

Eagan Athletic Association - Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 28th, 2015

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| President, Jim Howe | X | | Director of Baseball, Tom Umhoefer | |
| Vice President, Brad Ruitter | | | Director of Basketball, Carrie Berran | X |
| Treasurer, Kate Boyle | X | | Director of Cross Country, BJ Knight | X |
| Secretary, Trudy Kenney | X | | Director of Football, Scott Solliday | |
| Administrative Assistant, Heather Lorentz | X | | Director of Lacrosse, Mike Adair | |
| Director of Facilities, Lynn Estes | X | | Director of Soccer, Rich Segar (Skip Newton) | X |
| Director of Program Initiatives, Mike Casey | X | | Director of Softball, Jackie Stalboerger | X |
| Director of Web Strategy & Support, Darin Keuhn | | | Director of Track, Kathy Windels | X |
| Director of Coach Development, Ken Barringer | X | | Director of Rugby, Eric Curtin | X |
| Director of Sports Programs, Jeff Eckerle | | | Director of Volleyball, Alyssa Dahlheimer | X |
| Director at Large, Mike Schwendinger | X | | Director of Wrestling, Lisa Jensen | X |
| Director at Large, Andy Lancette | X | | | |
| City of Eagan, Bob Keeney | X | | | |
| Other: Sara Johnson –Wrestling Board Member | | | | |

Meeting was called to order at 7:35p.m. by President, Jim Howe.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the April 9th, 2015 board meeting were reviewed by all present. A motion to approve was made by Trudy Kenney, seconded by Lynn Estes. Minutes were approved and can now be posted on the EAA website.

New Board Members

Rich Segar, Director of Soccer resigned. Jim and Kate met with Skip Newton to discuss his role as potential new Soccer Director. Skip is the current Vice President of the Soccer Board and has many years of experience in the program.

Jim made a motion to formally elect Skip as the new Director of Soccer, replacing Rich Segar. It was seconded by Kate. Motion was approved and Skip officially has voting rights at this meeting.

Basketball Update – Carrie Berran

Registration for Summer Open Gym is now closed. Approximately 170 participants are signed up. 7th/8th grade girls were invited to work out with the high school program so there are no girls at this level participating in open gym this year.

Registration will open next month for Travel and In House programs.

Softball Update – Jacki Stalboerger

Season is underway. The annual Down & Dirty Tournament registration is now full.

Track Update – Kathy Windels

Season is over with 15 meets held and great weather. Turbo Javelin was a success.

Program is losing their Merchandise Manager next year and is looking for someone to take it over. They will be adding a note next year to the registration that volunteers need to do the back ground check.

Rugby Update – Eric Curtin

Season officially ends on Saturday. The program is working to become more competitive in the middle school level. Varsity made it to the championship round this year. Will continue working on recruiting for the program next year.

Volleyball Update – Alyssa Dahlheimer

Fall registration is slated to open June 1 for Fall Travel and In House programs. They will be using some gym space at ECC and Inver Grove Heights Community Center prior to the school gyms opening for the year. The program is adding a 7th/8th grade level.

Wrestling – Lisa Jensen

The program will be combining the club team and EAA team into one team. There will be two sessions next year. First session is for beginners and second session will consist of tournaments.

New logo will be “Mat Cats”.

The program is in need of new singlets and are trying to raise money via sponsors, end of summer camps and possible EAA financial assistance. They are currently obtaining estimates on cost.

Lynn suggested to raise fees within the sport to cover cost of new singlets. Jim mention that EAA does not want see a lot of fundraising occur and that EAA has loan programs available for such needs. It is also possible to work concessions at baseball/softball/soccer tournaments and receive a percentage of the proceeds for the program.

Facilities Update – Lynn Estes

Dakota Hills shed will need to be emptied by the end of August.

Cold compresses are purchased each year and cannot be stored in an area where they will freeze over the winter. If anyone is in need of a key to a shed, please talk to Lynn.

Mark Vaughn has identified a spot on the back of the arena to add onto and is going to meet with park planners for further discussion. There is on-going conversation with the Hockey Association President to share a possible storage space and cost. Lynn will follow up on this.

It was suggested to employ a one-time surcharge to help cover the EAA cost.

Background Checks – Ken Barringer

Softball, Lacrosse, Rugby and Track have all done a great job making sure volunteers are following the background check/concussion procedure. Some of the bigger sports have a harder time keeping track of this due to large number of coaches.

It was noted that Ngin has won the MYAS account and will be importing traveling soccer coach information into our system by fall.

Travel Baseball did not know they were to do background checks.

Safe to Play Initiative – new portal sport directors can look at that will easily show PCA, background check and concussion test. Can also include Darkness to Light abuse prevention training. Brings to light why background checks are important and what to look for when coaching. Training will also show how to protect yourself as a coach. Will start in the fall. Run by Ngin and automatically uploads user account that when it is watched and test passed. Should be seamless. Ken recommends EAA do this. It will be free of charge to the organization.

Finance Committee Meeting - Andy Lancette

The following budgets were approved at May 11th Finance Committee Meeting:

Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football (Tackle & Flag) as well as a change to the Soccer budget.

Annual EAA audit will occur next week at ECC. Sport Directors may receive a phone call from auditors.

Wresting and In House Basketball 4-6 Fund Balance will go down due to admin fee allocation.

A note was made that the Background Check fee line item was not updated as it is updated a few times yearly.

Overall participation counts are calculated bi-annually in May and September. Prior year numbers are referenced when setting up the admin budget.

Motion was made by Jim to approve the April financial statements. The motion was seconded by Ken Barringer. Financials were approved.

Marketing & Technology Update – Trudy Kenney

Upcoming Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) dates are: August 3 and October 5 at 6:30pm at ECC. There is room for 100 attendees. Trudy suggested having fall sport coaches attend the PCA in August and it is up to Sport Directors to market to their coaches.

EAA Flyers will be coming home with students this week and next. It was suggested to have this flyer at open house tables in August.

Discussion continued as to whether EAA wanted to have tables at local ISD 196 elementary school open houses in August. It was decided to continue it this year and a sign up form will be available at the July meeting.

It was noted that Marketing Board members within sports are contacting the same people that the EAA Marketing Committee are already working with and to try to not duplicate efforts.

There is a need for volunteers to help at Market Fest on June 17, Streets Alive on September 12, and Halloween Hodge Podge on October 25. Trudy passed around a sign-up sheet.

Cascade Bay Volunteer Appreciation Event is August 6.

Trudy proposed EAA participating in the Adopt-A-Street Program. EAA would be responsible for trash pickup three times a year at the Eagan Outlet Mall. It was suggested to see what we can put for a name/logo on the sign as this is to be used as a promotional tool for EAA. Cost is \$95 for the signs and is a two year commitment.

Continued discussion on whether sports want to use mobile credit cards for their tournaments ended in Directors bringing to their individual sport boards to see if there is interest in using and if it would increase sales. Square is the primary mobile credit card company and would charge 2.75%.

City of Eagan Update – Bob Keeney

Bob mentioned that if additional toilets are needed for tournaments to request them through him.

Upcoming Meetings

Finance Committee– Monday, July 13 at 7pm

Marketing/Technology Committee – Sunday, June 7 at 7:30pm, BWW

Next EAA Board Meeting – Thursday, July 30 7:30pm, Eagan Room – City Hall

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.