

# EPGBA BOARD MEETING

July 17, 2016 7:00pm

Eden Prairie Community Center



## MEETING MINUTES

**Board Members Present:** Carmen Bamlett, Reid Baynes, Jeff Burke, Corey Cain, Matt Davies, Lisa Ellis, Denelle Flesner-Czech, Rayanne Foss, Todd Holloway, Riley Moorjani, Beth Peta, Julie Peyer

**Board Members Absent:** Rebecalyn Brettin, Guy Grussing, Amy Helget

**Coaching Directors Present:** Denny Tape

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

### Meeting Agenda:

- Under the Travel section, the topics of Playing Up Policy and Insurance for Scrimmages will be removed from the Board Meeting Agenda and discussed in a separate Travel Committee meeting to be held at the end of the board meeting.
- *Motion to adopt revised meeting agenda made by Jeff Burke and seconded by Julie Peyer. Motion carried.*

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** *Motion to approve meeting minutes for May meeting made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Jeff Burke. Motion carried.*

### Regular Business Agenda Items

#### Finance Committee

- May financials haven't been sent to board members yet so no vote to approve.
- It is looking to be a break-even year for the 2015-16 board year – even though expenses were a little higher than the previous year.
- Court fees for summer training are not due yet so those have yet to be paid.
- We will net approximately \$2,000 for summer training programs (court fees and paying Coach Johnson have been accounted for).

#### In-House Committee

- Will send out post card on August 8 for In-House registration. Should also look into using Peachjar to send out communication to all families in the Eden Prairie school district.
- Corey finalizing dates for fall and working on budget. Key dates have been posted on the website.
- Season starting earlier than we have in the past (Coach's Clinic on Oct 1), but will still be about a month behind in getting teams to SW Metro League (based on date they would prefer).
- Received a call from the Shakopee association regarding potentially combining some In-House teams.

#### Marketing Committee

- Tip-Off Tournament flyer has been set. Will be sent to MYAS for their tournament book.

- Valleyfair offering a Youth Sports weekend with a promotional entry fee (45% off gate price). Will send out communication to members informing them of dates.
- Offering Sponsorships again this season. \$250 is our Classic level, which all sponsors opted for last season. Hoping to get some sponsors to sign up for the \$500 Platinum level this year. Carmen will be reaching out to EP Boosters program for contacts.

### **Travel Committee**

#### *Coach Recruiting*

- Looks like we'll need to hire 5-6 non-parent coaches for the upcoming season. Expecting 3-4 to return from last year. Starting to receive and review applications.
- Possible idea: could we pay less experienced, but potentially promising coaches to be an assistant coach for a year or two to prepare them to be a head coach?

#### *Tip-Off Tournament*

- All information has been posted on our website.
- Suzanne starting to reach out to other associations to get early commitments, especially with OMGBA moving their tournament to the same weekend as ours. We've received commitments from over 50 teams so far.

#### *General*

- Registration opened this week and will close on Aug 26.
- Try-outs will be held Sept 9 & 11.
- Tune-Up Clinics will be held for an additional week this year.
- All dates have been posted on website.

### **Player Development Committee**

#### *Summer Training*

- Most common complaint was in the naming of the training (Individual Clinics). Parents felt the title was misleading.
- Other common complaint was that the program felt disorganized. Expecting a more cohesive program next summer now that Coach Johnson and her staff got through their first summer.
- Confusion over who was leading the instruction for each grade level. Coach Denny ran 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades, Coach Chad ran 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and Coach Tony ran 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Coach Johnson handled the Sunday night position training.

### **President's Report**

- The MN Timberwolves and Lynx would like to conduct a basketball clinic at our Activity Center over the holiday break in December. Their staff runs the clinic; all we have to do is rent the courts. Clinic would be for both boys and girls. In return, they donate a check to our association. Last year associations who participated received donations over \$1,000.
- Looking to get our travel teams on a wait list to play at Target Center.

### **Other Business Items**

- Normally the Sept board meeting coincides with the final day of travel try-outs so that team formation issues can be resolved. This year the try-outs conclude a week earlier than our normally scheduled board meeting. It was agreed that we will have a special try-out board meeting on Sunday, Sept 11 and still have our normal board meeting on Sunday, Sept 18.
- The Laumeyer family has moved to Florida so Rob is no longer a member of our board. Jeremy Peyer is taking over Rob's role of managing our website.

**Meeting Suspension:** *Motion to suspend the July 17 meeting in order to conduct a special Travel Committee meeting made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Lisa Ellis. Motion carried and meeting suspended at 8:08pm.*

**Meeting Recall:** *July 17 board meeting recalled at 9:46pm.*

The following policy changes were drafted by and proposed by the Travel Committee:

Section 3) G) Level of Competition

- ii) It is EPGBA's preference to have all travel players play with their current grade. Under no circumstances can a player play down into a younger grade.
- iii) EPGBA has instituted the following playing-up policy:
  - 1. If a 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade player exhibits at the first tryout that she is clearly an elite player with abilities beyond her grade level according to the tryout paid evaluators, the Coaching Directors and Executive Committee may extend an invitation to that player to continue evaluations with the grade above her based on the following guidelines:
    - a. The tryout paid evaluators and Coaching Directors believe the player is potentially a top A-level player in a higher grade AND
    - b. In the best interest of EPGBA players, an invitation will not result in/cause a player in either grade to be cut or impact the ability to form a team in either grade by moving a player from one grade to another.
  - 2. A player can accept or decline the invitation to evaluate at a higher grade.
  - 3. If a player invited to try out is ranked as one of the top three players at the higher grade after evaluations, she is eligible to be placed on the A-level team at that grade. If the player evaluates as the 4<sup>th</sup>-ranked player or lower, she will be placed on the A-level team in her own grade.

*Motion to adopt Travel Playing Up policy language made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Jeff Burke. Motion carried.*

**Meeting Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn meeting made by Reid Baynes and seconded by Corey Cain. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:47pm.*

**Next Board Meeting:** August 21, 7:00pm; Eden Prairie Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Denelle Flesner-Czech, EPGBA Secretary