

Eagan Athletic Association - Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 24, 2019

President, Dave Grounds	X		Director of Basketball, Jackie Boldt Proxy, Clay Fandre	X
President-Elect, J.J. Kirby	X		Director of Cross Country, BJ Knight	X
Treasurer, Megan Brewster	X		Director of Football, Josh Anderson	X
Administrative Officer, Trudy Kenney	X		Director of Lacrosse, Leslie Defries	
Director of Facilities, Greg Byrne	X		Director of Soccer, Skip Newton	X
Director of Program Initiatives, Amanda Becker			Director of Softball, Jacki Stalboerger	X
At-Large, Dan Schulz	X		Director of Track, Kathy Windels	x
Administrative Assistant, Heather Lorentz	X		Director of Rugby, Eric Curtin Proxy, Mike Cass	X
Angie DeWitt, Financial Assistant			Director of Volleyball, Beth Sagvold	X
			Director of Wrestling, Lisa Jensen	X
			Director of Baseball, Jack Esser	X

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President, Dave Grounds

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the December 6, 2018 board meeting were reviewed by all present. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Trudy Kenney and seconded by Josh Anderson. Motion passed. Minutes can now be posted on the EAA website.

City of Eagan Update – Jonathan Moore, via Dave Grounds

From Paul Graham-Parks Maintenance:

Thresher- onsite pre-con meeting is set for this coming Monday. Equipment (poles, etc) show up soon after. Poles to be set in upcoming month, wiring and other work will be at later date this spring. Defer them to Paul Graham for updates. Keep in mind the underground electrical work, which is extensive, cannot begin until the ground thaws, last year that was late April.

Field Closures –

Quarry soccer/ballfield will be closed through the summer and hoping to open for fall '19.

Ohmann East Fields – Open for Fall '19 sports

If any outdoor sports have questions regarding the upcoming outdoor season feel free to contact Jonathan. Going to be setting up pre-season meetings here over the next 2 months with maintenance and sports schedulers/tourney directors (Wave tourney is meeting tomorrow at central maintenance to game plan the big Future Stars tourney).

Baseball Update – Jack Esser

Program numbers were up 13% last year, expanded 9U will ask some 8U to try out this year. In house had 550 kids and is trying to implement better training for coaches. Offered in house camp at cages last fall and 160 kids participated. Registration is open and parent night is scheduled for 2/5.

Challenge this year is to fill vacant business development position on the board that helped raised \$10,000 last year. This money helped fund the improvement of two fields behind Northview. Additional fields also need improvement.

Basketball Update – Clay Fandre

Boys and girls tournaments were on different weekends this year due to facility issues. Program made ~\$15,000 from the boys tournament in November. Girls tournament is January 26-27. This tournament is competing with several other area tournaments and saw lower number of registered teams. Considering a different weekend next year.

In House 4-6th program is working with Rosemount, Apple Valley and Farmington to create a Suburban Youth League. This helps alleviate gym space issues and increases competition for these teams. Will look to grow this program in the future.

The travel programs will have paid coaches next season for 7th and 8th grade to begin the transition of outside coaches and high school programs.

Cross Country – BJ Knight

Budget will be presented in March. Planning to offer summer running program again this year.

Implementing a race team this year where kids try out by running the mile and are placed on teams accordingly.

Met with EV coach to try to increase overall involvement. USA Track and Field has JO program that runs through November. Trying to figure out a way to do registrations and get a membership in USA Track and Field. Challenge there is the seasons all end at different times and how to bridge the gaps. Hoping to do a championship meet in October at the same time the middle schools are running theirs.

Football – Josh Anderson

Presenting budget in May. Budgeting to purchase new helmets and will run a deficit this year. Considering ways to make a gift to the high school program. Something that would be shared usage would be ideal. Noted that Ben Hanson is no longer with the high school program.

Lacrosse – Dave Grounds

Lacrosse clinic held in January with high attendance. Boys registration open and girls will open soon. All board members complied with EAA requirements.

Rugby – Mike Cass

Registration opened in January and are currently working on recruitment. Girls program is in a rebuilding year after graduating 12 out of 19 players. Will offer a K-8 camp this winter to help with recruiting.

Boys will be heading to Ireland over spring break. Greg Byrne pointed out EAA insurance does not cover players while there.

Soccer – Skip Newton

Spring registrations just opened and competitive teams have been practicing indoors. Still struggling with indoor space issues. Program is constrained by lack of indoor space and are at max capacity. Looking for ways to get more indoor space in Eagan.

Softball Update – Jacki Stalboerger

Registrations will open soon. Dome training is happening now through February and offering hitting and pitching clinics. Player of coach development is running the clinics, winter training, developing practice plans and helping with social media.

High school students are required to volunteer and are assisting with clinics and EAA basketball tournaments (concessions etc).

Parent meeting is 2/5.

Track Update – Kathy Windels

Registration opened January 1 and are ahead on registration numbers so far. Program filled the Merchandise Manager Position, but still have several board vacancies.

Volleyball Update – Beth Sagvold

Registrations are open for spring. Program serves boys and girls grades 3-12. Looking to establish a bigger boys program in Eagan as it is exploding in the Twin Cities area.

Still researching option to put better lines on the elementary gym floors.

Challenges are finding enough coaches for the program. Looking for ideas on how to get more volunteers. Considering paid coaches (travel program already has this) and reaching out to high school coach to see if players would be interested.

Wrestling – Lisa Jensen

Currently mid-season. Numbers are up this year for Session 2 and have outgrown their current space. Will add another night next year for practices. Number in PreK-K have increased and considering separating out the grade levels more next year to provide better leveled instruction.

Had to ask a paid coach to leave. What are the protocols for doing this for future issues? Will consult with Dave and Trudy for better understanding and clarification of policy.

Program will hold first official board meeting in February. Lisa is looking to transition out of the director role.

Facilities Update – Greg Byrne

First Aid Kits - Requesting spring sports take kits out of bags and put somewhere accessible in their respective storage areas for Greg to go through and restock. Let him know when ready to go through.

Shed – Last year EAA got bids on cost to build. High school decided it was too expensive. In October new baseball coach talked to Sandy Sutter and want to revisit it and want to know if EAA can help pay. They don't have money for it, so looking to see if can get a long term loan for their portion. Issue would be who would sign off on collateral on a such a loan. Sandy to walk through area with school district property representative and make a decision. Greg to meet with softball and baseball after the EAA meeting to see if interested in helping pay for a portion of the cost.

Administrative Officer Update – Trudy Kenney

Safe Sport Act Update – A few sport board members for spring submitted APS certificates that were obtained from an outside APS training (not EAA or SE). A decision was made to accept those certificates, but requires further review as it appears it may not be equivalent training. Mike Cass confirmed that he took and Safe Sport Act training through Rugby and it was not the same as what EAA requires. Trudy will look at this further.

Suggestion was made to have a coach list sharable with sport directors that they can view at any time to see updates on compliance.

PCA- Final seminar in our contract will be held on 2/25 at Blackhawk Middle School. Spring sport directors are encouraged to have their coaches attend.

Board Member Orientation – New this year, EAA will offer Board Member Orientation for newly elected board members of EAA and current members who would like an overview of EAA procedures. The first meeting was held prior to the EAA Board meeting January 24th. Looking to have one more meeting for those who could not attend.

Program Initiatives – Amanda Becker

- No update given.

Finance Committee Meeting Update – Megan Brewster

Soccer and baseball budgets were approved at the Finance meeting on January 14.

Megan presented the Admin Budget for 2019 and noted the following: \$10,813 rebate from Sport Star Photo came in as part of our contract with them, no online merchant fee this year due to participants paying the processing fees and projected net income of \$35,000.

Motion was made by Trudy Kenney to approve the 2019 Admin Budget and was seconded by BJ Knight. Motion carried.

Marketing & Technology Update – Trudy Kenney/Dave Grounds

Those not on the Finance Committee will be assigned to the Marketing Committee. Anyone currently on the finance committee who would like to switch to marketing let Dave know.

Executive Committee Update – Dave Grounds

No updates to report.

Other –

- Soccer program asked if required to use Sport Star Photo for photography at their tournaments and events. Skip will get more information on exactly what type of photos will be taken and connect with Greg to verify contract requirements.
- Sport Star Photo will provide one free banner to each sport and suggested sports reach out to take advantage of that perk. Contact: Bryan Holm at bryan@sportsstarphoto.com.

Upcoming Meetings

Finance Committee– March 11th, 7pm @ ECC - Boardroom

Marketing/Technology Committee – TBD

Next EAA Board Meeting – March 21st, 7:30pm @ Civic Arena, Mezzanine Room

Motion to adjourn was made by Skip Newton and seconded by Greg Byrne. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.