

Eagan Athletic Association - Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 31, 2018

President, Trudy Kenney	X		Director of Basketball, Ken Martin	X
President-Elect, Dave Grounds	X		Director of Cross Country, BJ Knight	X
Treasurer, Megan Brewster	X		Director of Football, Josh Anderson	X
Vice President, Katie Kruger			Director of Lacrosse, Leslie Defries	X
Director of Facilities, Greg Byrne	X		Director of Soccer, Skip Newton	X
Director of Program Initiatives, Robb Muller			Director of Softball, Jacki Stalboerger	X
Director of Web Strategy & Support, Darin Keuhn			Director of Track, Kathy Windels	
Director of Coach Development, Mike Schwendinger	X		Director of Rugby, Eric Curtin	X
Director of Baseball, Jack Esser			Director of Volleyball, OPEN	
Past President, Andy Lancette	X		Director of Wrestling, Lisa Jensen	
Administrative Assistant, Heather Lorentz	X		At-Large, Amanda Becker	X
Guest: Jonathan Moore, City of Eagan	X			

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President, Trudy Kenney

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March 23, 2018 board meeting were reviewed by all present. Motion to approve the minutes was made by BJ Knight and seconded by Josh Anderson. Motion passed. Minutes can now be posted on the EAA website.

City of Eagan Update – Jonathan Moore

Park Updates:

- Ohmann will open spring of 2019
- Quarry will open Fall 2018

Fields Maintenance:

Workers are on overtime trying to catch up on field maintenance. Should be caught up by the end of the week. Skip Newton thanked the City of Eagan for doing a great job in prepping fields for the May soccer tournament.

Baseball Update – Jack Esser

- No update given.

Basketball Update – Ken Martin

Open gym registration is now open. Travel registration will open in two weeks. Looking to raise travel registration fees by \$30 to offset loss of revenue from moving from a three-day to a two-day tournament.

Concerned with space for the Traveling tournament in November. In House 4-6th grade program director still needed. Basketball board is on track with two-thirds of the members begin new.

Cross Country – BJ Knight

Registration is open. So far have 38 signed up for fall and 18 signed up for the summer running program. Registration closes July 29.

Meet will be moved to Northview Elementary this year. BJ plans to attend a USTF Coaching Level 1 class this summer.

Football – Josh Anderson

Flag and Tackle opened on 5/21. Uniforms and equipment have been ordered. Potential recruitment of Director of Registrations.

Received an email from a parent of a child with epilepsy wondering if EAA will allow the child to play. After some discussion it was determined that EAA does not restrict any child from playing due to a

health issue. It is up to the parent and child's doctor to determine if it is safe for the child to play. Per EAA's Parent Code of Conduct, the parent is required to notify the child's coach of any health conditions.

Lacrosse –Leslie Defries

Box season has concluded with 100 participants. Mendota Heights and Hastings were invited to join this year. Were able to get more indoor turf time this season. Jamboree held last weekend and end of season survey has been sent out. Summer program will begin in June.

Seeking assistance from other organizations to help lighten the work load for EAA volunteers.

Rugby – Eric Curtin

Regular season has concluded. Boy's numbers were down and are playing for 3rd place. Girl's team went 10-2 and are the number two seed in the state tournament with a first round bye in the semis.

Soccer – Skip Newton

Has a successful May tournament. Only issue was the portable bathrooms were ordered but not delivered.

Spring/Summer season is in full swing. Fall registrations are open for Rec and Competitive Tryouts. Staff positions have been filled. Website has been converted to mobile friendly.

Would like to connect with the City of Eagan on putting lights at Thresher field.

Softball Update – Jacki Stalboerger

Background checks have been completed. Tournaments will be held on Father's Day weekend and mid-July. Will have 13 teams this year.

Track Update – Andrea Mowrey

Had to cancel one weekend due to weather. Saw a record 761 participants this year. No major issues to report. Looking to recruit high schoolers to assist at meets.

Volleyball Update - OPEN

- No update given.

Wrestling – Lisa Jensen

- No update given.

Facilities Update – Greg Byrne

Tom Meisinger of Meisinger Construction (EAA Lacrosse Program) met with Greg to go discuss needs. Options include:

- Softball only shed
- Softball shed with extended slab/foundation for later construction of a indoor batting cage
- Softball shed and batting cages – 2 bays

Would softball and baseball be willing to donate funds to this effort?

Coach Development Update – Mike Schwendinger

Mike has checked into another option for background screening through Protect Youth Sports. Cost is \$12.99. Offers a 50 state verification, is FCRA compliant, results back within 48 hours, offers 1-click re-register option, has child safety training option and rescreen notification. There is an annual fee waived if EAA pays 50% of the anticipated number of background check fees up front.

Potential downfalls: does not allow users to upload a CDC certificate and users can register multiple times.

Mike will go back to Justin at Protect Youth Sports and inquire about options to attach a CDC and prevent users from registering multiple times.

Program Initiatives – Robb Muller

- No update given.

Finance Committee Meeting Update – Andy Lancette, Megan Brewster

Volleyball and Basketball budgets were approved at the May meeting.

Audit will be conducted soon and EAA is using the same firm, MMKR.

All files have been moved into Acorn Storage.

Marketing & Technology Update – Trudy Kenney

Recruiting potential candidate to replace Levi Harrington. Nothing has been finalized.

Positive Coaching Alliance – Hoping to conduct the PCA meeting for directors prior to the July EAA Board meeting with pizza at 6:30. More info to come.

Adopt A Street – Thanks to BJ Knight and Lisa Jensen for supplying volunteers for the April cleanup.

Eagan Market Fest – June 20th, EAA will have a booth and be conducting a raffle for \$50 off any upcoming sport registration. Must be at least four years old to enter, one entry per person. Winner would receive discount code from Heather Lorentz to use and is non-transferrable.

Executive Committee Update – Trudy Kenney

Have not received any feedback on suggested goals for EAA. Please submit suggestions to Trudy.

Trudy will be sending out a generic template for each sport director to fill out a job description. Please have completed by next meeting.

PCA flag is available to sports to use at tournaments. Softball and Lacrosse will use.

Technology Update – Darin Keuhn

- No update given.

Other

- **Insurance Sub-Committee** – Greg Byrne

- EAA insurance is set to renew between June 15-July 1.
- Quote given is less than budgeted for due to leaving out the sports that have their own coverage.
- Motion was made by Dave Grounds to review and move forward with the given quote and seconded by BJ Knight. Motion was approved. * Greg Byrne abstained from voting.
- **Background Check Policy** – Trudy Kenney
 - New check is flagging more coaches than in previous years.
 - Suggested reframing the emphasis to be on youth safety and not on blame for a crime, using MYAS adapted language.
 - Flagged coaches have 8 days to appeal after the email notification is sent. No longer sending letters.
 - May ask coaches to provide documents from previous court hearings if necessary.
 - Directors would be asked to attend appeal meetings and voice opinion; executive committee plus one Director.
 - Coaches would be notified within five days of hearing of the decision.
 - Ken Martin voiced concern with disqualified coaches contacting the Sport Director to advocate for them. Suggestion to have a Director not associated with the sport involved to attend.
 - Dave Grounds made a motion to approve these changes to the background check policy. Motion was seconded by BJ Knight. Motion was unanimously approved.
- **Subcommittees** –
 - Coach/Player Code of Conduct pending subcommittee: Mike, Greg, Amanda, BJ, Andy, Trudy.

Upcoming Meetings

Finance Committee– July 9th, 7pm @ ECC - Boardroom

Marketing/Technology Committee – TBD

Next EAA Board Meeting – July 26th & September 28th, 7:30pm @ Civic Arena, Mezzanine

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Grounds and seconded by BJ Knight. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.