

EPGBA BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2016 7:00pm

Eden Prairie Community Center



MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Carmen Bamlett, RebeccaLyn Brettin, Jeff Burke, Matt Davies, Lisa Ellis, Denelle Flesner-Czech, Rayanne Foss, Guy Grussing, Amy Helget, Todd Holloway, Riley Moorjani, Beth Peta, Julie Peyer

Board Members Absent: Reid Baynes, Corey Cain, Rob Laumeyer

Coaching Directors Present: none

Non-Board Members Present: Travis Anderson

Meeting called to order: 7:09pm

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

Previous Meeting Minutes: *Motion to approve meeting minutes for March and Annual meetings made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Beth Peta. Motion carried.*

Regular Business Agenda Items

Finance Committee

- Current account balance approximately \$19,000 below last year.
- Our Bremer Bank account has officially been closed. Everything has been transferred over to Wells Fargo. Just finalizing getting payment merchant services set up so we can process our online payments through Wells Fargo.
- The EPGBA Scholarship applicants have been narrowed down to five candidates. Interviews are being scheduled as soon as possible in the next two weeks. Award winners need to be determined by May 1.

In-House Committee Year-End Highlights

- Another successful season for the In-House program. The only major complaints were regarding the referees and the 3-dribble/pass rule. Corey guesses it would be about a 50/50 split if you asked all In-House parents if the 3-dribble/pass rule should continue to be enforced. Board members and coaching directors all feel the rule should remain in place.
- The 3-dribble/pass rule prompted discussion about preparing girls to play in the West Metro League. 5th/6th grade girls are coming into the league not understanding concept of stealing the ball because we don't allow it at all at the younger grades.
- We are also seeing drastic differences in 4th grade spring league skill levels between girls that played travel this past season and girls that played in-house this past season. Because of the number of girls that signed up for spring league in this grade, it was agreed to form one team for practicing and let girls play in tournament games based on weekend availability. They agreed to play as a 'C' team for spring. They do have enough players available to form two teams for the May 1 tournament being held in EP. Many parents (mostly in-house) felt there was a lack of

communication regarding how spring league would work and are not satisfied with the development of the players. Two players have quit the team and asked for a refund; two more are seriously considering quitting.

- Jeff will reach out to Coach Brian to get his assessment. Board members all agreed that next year we need to communicate to the in-house parents earlier and make sure a plan for how teams will be formed and play in tournaments is known in advance.

Marketing Committee

- Beth in conversations with Pei Wei, Smash Burger, and Panera trying to get at least one more Dine Around EP set up. Hoping to have something arranged for some time in June.

Travel Committee

- Year-end survey was sent out this past week.
- Hoping to get first committee meeting scheduled in the next two weeks.

Player Development Committee

Spring League

- All teams are registered for their spring league tournaments.
- There have been grade verification issues at MYAS. They are not requiring teams to provide verification information online – just have documentation with and available at all tournaments.
- Some issues with our 6th grade roster – Beth has been working on getting that resolved.

Spring Tournament

- We should find out the number of teams playing in our tournament this week.
- Overall MYAS says that spring tournament participation is down about 30% overall. They believe it has to do with the timing of Easter this year.
- Denelle will get SignUp Genius volunteer page set up and to Julie ASAP. We are hoping that high school players/families will take most of the volunteer roles.
- Everything else has been scheduled (food, etc.)

Summer Training

- Courts have been reserved for summer training. Dates and times have been posted on our website. We are just waiting to get the registration page set up and posted live.

2015-16 Committee Roles

- Todd Holloway volunteered to become the Tip-Off Tournament co-director. Suzanne Becker will be tournament director for one more year. Denelle will continue to be involved this year to help transition the position to Todd.
- Reba will assist Corey with In-House coordinating and scheduling. She knows of several parents who are willing to help out with various tasks and will talk with them when we are ready to seek additional help (closer to when the season starts). Roles where we could use parent help include equipment coordinator, jersey coordinator, awards coordinator, and team photo coordinator.
- Beth has volunteered to be the Assistant Treasurer. The assumption is she will be the assistant this year and become treasurer the following year as Jeff will be departing the board after this year.
- In order to better facilitate and communicate regarding spring league next year, it was decided to have two Spring League coordinators – one person representing the travel program and one person representing the in-house program. Reba will be our in-house side coordinator for next spring.
- We will not assign anyone to be Gopher Night Coordinator until it has been determined for sure whether or not we will continue to offer a Gopher Night next year.

- Committee positions and members filling the roles should be posted online so that other parents can see what's involved and know who to talk to if they'd like more information regarding a certain position. Denelle will get that document posted.

Other Business Agenda Items

- The normal May board meeting date (May 15) conflicts with the EP Soccer Club Spring Kickoff tournament. Board members present agreed to move our next board meeting to May 22. The normal June meeting date (June 19) conflicts with Father's Day. Moving it back one week will cause conflict with the EP Soccer Club Prairie Cup tournament. Will discuss and make a decision at the May meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn meeting made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Rayanne Foss. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.*

Next Board Meeting: May 22, 2016, 7:00pm; Eden Prairie Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Denelle Flesner-Czech, EPGBA Secretary