

EPGBA BOARD MEETING

October 16, 2016 7:00pm
Eden Prairie Community Center



MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Carmen Bamlett, Reid Baynes, 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: RebeccaLyn Brettin, Corey Cain

Coaching Directors Present: Chad Flies

Non-Board Members Present: Suzanne Becker, John McNulty

Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm

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

Previous Meeting Minutes: *Motion to approve September meeting minutes made by Beth Peta and seconded by Reid Baynes. Motion carried.*

Regular Business Agenda Items

Finance Committee

- *Motion to approve September financials made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Lisa Ellis. Motion carried.*
- *Motion to approve 2016-17 budget made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Lisa Ellis. Motion carried.*

In-House Committee

- Registrations in for in-house grades. Of the five age levels, two (Rookie & 5th/6th) are up in numbers from last year and three age levels (1st/2nd, 3rd/4th, & 7th/8th) are down in numbers.
- Corey spoke with referee coordinators last Saturday. They will be sending out a formal e-mail to referees from last year and other referees that have indicated their desire to ref this season. Per this discussion, we should be good to go for in-house refs.
- Pre-season clinics have been going well. A few kids utilized the "Bring a Friend to Clinic" offering. Spirit wear will be on display during the final clinic.
- Will need to schedule time the week of Oct 24 to set up team equipment bags. Riley and Reba have offered to assist.
- Corey putting together spreadsheet and working with Rayanne to get uniforms ordered this week.
- Tom Gunderson will be the high school in-house commissioner.

Marketing Committee

- Dine-out nights have been scheduled as follows:

- ❖ Nov 7 – Red’s Savoy Pizza
- ❖ Dec 7 – Chipotle
- ❖ Jan 10 -- Noodles
- Youth Night will be held on December 16 in conjunction with a girls’ varsity home game. We will introduce Big Sisters to their corresponding youth teams that night. Treats will be provided after the game. Proposing a branded rubber bracelet that changes color in sunlight as our give-away (will be same cost as give-away last year). Still deciding if we would like to do some sort of half-time “competition/game” for youth players.

Travel Committee

- Would like to get survey out to travel parents early in December so results can be shared with coaches right after holiday break and adjustments can be made for second half of season.
- Decision needs to be made on whether to hold a spring tournament again this year or not (registration due Nov 11). MYAS requires host sites to provide one court monitor for every two courts with games. After much discussion regarding overall financial impact for EPGBA, the board voted and decided we will again host a two-day tournament this spring. Lisa will verify weekend availability for the high school courts.

Tip-Off Tournament

- We are feeling a significant impact by Osseo-Maple Grove moving their tournament to the same weekend as ours. We are going to offer free registration on MYAS website to fill a final few brackets.
- Using a new food truck this year – My Burger.
- We will be using a centralized awards table where teams can pick up their player awards instead of distributing them to each court.
- Sponsor banners are completed and will be hung on court scoreboards in the Activity Center like we did last year.
- John McNulty offered to train under Denelle to take over tournament volunteer coordinator position.

President’s Report

- We will be hosting a Timberwolves Clinic on December 30. Matt working with Timberwolves staff to finalize details.

Player Development

- Summer training was left as status quo this past summer. We will start looking at what we want to offer next summer after the holiday break.
- Tried to get Coach Johnson to provide some of her assistant coaches to train our 7th & 8th grade coaches on her offense/defense to better prepare these girls for playing in her high school program. Just couldn’t get it pulled together in time. Denny has been to a practice of every travel team to help so far. Coach V has offered her help if any coach requests.

Board Member Recruitment

- We will have several key roles to fill next year: Marketing (assuming Beth takes Treasurer role), Secretary, VP In-House, Travel practice scheduler, In-House practice scheduler, and Equipment manager.
- Overall board membership will drop significantly due to the large number of 8th grade parents that will be leaving at the end of this season. Efforts need to be made to recruit more members to our board. Word needs to get out to all membership and all existing members should be making face-to-face requests.

New Business Items

- John McNulty is officially a board member now that he has attended three meetings in a row. Welcome and thanks John!
- Coach Johnson is considering opening up tryouts for her high school teams to 8th grade players. She has been approached by some 8th grade parents about this possibility and early indications are showing that high school registration numbers are going to be low. Biggest questions for EPGBA are: how many girls will opt to try out and make a team and how will this impact the existing two 8th grade teams?

Meeting Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jeff Burke and seconded by Beth Peta. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.*

Next Board Meeting: November 20, 7:00pm; Eden Prairie Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Denelle Flesner-Czech, EPGBA Secretary