

# EPGBA BOARD MEETING

April 13th, 2025 7:00pm



*Our mission is to create a fun, fair and safe basketball environment that is focused on providing skills development as well as fostering respect for others, self-confidence, leadership and teamwork in our Eden Prairie student athletes. We will strive to provide the best competition at all levels while maintaining the highest degree of participation and sportsmanship.*

## MEETING MINUTES

**Board Members Present:** Bill Lahti, Eric Peterson, Sara Koepp, Scott August, Michelle Jones, Kelsey Gempeler

**Board Members Absent:** Tracie Anderson, Kevin Vandrovec, Ashley Young, Gretchen McQuillan, Lori Kelly

**Non-Board Members Present:** Ellen Weise, Rebecca Thompson, James Gempeler, Adam Guiney, Laura Udell

**Meeting called to order:** 7:14 pm by Eric Peterson

### Meeting Agenda:

- *Motion to adopt meeting agenda made by Bill Lahti and seconded by Sara Koepp . Motion carried.*

### Previous Meeting Minutes:

- *Motion to approve board meeting minutes made by Eric Peterson and seconded by Scott August. Motion carried.*

### Regular Business Agenda Items

#### Finance Committee

- Scholarship money – do we want to vote as a board to give more than 2, \$1000 scholarships for this year?
  - Rebecca – What is the reason to give more scholarship money if we are down in money from winter slam?
  - \*We will give 2, \$1000 scholarships this year and reassess for next year.
- Michelle will not be treasurer next year. She will help train the new treasurer if needed. Michelle is willing to stay on the board for an additional 25 days to help with the transition of accounts. Her time with EPGBA will officially be done on May 8, 2025.
  - We will need someone new to be on the account.
    - Who would qualify to be on the account? Michelle believes it should just be a board member.
  - If we don't have any volunteers for the treasurer position, we will need to outsource the position.
  - Kelsey reached out to a promising contact and will keep people notified.
  - Eric Peterson and Adam Guiney volunteered to both have their names attached to our account. \*Michelle will connect with them.

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- **Motion to add Adam and Eric to account approved by Bill Lahti and seconded by Michelle Jones and Kelsey Gempeler.**
- Eric, what is the process for approving the budget for next year?
  - Michelle-The board hasn't had a budget since 2020 – each area has had "miniature budget"
  - How do we want to handle the budget going forward
    - James – what is the philosophy with our funds. We have years of being in the positive and making funds. Is there an opportunity to break into the slush fund to give back to the kids with more court time, training, etc.?
    - Rebecca – it might be beneficial to have a set budget for each entity – tournament, training, coaching, etc.?

*Motion to approve February financials was made by Bill Lahti and seconded by Kelsey Gempeler. Motion carried.*

### **In House**

- Michelle – received an email from Charlie – we have blank jerseys and will add logo to those instead of buying new
- Ashley found cheaper basketballs for the in-house kids for next season

### **Travel**

- Sara – looking at coaching options.
  - We will nail down tryout dates with Coach Ellen soon.
- After discussion, the EPGBA tournament will be January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2026
- Scott will work with Sara to work on reaching out to other programs for tournament reciprocity
- Rochester tournament – do we want a different out of town tournament? A different time of the year? Do teams need more competition than what Rochester provides the week before state?
  - Laura – suggests doing 2 out of town tournaments? James agrees that 2 would be a great option – Michelle - in the past, expenses has been a concern for families
  - We start to register for tournaments in August.
  - Rebecca – boys teams have expanded their tournaments to varying cities to see different competition during the season

### **Marketing and Operations**

- Ashley will be off the board but Bill will stay one more year. He mostly takes care of sponsorships.
  - We were down a little on sponsors this year and will try to get back to \$8,000ish

### **Presidents Report/New Business**

- Eric – foundation for Eden Prairie schools – do we want to donate any registration fees to be auctioned off?
  - It was approved that \$250 towards registration will be donated to the foundation
- Eric and Laura had reached out to the Lynx about opportunities for our organization during the summer.
  - Youth fan nights at the Lynx games – ball exchange with team, fan tunnels, 5 v 5 prior to game, courtside kids. They all have minimum numbers of attendance required. Laura will get more info to share with us.

*Motion to adjourn meeting made by Bill Lahti and seconded by Michelle Jones. . Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 820*

**Next Board Meeting** May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via Zoom. Respectfully submitted by Kelsey Gempeler, EPGBA Secretary