

## **Elk River Boys Youth Basketball Board Meeting**

**Jun 22, 2025**

### **ER American Legion**

**Present:** Brandon Hoeft, Dan Meyer, Drew Dervick, Josh McCarty, Jessica Palmer, Damian Jenson, Jamie Karst, Keith Morrisette, Tavis Pike and David Boudinot, Griffin Lewis

**Absent:** Erin Brandt, Veronica Skomsoyvog, Ashley Welsh, Jennifer Barker,

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

#### **Minutes:**

Dan made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on March 23, 2025, Josh seconded it; motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The checking balance today is \$42,213.41. QuickBooks ledger balance is \$40,974.29. The CD balance today is \$52,625.14 plus \$271.19 accrued interest not yet applied.

Treasurer's Report circulated and signed by the board.

#### **Board Positions:**

Griffin Lewis showed interest in joining the board. He is interested in communications and marketing. He has a background in Marketing for his personal career. He currently has a travel player. He was recruited by Ashley Welsh. Jessica read the ERBYB mission statement, and shared board expectations such as attending 9 out of 10 meetings, participation during evals, tryouts, tournaments, house weekends, youth night, pictures, and miscellaneous events that may arise during the season. An anonymous vote was made and Griffin was voted in as the Communications and Marketing coordinator.

Jon Hayne showed interest in joining the board as well but was not able to attend the meeting in June but will try to make the July meeting. He is interested in becoming the house director.

Jared Good - boy and girl - coached bball before - Ashley Welsh 2nd - Be present and active in sports their kids - Open to any positions - 1st time joining something like this -

#### **Travel and House Program Updates:**

Keith will begin working on 2 separate links 1 for house and 1 for travel. Once Keith has the links completed registration will open in the next couple of weeks pushing for the beginning of July 2025.

House registration will close on October 31, 2025. Registration fees for Pre k, Kindergarten, and 1st grade early bird will be as follows: \$150 until October 15, 2025 when price will increase to \$200. Registration for 2nd grade through 8th grade early bird will be as follows: \$200 until October 15, 2025 when price will increase \$250. Registration for 9th grade through 12th grade early bird will be as follows: \$225 and increase to \$275 until TBD date based on High School Evals/Tryouts with the High School Booster Club. House tryouts are tentatively scheduled for November 3rd - 7th pending approval from community Ed.

Travel registration will end September 19, 2025 with early bird price of \$535 until August 31, 2025 and will increase to \$585. Travel tryouts are tentatively scheduled for September 20th and 21st pending approval from community Ed.

Dan is planning the out of town tournament for Brainard on February 7th and 8th as they are MYAS, and also offer a 3rd grade bracket. Jaimie is going to look into hotel options. It is Super Bowl Sunday but should be done with plenty of time for families to get home. Dan also discussed if it was to get late and if families were interested we could maybe rent a conference room at the hotel for a Super Bowl Party. All teams are signed up for 9 tournaments this season, still waiting on state MYAS registration to open before we can register.

Follow up from the April meeting regarding using Sports Engine or Crossbar. Keith has been in contact with Crossbar and some benefits were a newer, family friendly app, volunteer checks could be digital instead of paper copies. The cost of Crossbar was roughly \$1000/year. Crossbar seemed like a better option and when Keith called Sports Engine to cancel our current subscription of \$1300 Sports Engine noticed an API of \$500 that was signed up for in 2019 but never used. They are going to refund \$500 for the current season. If we sign a new contract with Sports engine they will refund the other \$800 and give us the 2025/2026 season for free and beginning June of 2026 it would be \$800/yr. They also offered a free upgraded website design (valued at \$6000). They also offered a couple other options that we may want to explore such as a safety package with integrated background screening via NCSI (we currently used Trusted Coaches), and Sports Engine Play, live streaming platform two years free access (typically \$1,500/year). You can stream from mobile, tablet, or GoPro. Tavis Motioned to stay with Sports Engine and Damian 2nd. Motion Passed.

#### **Bylaws:**

Jessica suggested forming a committee to review the bylaws and code of conduct. Tavis, Josh, Drew and Damian volunteered to review the existing bylaws and code of conduct and present change recommendations at the June meeting. The committee determined no changes were needed at this time. Motion to keep all policies, code of conduct, and bylaws the same was made by Josh and 2nd by Damion. Motion Passed.

#### **Classic Tournament:**

Travel tournament is tentatively scheduled for December 6th and 7th with set up on December 5th pending approval from Community Ed. The Classic Tournament entry fee was raised to \$500 per Dan being consistent with other organizations in our area that he registered ERBYB travel teams to attend.

#### **Volunteer/Scholarship:**

Keith is going to work on making volunteer checks to be digital on Sports Engine for families to use while registering. We will still be offering a buyout option for those families who choose to not volunteer. Tavis motioned to raise volunteer checks to \$300 and Damian seconded.

#### **Apparel/Photos:**

Erin was not present at the June Meeting and texted Jessica about some upcoming apparel needs. We are in year 2 of travel uniforms, no changes needed. Erin asked for board members to brainstorm ideas of apparel wants, such as t-shirts, vest, tank tops, zip up jackets. Erin also expressed she no longer wanted to coordinate pictures and Jessica shared that with members. We will discuss pictures at the July meeting.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

Our next meeting will be on 07/20/25 at the American Legion Elk River 6pm.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tavis and seconded by Dan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jessica Palmer.

**REMINDER LIST:**

- Jessica needs admin access to trusted coaches - for background checks and to see what members need a renewal. Dan was going to assist with this
- Griffin needs an [ERBYB.org](http://ERBYB.org) email address
- Ashley can you double check the dates for travel and house needs with community ed requests