

## Eagan Athletic Association - Board Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, March 18, 2021**

President, Trudy Kenney	X		Director of Basketball, Clay Fandre	X
Vice President, OPEN			Director of Cross Country, Tina Wrucke	X
Treasurer, Megan Brewster	X		Director of Football, Josh Anderson	X
Administrative Officer, Nathan Krahn	X		Director of Lacrosse, Jason Oberhamer	X
Director of Facilities, Greg Byrne	X		Director of Soccer, Lori Wohletz	X
Director of Program Initiatives, Amanda Becker	X		Director of Softball, Mike Mondelli	X
Director of Marketing, Cole Helgeson	X		Director of Track, Kathy Windels	X
Director of Sport Program, Craig Pluff	X		Director of Rugby, Eric Curtin	X
At-Large, Jacki Stalboerger	X		Director of Volleyball, Beth Sagvold	X
At-Large, Dave Grounds			Director of Wrestling, Erin Day	X
Financial Assistant, Briana Klaus			Director of Baseball, Rob Emerson	X
Public Relations, Kathy Jalivay	X		Director of Ultimate Frisbee, Alicia Carr	X
Business Interface Rep, Lisa Johnson	X			
Administrative Assistant, Erika Anderson	X			
Guests: Paul Watry	X			
Public Attendees: Jon Weber, Amy Countryman, Jessica Kuss, Aaron Kapaun, Jessica Kottke, TJ Rice, JJ Kirby	X			

**Public Questions/Open Forum**

Amy Countryman

Jon Weber

TJ Rice

JJ Kirby

Meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m. by EAA President, Trudy Kenney

**City of Eagan Update** – Paul Watry

- Rahn field update. Turf fields are available. Demo and rebuilding of tennis courts.
- Diffley Road closes June 11. Work goes through September. Northview lacrosse and baseball fields will be accessible, but access to parking is limited to Dakota Hills Middle School.
- Graduation activities possible the same weekend as an EAA Baseball tournament. TBD
- The City should be staffed 100% this summer and able to assist with tournaments.

**Introduction of EAA contract staff**

Erikka Anderson, administrative assistant, will assist with background check processing and board meeting related tasks.

Lisa Johnson, Business Interface Representative, will assist with scholarships, registrations, schedules, parent emails and website-related tasks.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2021, board meeting was made by Nathan Krahn and seconded by Craig Pluff. Motion passed. Minutes will be posted on the EAA website.

**Baseball Update** – Rob Emerson

Finished travel tryouts. Teams made. Asking for a few parents to coach but teams are set. In-house registrations are around 500. Travel is down 20 kids (10 of those kids moved to club level only). Sessions at the Dome and the Cages start April 1st and go through 3rd and 4th week of April. Games will start at the end of April, beginning of May for travel. Practices for in-house will begin in early May. MBL is expecting to get an updated set of guidelines from the state around youth sports and will issue an updated policy. In the meantime, they're using basketball format/guidelines/rules; wearing masks and tracking who is coming to practice.

**Basketball Update** – Clay Fandre

Season concluded last weekend with the 7th/8th grade boys tournament. Overall season was a success. One tournament short, even with the break due to COVID guidelines. Sent out parent surveys and coach

surveys will be next. EBT will present a budget in May and start planning for summer skills and tryouts for next fall.

**Cross Country** – Tina Wrucke

Budget was approved for the 2021 season. Working with Jonathan Moore for fall space reservations. Will open registration for the summer session in early April. In the planning stages to get practices, dates, times and locations sorted out.

**Football** – Josh Anderson

Budget was approved for the 2021 season. Ordering equipment. Working through registration in May. Raised observation about seeing coach compliance and APS in NGIN.

**Lacrosse** – Jason Oberhamer

Registrations end next week. Should have enough to run a team at each age level at the Eagan Civic Arena starting 3/28/21.

**Rugby** – Eric Curtin

Had our last pre-season sessions before spring break. Registration numbers are down a little. Have been working directly with a state epidemiologist, Jayne Griffith, for a mask exemption. It may be moot after the outdoor guidelines are issued by the state. Looking to book extra competition outside of the state to get some additional games.

**Soccer** – Lori Wohletz (Craig Pluff read on her behalf)

Rec youth academy registrations are currently open. Total registrations have been good. Rec 626, youth academy 47, competitive 373. April camp registrations are open. Summer skills camps will tentatively open for registration in a week. Field schedules have been finalized with the City of Eagan. Working with Alicia Carr to coordinate Ultimate Frisbee field needs. Reviewing the Dome schedule for 2021-2022 season. Covid-19 guidelines and FAQs are on our website, and distributed to our membership every time there are updates to the guidelines.

**Softball Update** – Mike Mondelli

Done with travel softball registrations. Completed two tryouts, with no issues. Team formation went well. Most coaches have passed backgrounds. In-house registration is still open. Seeing a significant decline. Have the least registrations in the K and 1st grade area, which may be due to lack of EAA fliers going home in Friday folders in District 196. New parents who are being missed because they are not on an email distribution list. Softball board meeting on Sunday, will try to come up with some ideas. We already blasted FB and Instagram. Met with Jonathon, Paul and Tonya from City of Eagan to discuss field needs for the upcoming season. Starting to make plans to host two tournaments in June and July. All things looking good so far, still things are dependent on state guidelines. Made it all year without any significant outbreaks.

**Track Update** – Kathy Windels

Registration closed. 669 kids signed up. Planned for 680. All teams have been formed. T-shirts have been ordered. Working on COVID plan with EHS track coaches (they've gotten some guidance from MN State

HS League). Masks will be worn at all times except when racing. Coach list has been sent for compliance checks. Coach meeting will be held on Zoom.

#### **Ultimate Frisbee** – Alicia Carr

Late registrations are still open. High school numbers down and middle school numbers are up. Significantly more boys than girls registered for co-ed middle school. Hosted a free girls-only clinic 3/18/21. The high school teams have played on a non-regulation sized field. This year they'll potentially have 1 night/week to be on a regulation size field.

#### **Volleyball Update** – Beth Sagvold

Registration closed at the end of February. Numbers are about the same as 2019. Teams are formed. Schedules are 95% ready. T-shirts are ordered...only had to order 25% of what was needed because of last year's t-shirt supply. Season starts later this year and runs through early to mid May, depending on the age group. No spectators this spring season because of gym rules and space, unless the state changes their guidelines. An in-house tournament is challenged by gym time.

#### **Wrestling** – Erin Day

Season ended tonight. Able to get one dual meet with Rosemount. No issues due to COVID. Kids did well in masks. Everyone stayed healthy.

#### **Background Checks for EAA board members and Sport Board Members**

APS training needed for one board member. Member was given one week to take training. All compliance items needed for one sub-board member. Member will be removed from the sub-board until compliance is established.

#### **Executive Committee Update** –Trudy Kenney

- Bylaw proposed to add Sponsorship board position and remove At Large position through attrition.
  - Motion to approve was made by Josh Anderson and seconded by Greg Byrne. Motion carried. Remove one At-Large position through attrition.
  
- Dick's Sporting Goods gift cards –
  - Dick's Sporting Goods gift cards arrived and a code for the Dicks's equipment room. The Marketing Committee will determine how to disseminate the 25 cards. Last year they were used as thank you's. We had a few remaining \$50 gift cards with 12/31/20 expiration dates. Tina Wrucke purchased items with the remaining card and will send an itemized list of items purchased for sport boards to use as give-aways.
  
- Update from subcommittee on personally identifiable information
  - Subcommittee formed: Nathan Krahn, Cole Helgeson, Jeremy Doyle, Jacki Stolboerger and Rob Emerson. They will also address system level access provided to EAA volunteers and contract staff.

## **Finance Committee Update** – Megan Brewster (for Craig Pluff)

- **Finances** -

- At the last finance committee meeting on 3/8/21 the committee approved the soccer camp registrations for April through July and reviewed and approved the cross-country and football budgets for 2021. The board discussed a 18 month CD that matures on April 8th at Affinity Plus.

- **Dakota County Grant**

- Dakota County approved for \$15,000 for contractor salaries. The money will be earmarked for this purpose.

- **Food License Updates**

- The 2021 food license will allow 10 calendar dates to be shared across all programs. Baseball requested 3, basketball declined, lacrosse declined, softball declined and soccer uses food trucks. Baseball may request more licenses.

- **CD Renewal**

- The Finance Committee looked at rates at various Credit Unions and does not recommend locking in for a long term rate at this time. A motion to approve was made by Cole Helgeson and seconded by Kathy Wndels. The motion carried.

- **Fundraising Policy** - Eric Curtin

- Fundraising must comply with the IRS code and case law. We can't fundraise for individuals or have fundraising be targeted towards a specific team. It must go to the organization on a broader scale or towards a cause, such as a trip for a certain group. Participation in fundraising must also be voluntary.
- Motion to approve the fundraising motion was made by Eric Curtin and seconded by Cole Helgeson. The motion passed.

- **Photography Update** - Greg Byrne

- EAA has partnered with Sports Star Photography for 10+ years and recently completed a three year contact. Greg compared them with three other vendors and suggested that we sign a one year contract. The board also authorized him to engage with SSP to see if they'd lower the price of the memory mate in exchange for EAA foregoing a rebate.
- Motion to approve was made by Craig Pluff and seconded by Jason Oberhamer. Motion carried. Accept the contract as is or negotiate and see if we can get the parents' price down by waiving EAA's rebate.

- **Marketing and Technology Committee** (Cole Helgeson)

- Friday Folders are still on pause. An email option will be explored. EAA is allowed 3 per year and they're grouped by the sports in season.
- Locker Room in Eagan said to reach out to him for any jersey or uniform needs. If not already using him, reach out and he will price match.

### **Other/Open Air**

- March Agenda – dates to be corrected and emailed
- Investigation referenced by Amy Countryman. No supporting information provided.
- Donation request – Megan Brewster
  - Dakota United Floor Adaptive Floor Hockey asking for \$100. Last donated \$500 in 2019. Want to get t-shirts for kids in Inver Grove, Rosemount, Eagan, South St. Paul, Hastings (occasionally Farmington and Burnsville) communities. This program is for kids with disabilities. No donation budgeted in Admin fund. This would be a board specific request.
  - Motion to approve was made by Kathy Windels and seconded by Jacki Stalboerger. Motion carried. Approved \$100 donation to Dakota United Floor Adaptive Floor Hockey.

Meeting was adjourned by Trudy Kenney at 9:25pm.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Finance Committee–May 10th, 7pm Location TBD

Marketing/Technology Committee – May 13th

Next EAA Board Meeting – May 20 – 7pm location TBD