

# EPGBA BOARD MEETING

March 20, 2016 7:00pm  
Eden Prairie Community Center



## MEETING MINUTES

**Board Members Present:** Carmen Bamlett, Reid Baynes, Suzanne Becker, Jeff Burke, Corey Cain, Matt Davies, Denelle Flesner-Czech, Rayanne Foss, Beth Peta, Julie Peyer, Bob Wentzel

**Board Members Absent:** Blythe Davis, Lisa Ellis, Rob Laumeyer, Jon Nordquist

**Coaching Directors Present:** Chad Flies, Denny Tape

**Non-Board Members Present:** RebeccaLyn Brettin, Guy Grussing, Amy Helget, Todd Holloway, Riley Moorjani

**Meeting called to order:** 7:07pm

**Meeting Agenda:** *Motion to adopt meeting agenda made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Beth Peta. Motion carried.*

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** *Motion to approve meeting minutes for November conference call meeting made by Jeff Burke and seconded by Julie Peyer. Motion carried. Motion to approve meeting minutes for January meeting made by Matt Davies and seconded by Reid Baynes. Motion carried.*

### ***Regular Business Agenda Items***

#### **Marketing & Operations Committee Year-End Highlights**

- Created new Tip-Off Tournament logo.
- Held two dine-out events this year – Red's Savoy and Chipotle. Still exploring doing Panera yet this spring.
- Youth Night was held February 19 with great attendance. 14 girls were presented their summer challenge awards.
- Gopher Night was also a success even with the last-minute date change to match up with Shayne Mullaney night. There were approximately 50 attendees.
- Our sponsorship program is up and running. Sponsors have their logo on our website and we had banners courtsides at our tournament. Even though we fell short of our financial goals this year with the program, we are optimistic we will expand next year.

#### **In-House Committee Year-End Highlights**

- Darcy not returning as the high school In-House commissioner. She had someone helping her this past year so we should have a replacement lined up.
- Considering starting the in-house season earlier next year – possibly mid-October. This would allow jerseys to be ordered earlier so we could get better sizes for the players. We could also get a few practices in before games start in early December. We might also be able to conduct a couple of pre-season clinics.
- Overall the West Metro League was a success again. There were some issues with competitive balance, especially at the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade level, that will be discussed and addressed within the league.

- All associations participating in the West Metro League were surveyed at the end of the season. Questions included asking what fees each association charges and what's included that fee. Corey will be receiving the results and comparing other associations to ours.

### **Finance Committee Year-End Highlights**

- Financially sound now, but still waiting on several major expenses. Expecting to be in worst financial position of last four years once all expenses submitted. This is due to higher expenses this year and lower revenue due to fewer players in our program and a smaller tournament due to weekend change.
- Almost fully transferred from Bremer to Wells Fargo bank. One of the biggest advantages will be that credit card processing fees will be lower.
- Changes in dates for our spring tournaments has caused us to lower our forecasted revenue from the events.
- Goal next year to reduce In-House registration fees.
- Thank you to all committees for getting budgets done and submitted!

### **Player Development Year-End Highlights**

- Eagle Summer Camp has been set for June 13-16. Coach Johnson and her staff will be running the camp.
- Summer Training will be conducted similar to the boys' program – training sessions will be held for each grade. Still trying to lock down courts for summer training. HS programs have been changing their summer schedules forcing us to adjust ours. Hoping to have settled soon.
- Coach Johnson also will be conducting guard and post/forward camps on five Sundays in June and July.
- Planning to hold open gyms on Tuesday & Thursday evenings in August.
- 83 girls signed up for Spring League. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will each be combined and teams for tournaments will be formed based on player availability. 7<sup>th</sup> grade has 16 girls signed up so planning on two teams. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade has three teams signed up.
- Suggestion for next year: pre-formed teams will not be allowed within the EPGBA. All players in each grade will register independently and be pooled together. Either coaching directors will decide on teams or teams will be decided for each tournament based on availability of players.

### **Travel Committee Year-End Highlights**

- Had 84 girls participate in travel program this past year forming 10 teams.
- Waited until Monday evening this past year to post try-out results so girls weren't staying up so late Sunday night to find out team placement. Also implemented 72-hour rule (parents must wait 72 hours before airing any complaints). Recommend retaining both of these practices for next season.
- Practice schedules were posted earlier which parents appreciated.
- Rochester and State tournaments went well. Only received one complaint about EP players/teams at the hotel in Rochester. Girls seemed to have a great time!
- Post-season coaches' meeting was held on March 7. General feedback was that season went well. Specific comments brought forth:
  - ❖ need to do better job of consistently coaching game fundamentals, especially at younger ages
  - ❖ evaluate players at end of season based on things like work ethic, coachability/attitude, and game IQ – these things cannot be easily assessed during try-outs
  - ❖ agree with playing time policy, but it should be 'ok' to play best line-up at end of games to go for win, especially at older ages
- Year-end travel survey going out to families this upcoming week.

- Forced to change weekend for MYAS spring tournament due to conflicts with other high school activities. Now looking at April 9-10 which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of EP's spring break. Concern over securing enough volunteer help. Coach Johnson is going to recruit players/parents from the high school teams for all the game clock shifts as a way for their program to raise money. EPGBA will need to supply volunteers for admissions.
- Jeff will be on-site coordinator; Suzanne coordinating setup with MYAS and Coach Johnson; Denelle will create SignUp Genius page for volunteer sign ups.
- Need to notify spring league participating families ASAP regarding requirement to work at either this tournament or at our one-day super saver on Sunday, May 8.
- High school program will again host Tartan Melt-Down tournament. It has been discovered that the Tartan program has been getting the same court rates as the EPGBA rather than the same rates as our high school program. This tournament is not affiliated with the EPGBA so they should not be getting our court rates. Will be addressed with high school.

**Meeting Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn meeting made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Reid Baynes. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.*

Respectfully submitted by Denelle Flesner-Czech, EPGBA Secretary