

EPGBA BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2015 7:00pm
Eden Prairie Community Center



MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Carmen Bamlett, Reid Baynes, Suzanne Becker, Jeff Burke, Corey Cain, Matt Davies, Blythe Davis, Lisa Ellis, Denelle Flesner-Czech, Rayanne Foss, Brenda Gorsett, Rob Laumeyer, Beth Peta, Julie Peyer, Bob Wentzel

Board Members Absent: Jon Nordquist

Coaching Directors Present: Chad Flies, Denny Tape

Meeting called to order: 7:05pm

Meeting Agenda: *Motion to adopt adjusted meeting agenda made by Jeff Burke and seconded by Julie Peyer. Motion carried.*

Previous Meeting Minutes: Changes were noted that need to be made to the August meeting minutes. These changes will be made and revised meeting minutes sent out to Board members. The revised version will be voted on for approval at the October board meeting.

Regular Business Agenda Items

Travel Committee Report

- Due to conflict with their boys' tournament during the same weekend, Osseo/Maple Grove will only be sending two teams to our Tip-Off Tournament. Losing their other teams will present a challenge for us in obtaining our goal of 95 teams.
- All but one travel player turned in their sizing information for a uniform at try-outs. Rayanne will follow up with that family and orders will be submitted to BiG by Wednesday's deadline.
- Sample sizes and order information flyers for Spirit Wear were available at Sunday's try-outs. The Spirit Wear website will open up for orders on Wednesday.
- We have secured four paid coaches and are still interviewing one or two more. We also have some applications for parent coaches. Carmen, Chad, and Denny will begin assigning head coaches to travel teams once all interviews have been completed.

Marketing & Operations Committee Report

- Carmen's search for sponsors has been put on hold as she's been focusing on securing travel coaches.
- Beth met with Rob and gained an understanding of our website's capabilities and limitations. Plans for website redesign will be adjusted accordingly.
- Beth will distribute brand guidelines to all Board members so we can incorporate these guidelines in all of our communications in addition to our marketing materials.

In-House Committee Report

- Registration has been opened and will remain open through November 14.
- Teams will be formed the week of November 16.
- Corey will work with Rayanne to get jerseys ordered through BiG.

- 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade teams will be part of West Metro League and will play games against Chanhassen, Chaska, Edina, Minnetonka, and Wayzata.

Finance Committee Report

- Year-end and August financials will be reviewed and approved at the October meeting.

Other Business Items

- Coach Johnson does not wish to continue the Bench Sitters program with our travel and in-house teams. She is proposing an EPGBA Night – potentially looking at a game the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. We will continue to work with Coach Johnson and both the travel and in-house programs to finalize details.

Travel Try-Outs

- We should have some sort of medical/first aid kit available at try-outs.
- Using CMS wasn't ideal, but it worked without any noted problems.
- There were no reported issues dealing with parents trying to hang around and watch try-outs at either facility and the check-in & uniform sizing processes went smoothly.
- The following team roster sizes were determined based on recommendations by the evaluators for each grade:
 - ❖ 4th Grade: 8 players tried out and all were deemed travel-ready and made the team; this will be considered an 'A' team in tournaments that make that distinction.
 - ❖ 5th Grade: 11 players tried out – the evaluators felt 8 of these players could make a successful 'A' team which means that 3 players will unfortunately be cut. The Executive Committee discussed the evaluators' recommendation and decided to approve their recommendation. Effort had been made over the previous couple of weeks by a board member who is also a 5th grade parent to recruit additional girls to play on a travel 'B' team, but we were not able to secure any additional players.
 - ❖ 6th Grade: 26 players tried out – per the evaluators' recommendation, 9 placed on 'A' team, 8 placed on 'B' team, and 9 placed on 'C' team. Policy 3.D.ii.3 states that grades with 3 or more teams should cap 'A' & 'B' teams at 8 players. Evaluators felt that there were 9 capable 'A' players.
 - *Motion made by Rob Laumeyer to allow the 6th grade 'A' team to have 9 players this season based on the evaluators' assessment of skills for this grade. Motion seconded by Jeff Burke. Matt Davies, Brenda Gorsett, & Beth Peta abstained from the vote. Motion carried.*
 - ❖ 7th Grade: 24 players tried out – 8 placed on 'A' team, 8 placed on 'B' team, 8 placed on 'C' team.
 - ❖ 8th Grade: 22 players tried out – 9 placed on 'A' team, 10 placed on 'B' team, and 3 players will unfortunately be cut. The Executive Committee discussed the evaluators' recommendation and decided to approve their recommendation. Effort had been made over the previous couple of weeks by a board member who is also an 8th grade parent to recruit additional girls to play on a travel 'C' team, but we were not able to secure any additional players.

While labeled 'A' and 'B' teams, their ability to compete at these levels will be monitored by the coaching directors and VP of Travel throughout the season and these teams may play down a level in more competitive tournaments if necessary.

Meeting Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn meeting made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Reid Baynes. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.*

Next Board Meeting: October 18, 2015, 7:00pm; Eden Prairie Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Denelle Flesner-Czech, EPGBA Secretary