

EPGBA BOARD MEETING

January 15, 2017 7:00pm
Eden Prairie Community Center



MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Carmen Bamlett, RebeccaLyn Brettin, Jeff Burke, Corey Cain, Matt Davies, Denelle Flesner-Czech, Rayanne Foss, Guy Grussing, Amy Helget, Todd Holloway, John McNulty, Beth Peta, Julie Peyer

Board Members Absent: Reid Baynes, Lisa Ellis, Riley Moorjani

Non-Board Members Present: Brian Landwehr

Meeting called to order: 7:06 pm

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

Previous Meeting Minutes: *Motion to approve November meeting minutes made by Beth Peta and seconded by Jeff Burke. Motion carried.*

Regular Business Agenda Items

Finance Committee

- *Motion to approve November financials made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Reba Brettin. Motion carried.*
- *Motion to approve December financials made by Corey Cain and seconded by Guy Grussing. Motion carried.*
- Still a few outstanding bills from our Tip-Off Tournament but right now we're estimating we'll net around \$22K, which is right around what we budgeted.
- No revenue in December – just expenses left over from the tournament and paid our coaches' fees.
- In looking back, our summer training programs only netted us approximately \$1,000 and we made \$2,800 from the Tune-Up clinics.

In-House Committee

- We have three high school in-house teams so they are playing each other in double headers on Sundays. They are not playing any teams from other schools this year.
- In the West Metro League, our EP teams are a mixture of 5th and 6th graders with primarily 5th graders on the teams (there weren't enough 6th grade players to form their own team). Our teams are getting beat badly every game because we are playing teams with all 6th graders. We are not allowed to play as a 5th grade team per league rules because there are 6th graders on the teams. We are petitioning the league to modify their rules to allow teams to play at the lower grade level if the majority of the players on that team are from the lower grade.

Marketing Committee

- We made \$370 from our Chipotle dine-out night in December which was lower than last year. This was surprising since last year's event was on the heels of the E. coli outbreak and we earned

a higher percentage of sales this year. Anticipating low numbers from the Noodles dine-out earlier this week. Working on scheduling the final dine-out night of the season in February.

- Youth Night had disappointingly low attendance. Could be attributed to poor weather that evening and the fact that it was the weekend before Christmas.
- Parents have been reserving rooms for Rochester weekend. Will send out a list of families who haven't reserved to team managers in the next week since unreserved rooms will be released on Jan 26.

Travel Committee

- Only 32 respondents to our mid-season survey; overall, we received positive feedback. The two most commented on items were:
 1. Formation of equal teams in 4th grade vs A team and B team
 2. Thought we handled the 8th grade situation well given the circumstances.
- Will book our Tip-Off Tournament for Nov 4-5, 2017 as long as the gyms/Activity Center are available at the high school. Have been trying to get word from OMGBA as to when they plan on holding their tournament next year so we don't conflict again. Their board has been experiencing some changes so they have not committed to any weekend yet.

Spring League

- Will be hosting an informational meeting on Jan 26 for In-House parents. It was brought up that 5th/6th grade parents might not be there that night. We should probably hold a second meeting to give parents that can't make the 26th another option. Need to make sure meeting dates are well communicated. Purpose of the meeting is to better explain to parents what Spring League is and what it isn't.
- The plan is to hold a 7-8-week spring season with two practices per week.
- The tournament schedule for each team will be determined by each team based on their players' availability on each weekend. Number of tournaments allowed per team is three. If one team is created at a grade level with a large roster, that team can play an extra tournament or two so that all players get some tournament-playing experience. EPGBA will be able to pick up the cost of at least one extra tournament due to the extra registration income generated by the larger team roster.
- Registration fees are estimated to be \$150-\$175 per player. There will be an additional fee for teams with a paid coach.
- Team formation will be handled by EPGBA. 4th-8th grade teams will use player evaluations from fall tryouts along with input from coaches and coaching directors for creating teams. For 3rd grade, we will use the first week of spring league practices for evaluating players. Depending on the talent level of participants, we may split the players into tournament-ready and non-tournament-ready in order to give players an optimum development experience during spring league.
- Spring League Committee drafted policy changes related to running spring league. Board members were sent a copy of these proposed changes. Based on feedback from our meeting tonight, Jeff will make the requested changes and a new draft copy will be sent out. In the interest of getting these policies updated and posted on our website as soon as possible, we will conduct an e-mail vote to approve the updated policies.

President's Report

- Chad has requested that EPGBA pay each of his assistant coaches for the 8A team \$400. In the past, he has paid his assistant coaches on his own. One of the assistant coaches has expressed an interest in coaching her own team for our association next year.
- *Motion to pay the 8A non-parent assistant coaches \$400 each made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Reba Brettin. Motion carried.*

- Subsequent question came up regarding Rochester hotel expenses for non-parent assistant coaches. Currently we do not pay for their hotel rooms like we do with head coaches. This is something that should be discussed for next season.

New Business Items

- none

Meeting Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn meeting made by Julie Peyer and seconded by Corey Cain. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.*

Next Board Meeting: March 19, 7:00pm; Eden Prairie Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Denelle Flesner-Czech, EPGBA Secretary