

EPGBA BOARD MEETING

October 25, 2015 7:00pm
Bobby & Steve's Auto World



MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Carmen Bamlett, Reid Baynes, Suzanne Becker, Jeff Burke, Matt Davies, Lisa Ellis, Denelle Flesner-Czech, Beth Peta, Bob Wentzel

Board Members Absent: Corey Cain, Blythe Davis, Rayanne Foss, Rob Laumeayer, Jon Nordquist, Julie Peyer

Coaching Directors Present: Chad Flies

Meeting called to order: 7:10pm

Meeting Agenda: Suzanne Becker requested that Spring Tournament be added to the Agenda. *Motion to adopt adjusted meeting agenda made by Jeff Burke and seconded by Reid Baynes. Motion carried.*

Previous Meeting Minutes: Per the September board meeting, corrections were made to the August meeting minutes. *Motion to approve meeting minutes for August and September meeting made by Beth Peta and seconded by Jeff Burke. Motion carried.*

Regular Business Agenda Items

Travel Committee Report

- Based on feedback, the travel try-out process should be reviewed and updated for next season. A committee will be formed with the new board in March to review and recommend changes.
- A few travel coaches we had lined up backed out. Thankfully we were able to secure enough paid coaches for all teams that were in need of one.
- The pre-season coaches meeting went well. Coach Johnson and her assistant, Coach V, were on hand to share their coaching philosophies. At least one coach from each travel team was in attendance.
- The Tip-Off Tournament currently has 97 teams registered. We are looking for four more to fill out pools/brackets for groups 7C, 8A, 8B, and 8C. We will offer these spots at reduced price or free if necessary in order to get them filled.
- For the summer open gym sessions hosted by Coach Johnson and her staff, EPGBA needs to cover the court fees. Coach Johnson covered the coaching fees.
- For the pre-season Sunday conditioning/training sessions, Coach Johnson is covering those costs (attendees were asked to pay \$10 per session). The high school program is paying the costs for the Mon-Thurs training sessions.
- EPGBA will be providing beverages for the Lady Eagle pre-season scrimmage held on Saturday, Nov 28. We will look outside the board to get a parent volunteer to coordinate purchasing the beverages and lining up a few other parents to help serve pizza after the scrimmages. The scrimmages are scheduled to be played from 9:00am-12:30pm and the post-scrimmage "party" will begin immediately afterward. This will be the first opportunity for EPGBA teams to meet their high school big sisters.
- Gopher Night is scheduled for Feb 4 and Youth Night is scheduled for Feb 19.
- Spring Tournament is booked with MYAS for the weekend of April 30 – May 1. We need someone to act as tournament director for this tournament.

Marketing & Operations Committee Report

- We have six sponsors lined up so far. Each of these sponsors will have a banner displayed at our Tip-Off Tournament.
- Beth has put together a "Dine Around Eden Prairie" fundraising effort. Each month of the season will feature a different local restaurant that has agreed to donate part of a single evening's profits to the EPGBA. This will occur each month starting in November and ending in February. Specific dates and restaurants will be communicated to all EPGBA families as soon as details are finalized.

In-House Committee Report

- Gym space has been reserved.
- Coaches' clinic is set for Oct 31 with Denny at Oak Point from 9:00-11:00am.
- Player clinics set for Nov 7, Nov 14, and Nov 21.
- Registration numbers are down. 5th-8th grades are where biggest drop-offs occur. Should look into way to keep girls interested.
- Reminder e-mail was sent out regarding the clinics.
- Corey reaching out to background check contact provided by Carmen.
- Positive Coaching Alliance set up for Nov 14 at Oak Point. Will be offered at 9:00am and 10:00am.
- McKella Nordquist hosting in-house referee clinic on Wed, Oct 28 in room 232 at the high school from 7:00-9:00pm.

Finance Committee Report

- Year-end and September financials reviewed. Question raised regarding bank fees – Jeff informed us Bremer Bank charges fees for everything. He and Julie looking into different bank options. Also getting charges from PayPal (3% per transaction) which is what we use for online payments on our website. Also looking into different online payments systems for lower fees.
- *Motion to approve 2014-15 year-end financials made by Reid Baynes and seconded by Matt Davies. Motion carried.*
- *Motion to approve September financials made by Matt Davies and seconded by Beth Peta. Motion carried.*
- Jeff will put together a calendar year "picture" of our financials so we can see how some of our programs fared financially without crossing fiscal years (i.e., summer training).

Other Business Items

- We will be holding a board meeting in November. In the past, November meetings were skipped due to the proximity to Thanksgiving. However, with also skipping December and February, it was felt the board isn't meeting enough during the season to be as productive as possible. It also is helpful to meet following our annual travel tournament and after the in-house season has kicked off. Therefore, our next board meeting will be Sunday, Nov 22 (Sunday before Thanksgiving).
- Board member progression and new member recruitment will be tabled until next meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn meeting made by Reid Baynes and seconded by Beth Peta. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.*

Next Board Meeting: November 22, 2015, 7:00pm; Eden Prairie Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Denelle Flesner-Czech, EPGBA Secretary