

EPGBA BOARD MEETING

October 21, 2018 - 7:00 PM
Eden Prairie Community Center



MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Kari Anseth, Jodi Archuleta, Monique Baune, Reid Baynes, Pam Dvoracek, Amy Helget, Brandi Hoffmann, Todd Holloway, Sarah Jordan, Donnell Krueger, Jonathan Laffond, Brian Landwehr, Darren McNeil, Riley Moorjani, Julie Peyer, Emily Rice, Colleen Schlagel, Carol Tape

Board Members Absent: Mark Archuleta, Carmen Bamlett, Joe Brazil, Lisa Brazil, Shari Breuer, Nancy Metzger

Non-Board Members Present: Alex Wolter, Cassandra Hardwick

Meeting called to order: 7:03 PM

Meeting Agenda:

- *Motion to adopt meeting agenda made by Todd H. and seconded by Brian L. Motion carried.*

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- *Motion to approve September 9th special board meeting minutes made by Donnell K. and seconded by Brian L. Motion carried.*
- *Motion to approve September regular board meeting minutes made by Donnell K. and seconded by Jodi A. Motion carried.*

Regular Business Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- For income in August, we received money from sponsors, player registrations and tournament team registrations for the Tip-Off tournament.
- For outflows in August, we paid our insurance.
- *Motion to approve August financials made by Reid B. and seconded by Monique B. Motion carried.*
- For income in September, we received money from player registrations and tournament team registrations for the Tip-Off tournament.
- For outflows in September, we paid the tryout evaluators.
- *Motion to approve September financials made by Monique B. and seconded by Kari A. Motion carried.*

Travel Committee:

- **Tip Off Tournament**
 - We have 80 registered teams this year – 4 less than last year. Of the teams, 74 are paid teams and 6 free teams. We had 10 free teams last year.
 - We have 127 games scheduled for this year – down 10 games from last year.
 - On Saturday, the games will start at 8 AM and the last game will start at 6:30 PM.
 - On Sunday, the games will start at 9 AM and the last game will start at 3:00 PM.

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- There are not enough 4th grade teams to fill 4A and 4C – so there will be one big 4B bracket. Applicable teams have been notified.
- We will have some new teams this year – Phelps, Hospitality House, MSP Lakers.
- Game schedules should be released later this week.

Volunteers:

- An early estimate provided High School players with about 46 shifts – which leaves about 66 for Travel parents. Julie has explained to Ellen that we feel we need to give parents a first chance to fulfill their volunteer requirements so they don't have to pay the \$200 – and we pay \$10/hour for the High School kids.
 - Sign-up genius will be open soon so parents can start to sign up for sessions. There will be a separate sign-in for board members to sign up for various duties. Parents' responsibility is 3-3 ½ hours per child.
 - We would like for Assistant Coaches to NOT have to work – if at all possible. As a result, Travel Parents will be asked to sign up for gate admissions, gym monitors and take-down. High School Players will be asked to sign up to run the clock. We would like board members to sign up for Saturday morning setup, entering scores and to assistant as needed.
 - A reconciliation of shifts will be completed to ensure there are enough shifts for Travel Parents, before allotting all clock shifts to High School players.
- **Tournament Dates in 2019 -**
 - Our overall Travel break-even number for teams is approx. 90 – we've been getting 75-77 for the last couple years. Competition with the Maple Grove and East View tournaments have been tough. Associations like Wayzata and Woodbury have had teams going to their tournaments.
 - We are considering the option of moving our tournament to the second weekend in November for 2019. The gyms are open that weekend. The competition for that second weekend would be Spring Lake Park, Hastings, and Prior Lake.
 - Todd and Colleen are going to monitor who goes to Maple Grove this year and Prior Lake to see if it would be advantageous to move the tournament next year.
 - It was mentioned that EP usually has a three-day weekend that second weekend of Nov. We need to determine if this would have an impact.
 - It was suggested that we try to advertise earlier next year. Waiting for the July MYAS booklet is too late.
 - Todd also brought up the option of going to St. Cloud next year – instead of Rochester – to see some new competition. Todd will do some research on what this would entail.
 - A question was asked regarding the feasibility of out-of-state tournaments and if there were any by-laws or policies relating to this. As a board we would have to decide if that's a cost we would want the family to incur and if this qualifies under the 2 tournament add-on (as it would be a cost to the team). And, we need to find out if Insurance would cover the teams out of state. Brian said he would check on the insurance piece.

Inhouse Committee:

- Multiple attempts to recruit for the inhouse VP position have been made thru emails, social media and parent meetings; with no luck. This needs to be addressed by the board as the President can't continue to support both roles in the future.
- It was suggested we try to offer free registration to a 4th grade parent for the next few years if they would assume the inhouse position. Todd will try to talk with some 4th grade parents.
- For this year there are currently 139 players registered for 2nd – 8th grade.
- The last player clinic is on the 27th;
- Teams will start practice the first week of Nov. with games starting the first week of December.
- Open items include forming teams, background checks for the coaches and working with Alex on Ref training.
- Ref. training is currently set for Nov. 13th; pending space.

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- It was confirmed for West Metro, we are supposed to be using a specific company for Refs during games, which we have not been doing. For this year, we will follow this guideline for 7/8th grade games and then gradually move for 5/6th to assist with cost. This has been approved by Angela, with West Metro. The cost for 2 refs/game through the specific company is \$54.

President's Report

- Task Force Two –
 - At the September board meeting, we approved the formation of a 'Task Force Two', to review the try-out policies. The Task Force 2 is required to have a representative from each grade and no more than one from each team (which equates to a minimum of 5 and no more than 10).
 - Task Force 2 will be responsible for reviewing the evaluation process and putting together a policy recommendation that will be presented to the board for review by Jan. 20, 2019.
 - Task Force 2 will be free to (and encouraged to) talk with Varsity Head Coach, Travel coaches, coaching directors, other associations, other sports leagues, etc. to gather information on other evaluation processes and things that work and don't work.
 - Task Force 2 can consist of board and non-board members.
 - It was decided Donnell will act as an advisor to Task Force 2, until Task Force 2 can select an advisor from one of its members.
 - Donnell will send out a communication to Team Managers and travel participants explaining Task Force 2 and requesting volunteers to participate.
 - It was decided that if more than one-person volunteers per team – the team will vote and decide on the representative for that team. Team Managers will contact Donnell by Nov. 7, 2018, with the representative for their team.

New Business

- Travel practice schedules for November should be added to the calendar soon. Julie said Robin has taken over inhouse scheduling as well now and has the number of teams for inhouse – so she should be able to update the schedule now for the rest of the season.
- Travel picture day is Nov. 8th – this has been communicated to Team Managers.
- The new travel uniforms should be in this week. The uniform committee is working on Travel coaches' shirts.
- It was explained that a 5B player dropped as they were unhappy with the team placement. The player also tried out for Chanhassen as while they live in EP, they attend school in Chanhassen. They were placed on what appears to be Chanhassen's only full 5th grade team. It was confirmed with MYAS this was not in violation of their policy. The family decided to forfeit their registration fees and accept the spot at Chanhassen. This does leave the 5B team with only 7 players. We discussed as an Executive Committee and with Coach Ellen and felt it wasn't fair to move player down because a player walked away. 5th Grade Board Parents were emailed to assist with recruiting another player. As of now, Donnell has been working with all 5th grade team managers to use some subs from other teams to support 5B.
- It was also noted this was the only inquiry from 5th grade and that 5th grade evaluation sheets were also reviewed by Coach Ellen as part of Task Force 1.

Meeting Adjournment:

- *Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jonathan L. and seconded by Riley M. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM*

Next Board Meeting: November 18, 2018, at 7:00 PM at the Eden Prairie Community Center.

Respectfully submitted by Jodi Archuleta, filling in for Carmen Bamlett, EPGBA Secretary.