

EPGBA BOARD MEETING

January 19, 2015 7:00pm
Eden Prairie Community Center



MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Reid Baynes, Suzanne Becker, Corey Cain, Matt Davies, Denelle Flesner-Czech, Rayanne Foss, Brenda Gorsett, Jon Nordquist, Julie Peyer, Bob Wentzel

Board Members Absent: Lisa Ellis, Rob Laumeyer, Jennifer Mathews, Joel Matthews

Non-Board Members Present: Chad Flies

Meeting called to order: 7:09pm

Meeting Agenda: *Motion to adopt meeting agenda made by Matt Davies and seconded by Reid Baynes. Motion carried.*

Previous Meeting Minutes: *Motion to adopt November Meeting Minutes made by Brenda Gorsett and seconded by Matt Davies. Motion carried.*

Finance Committee Report

- Most of fiscal year's inflows are in books. Board members should get any expenses turned in soon so we have a fairly accurate picture of where we'll be for the year.
- EPGBA currently offers two \$1000 scholarships to two selected senior girls each year.
 - ❖ *Motion made by Julie Peyer to increase our scholarship amount to \$3000 with the additional \$1000 to be awarded at the Scholarship Committee's discretion. Motion seconded by Brenda Gorsett. Motion carried.*

In-House Committee Report

- Rookie League has 36 participants. A couple of 2nd graders were allowed in due to having a younger sibling participating and this is their first exposure to playing basketball.
- 5th/6th playing in West Metro League. Parents had some initial concerns as other teams in the League are all 6th graders, but season going well so far.
- Denny providing coaching assistance as well as practice plans for In-House coaches.
- Working on details for season-ending Jamboree.
- Darcy Beaver able to recruit enough high school girls to form six teams. Have joined with four teams from outside Eden Prairie to form a ten-team league.
- In-House teams playing in Leagues next year will need new jerseys that have numbers on front and back.

Player Development Committee Report

Sportsmanship Training

- EPFA and EPBA each signed on for three-year contracts with PCA for parent/player/coach sportsmanship training. EP Fastpitch softball is also considering joining. EPGBA could get in for \$1500/yr. (as compared to \$2100/yr we were originally quoted).
- Partnering with other associations allows parents multiple opportunities to attend a session. Would not have to repeat for a sport if they already attended a PCA-sponsored session for a different EP sport. Parameters would have to be determined as to the frequency parents would need to attend (i.e., once per calendar year).

- This still commands a significant cost for EPGBA. Reid to investigate if there's room to negotiate cost down further for getting multiple EP sports associations signed up. Will re-visit during March Board meeting.

Spring League

- Denny, Chad, Lisa, & Suzanne met to start discussing plans for Spring League.
- Suzanne to send out e-mail to all EPGBA Travel and 3rd/4th grade In-House participants to garner interest in program so we can estimate how many players we'll have playing and how many teams we need to form.
- If possible, Denny and/or Corey will try to find a Saturday during In-House games to hold a parent information meeting on playing spring basketball.
- We will try to recruit existing coaches to coach spring ball and to see if they can encourage their teams to continue playing into spring.
- Program will schedule two practices per week and will focus on player skill development.
- Suzanne will help coordinate tournaments but will look to coaches to determine which weekends work for their respective teams and to submit registrations.
- Question raised as to whether or not our existing insurance policy covers spring basketball. As long as the Spring League is run by EPGBA, we are covered by our insurance.

Summer Training

- Need to get plans finalized and information posted ASAP. Should review parent/participant feedback from last year as well as those from our mid-season survey that was just completed.
- Key feedback from last year: 1) allow parents to see open slots available prior to signing up and 2) offer more evening sessions to accommodate dual working families.

Travel Committee Report

- The Schwan's program has earned EPGBA \$1950 to date. We will continue to earn 5% of sales through the remainder of the program.
- Still looking into possibility of hosting a spring MYAS tournament. Biggest concern is can we get enough volunteers to staff game clocks and handle gate admissions? Can we pay high school players to help out – use as a fundraiser for the HS Varsity program?
- We sold \$8945 worth of Spirit Wear this fall/winter. \$2500 was purchased by In-House families. Recommendation for next year is to limit number of items available for purchase. Especially eliminate items that are too difficult to determine correct size without trying on first (i.e., sports bras).
- Uniforms for next year need to be ordered by early April in order to be ready for next year.
- Still trying to determine best weekend for Tip-Off Tournament in 2015. Ricardo has already reserved Oct 31-Nov 1 based on when we usually schedule our tournament. Lisa to see what other weekends in November are available.

Marketing & Operations Committee Report

- Youth Night scheduled for Friday January 30 at the HS girls' varsity home game.
 - Tournament t-shirts from previous years will be given away.
 - Lip balms with EPGBA logo will be given to all EPGBA players who attend.
 - There will be an 8-minute half-time during which summer training program award winners will be announced and receive their awards (planning on Coach Carr and/or Denny handing out awards).
 - Bean bag toss game will be played again by all EPGBA players in attendance.
 - Pizza party will be hosted by EPGBA Board following varsity game. This will be a players-only event (not parents) and will include the high school players.
- So far 40 girls have signed up for EPGBA at Gophers Night – expecting there will be more. Additional reminders to sign up have been sent. Will be getting list of high school players attending from Eva Boehm in next day or two. Anticipating there will be two busses needed for transportation.

President's Report

- Jon met with Dee Dee Deeken (former EP girls' varsity basketball coach) who runs a summer basketball camp near Annandale (Arrowood Basketball Camp). Currently she has already booked the week of June 21-25 to conduct a camp there – would be nice to advertise on our website and encourage EPGBA players to attend. Jon wondering if EPGBA would like to put together a 3-day camp just for EPGBA participants – thinking maybe sometime in August when players are typically between summer and fall sports and could attend.
- Think hard about people that could be recruited to join EPGBA Board – do some networking while in Rochester next month! We really need additional members, particularly from this year's 4th and 5th grade parents.

Meeting Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn meeting made by Brenda Gorsett and seconded by Reid Baynes. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.*

Next Board Meeting: March 15, 2015 @ 7:00 pm; Eden Prairie Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Denelle Flesner-Czech, EPGBA Secretary