

Eden Prairie Volleyball Association
Board Meeting
January 12, 2016
Recreation Center

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Amy Martinson, Mary Reiling, Cheryl O'Connell, Kris Beatty, Mike Lewis, Damon Fischer, Steve Gudvangen, Brent Pond, Kevin Kraemer, Deb Danielson, Kurt Potter, Matt Skattum, Kendra Lettau, Kim Reed

Program Director: Chad Becker

1. Minutes from November meeting as presented passed unanimous.

2. Financials

A) 2015 Financial Summary (Beatty) - (Handout) Revenue up \$14,000 mainly due to added 18's team and increase in fees. Enrollment trend for the club is down. Expenses are in line with 2014. Cash balance is a little high - prefer to stay within 25% of revenues in cash reserves.

B) 2016 JO Budget (Pond) - (Handout) Risks to the budget will be travel expenses as some are an unknown. Most of other expenses are in line. The JO committee has been wonderful/engaged during the process.

3. JO Season (Pond) - practice and first matches have gone well. 12-1 and beat 12-2 Northern Lights easily. Some of the kids have now been in the program for a couple of years and their development shows. All teams are progressing, just at different rates. Concussion protocol - mouth guards are recommended as a precautionary measure. Players will be encouraged to use them, especially if they have had a concussion. It was noted the 17's are seeing a more diverse set of teams than if they would have played at Northern Lights.

A. Tournaments (Martinson) - all teams are registered. 17's inquired about changing Chicago to Denver. It was determined competition and training should go through June for the entire club. Teams must play the season as prescribed by the club. Additional tourneys can be added, but it must be unanimous by all

team members and the additional expense is shared by the entire team. The decision to move the tournament was denied.

B. Travel (Martinson) - Chicago, higher hotel fees than in the past. Club will reserve 24 rooms and coaches will have individual rooms if they prefer. Duluth, Rochester and St. Cloud rooms have all been reserved.

C. Coaches Per Diem - it was recommended to the board for the 2016 JO season to increase per diem for the coaches. The recommendation was \$35 for in-state tournaments and \$50 for out-of-state tournaments per day. Motion was presented and passed unanimously.

D. Coaches meeting is scheduled for January 19 and a robust agenda will be presented by Mr. Becker and Mr. Pond.

E. Pictures will be taken Monday, February 8.

F. Skills sessions are beginning and there is flexibility with session attendance. Mr. Becker to make decisions regarding player skills session.

4. JO Prep (Gudvangen) - Fees are \$325, 6 events - as a side note there are more events to select from.

5. Beach Season (O'Connell, Kraemer) - Eric Poppelman has been hired as the director. The sessions will be from 9:30a - 11:30a at Lake Riley. Season is for 7th graders and older. 10-12 players per court. Investigating the percentage of players that can be part of the program from outside Eden Prairie. Update will be sent to parents once a few more details are uncovered.

6. Website (O'Connell) - Meeting time was running low so it may be brought up at next meeting.

7. Board Meeting Attendance (Gudvangen) - It was noted this is a working board and all board members should strive to make the meetings. If missing a meeting is necessary, then communicating with Steve Gudvangen as to the reason is preferred prior to the board meeting.

8. Spirit Wear (Danielson, Fischer) - spirit wear can be ordered for a couple of weeks via the EP spirit wear store at the high school. Store will be open through January 31.

9. Player recruiting plan for 2017 (Lettau) - Discussion from the board centered around younger kids, 3-6 graders, August in house free clinics and open gyms.

Action: Lettau and Becker to formalize a plan

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 1, 6:00p - 8:00p.