging to have state tournament weekend after Rochester tournament. Teams can opt to add it to their schedule (at their own cost). After further discussion in board meeting, it was decided to leave the state tournament in the 4th grade schedule and schedule a 2-3 week break mid-season where there are no tournaments or practices for 4th grade. There will be a week break between Rochester and state tournament this upcoming season so that will also help.
- Add survey question for 4th grade parents at end of season asking if they would have preferred to not have the Rochester Tournament or the State Tournament or keep both.
- *Motion made by Rob Laumeyer that all tournaments added by any EPGBA team must be added through the Travel Tournament Scheduler and seconded by James Clairmont. Motion carried.*
- Registration for 2014-15 season is open on EPGBA website. This includes both Tune-Up Clinics and Travel Tryouts.
- Two 8th grade players requested to be released from EPGBA to play for Holy Family. Both girls currently attend St Hubert's School and will be attending Holy Family High School next year. The releases were granted.
- Based on e-mail and verbal conversations, projecting 107 teams for the Tip-Off Tournament. Reaching out to out-state associations so still hoping to add a few more teams.
- Officially switching to BiG as our uniform and spirit wear vendor. Items will be available for viewing and trying on at tryouts. Online ordering will be used. Uniforms need to be ordered by Sept 25. Spirit Wear website will be open from Sept 22-Oct 8. Items can be distributed at practices or delivered directly to home for nominal shipping charge. Spirit Wear website will be open again Nov 2-Nov 13 to promote holiday shopping and allow in-house players to purchase.

- Sunshine Photography booked for Nov 3 for travel team pictures and Dec 10 for in-house team pictures. Travel team pictures will be held in EPHS lobby (same as last year). In-house pictures were held at EPCC last year – will look into whether this is best location again this year.
- Eleven parents and three outside coaches have applied for coaching positions so far. Only two previously hired coaches are returning for the upcoming season. Deadline for applications already expired but we still have time so will extend deadline in hopes of attracting more applicants.
- Clarified that there is no formal policy regarding which teams have paid coaches vs parent coaches. The goal is to get the most qualified coach in place for each team.
- Suggestion that next year person in charge of coach background checks collaborate with other EP sports associations and “share” background checks so not running multiple checks on same potential coaches.
- Storage unit team has collected all travel bags/equipment; still working on collecting in-house bags. Once everything gathered, will complete inventory count. Recommending purchasing two game balls for each travel team and requiring each travel player to provide her own basketball. Also recommending switching from large gear bags to backpacks for travel coaches. None of these purchases are immediate needs so can wait and work on deals with local vendors.

Marketing & Operations Committee Report

- Website security has been improved, both by Rob and by LeagueAthletics. Rob has also been working on some data clean-up. With improved security, everyone should expect an e-mail from Rob in next 2-3 weeks regarding getting new accounts set up.
- Possible fundraising options presented to board by James. Review and send feedback to James. Decided selling banner ads should immediately be pursued. Schwan’s fundraiser will be held off until after Jan 1 so that in-house teams can easily be included and it’s after holidays.

Financial Report

- Year-end financials presented. Any feedback and/or questions should be sent directly to Jeff. Overall, EPGBA sitting well financially.

President’s Report

- Had to cancel second meeting of year last month due to lack of quorum. Board members need to make sure they are making meeting attendance a priority. Discussion held around changing quorum requirements so that committee progress isn’t stalled.
- *Motion made by James Clairmont that for all regularly scheduled EPGBA meetings, there are no longer quorum requirements regarding EPGBA policies – voting board members in attendance may vote on and pass policy changes. Changes to bylaws still require a quorum as defined in the Bylaws (two-thirds of board membership). Motion seconded by Jeff Burke. Motion carried.*

Meeting Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn meeting made by Suzanne Becker and seconded by Sam Guanella. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.*

Next Board Meeting: September 21, 2014 @ 7:00 pm; Eden Prairie Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Denelle Flesner-Czech, EPGBA Secretary