

# EPGBA BOARD MEETING

September 11, 2016 6:30pm

Eden Prairie High School



## MEETING MINUTES

**Board Members Present:** Carmen Bamlett, Reid Baynes, Jeff Burke, Corey Cain, 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

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

**Meeting called to order:** 6:35 pm

### *Special Business Item*

A special board meeting was called to discuss the formation of our travel teams so that team rosters could be posted as soon as possible. Tryouts concluded earlier in the day.

### **Tryout Assessment**

- Evaluators thought the tryouts went much better than last year and Coach Johnson agreed.
- Evaluators thought it helped to have the President and VP of Travel observing the tryouts and to be available within the gyms to answer questions.
- President and VP of Travel thought it was helpful to be observing tryouts to ensure accountability of our evaluators. The evaluators were always busy and did a good job at adapting the drills to the players they were working with. Players were constantly rotating and there was minimal downtime for any player. The evaluators also kept the girls mixed in terms of skill level. There wasn't a designated 'A' court, 'B' court, etc.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade had a really "flat" tryout on Friday. Coach Johnson addressed the girls prior to Sunday's tryout, asking them to step it up. The evaluators and Coach felt the girls responded and played much better on Sunday.

### **Team Formation**

- The Coaching Directors, President, and VP of Travel all met with the tryout evaluators immediately following the conclusion of tryouts. The evaluators presented their team recommendations and discussed any challenges/observations within each grade.
- The Executive Committee met at 5:30 to review the evaluators' team recommendations. After much discussion, the committee agreed with the recommendations presented. The biggest challenge was the formation of 3 teams with 11 players each, which exceeds our maximum allowed team size (MYAS allows roster sizes of up to 12 players). Since all players were deemed capable of playing on a travel team, it was unanimously agreed by the committee that we preferred the larger teams rather than cutting any players. It was also agreed that it better suited the development of players in the long run by keeping them on a larger travel team than to continue to cut them. There are two grades that only have enough players for one team so we need to keep as many players involved as we possibly can.

- The following are the 2016-17 travel team formations:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Red – 10 players
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Black – 9 players
    - The 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams were formed as equal teams. In any tournaments where we need to select a playing level, they will play at the 'B' level. That level designation can change during the season if a coach feels the team should be playing at a different level based on their performance.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade B – 11 players
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade B – 11 players
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade A – 8 players
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade B – 10 players
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade C – 9 players
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade A – 10 players
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade B/C – 11 players
- Due to the large roster sizes on 5B, 6B, and 8B/C, those teams may choose to exercise their right to add up to two additional tournaments during the season in order to provide additional game playing time. Normally this is done at the expense of the players' families. EPGBA will pick up the cost of the first tournament added for those three teams. This cost will be offset by the additional fees collected from the larger roster.
- Due to the large roster sizes and the variation in skill levels on 5B, 6B, and 8B/C, those teams may opt to play some of their tournaments at different levels. This would allow coaches to better maximize playing time for all players and make sure that all girls are getting a chance to play in games where they are best matched competitively.
- Because of existing policies that limit team sizes to 8-10 players and if there are three teams within a grade, the 'A' and 'B' teams should be limited to 8 players [Section 3) D) ii)], the following travel team formation policy exceptions were drafted by the Executive Committee and voted on by the Board:

*Motion to form one 'B' level team of eleven players for 5<sup>th</sup> grade made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Corey Cain. Amy Helget abstained. Motion carried.*

*Motion to form one 'B' level team of eleven players for 6<sup>th</sup> grade made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Beth Peta. Reid Baynes abstained. Motion carried.*

*Motion to allow the 7<sup>th</sup> grade 'B' level team to have ten players made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Lisa Ellis. Motion carried.*

*Motion to allow the 8<sup>th</sup> grade 'A' level team to have ten players made by Matt Davies and seconded by Guy Grussing. Motion carried.*

*Motion to allow the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 'B/C' level team to have eleven players made by Matt Davies and seconded by Beth Peta. Motion carried.*

*Motion to allow teams with eleven players to add one additional tournament for which the cost will be paid for by EPGBA instead of player families made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Beth Peta. Motion carried.*

**Meeting Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn meeting made by Corey Cain and seconded by Riley Moorjani. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.*

**Next Board Meeting:** September 18, 7:00pm; Eden Prairie Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Denelle Flesner-Czech, EPGBA Secretary