



The meeting was called to order by President Troy Tatting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2023.

### **Directors in Attendance**

1. Edie Anderson
2. John Berge
3. Jeremy Bly
4. Kellie Bunnell
5. Brian Gray
6. Mike Grunklee
7. Jen Johnson
8. Justin Johnson
9. Kevin Josephson
10. Kelly Larson
11. Craig Olson
12. Josh Redetzke
13. Emily Rusham
14. Troy Tatting
15. Jason Wicklund
16. Lakoda Will

### **Directors Absent**

1. Lizzie Forshee
2. Andy Meschke
3. Jeff Sprick

### **Guests in Attendance**

1. Amy Pazand, Potential Board Member

### **Meeting Minutes**

- Director Josephson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2023 meeting. Director Olson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

## **EAA Update**

- President Tatting had no update from EAA.

## **President Report**

- The mid-survey results received were generally positive.
- End of season surveys will be sent to both in-house and traveling families in mid-March once the state tournaments have finished.
- District 196 is having a referendum vote in May to construct new activity centers at each of the high schools. Directors Kelly Larson and Jeremy Bly volunteered to gather more information to determine how and if the board should encourage parents to support this referendum.
- The board decided to hold the March board meeting on Sunday, March 19th, 2023.
- Updates were provided about the second annual Eagan Wildcat Academy coming up in April. Former Director Tim Klaus has agreed to be commissioner of the Academy again. If any board members know of good potential speakers, please provide contact information to President Tatting. Director Johnson will reach out to potential sponsors for the Academy.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- All three programs are in a strong financial position as registrations have exceeded the budget and the tournament netted more than budgeted. If the Directors are aware of needs for equipment or investments at local elementary school gyms that hold practices, please let Treasurer Grunklee know.

## **Open Board Positions**

- Voting for open board positions will occur at the March 2023 board meeting. Please inform President Tatting if you are interested in changing roles for the next year. Potential Director Amy Pazand is interested in joining the Board.

## **New Business**

Varsity Coach updates:

- No high school coaches were available to attend the board meeting.

Director of Coaching and Player Development updates:

- The paid coaches are challenging to find and have had mixed success since the program started with paid coaches for the top 7th and 8th grade teams 4-5 years ago. Director

Tatting recommend this topic of paid coaches for the top boys and girls teams for 7th and 8th grade be tabled until the March meeting.

#### Equipment Update

- Director Redetzke purchased 60 new in-house equipment bags. The EBA logo and a bag number will be put onto each bag.
- The old uniforms have been sorted. Some have been kept and will be used for the spring teams to borrow. The remainder were donated to the DHMS middle school teams. DHMS coaches were very pleased to receive the uniforms.
- Equipment return dates will be determined and scheduled soon.

#### In House Update

- Director Rusham told the Board that the Little Hoopsters has gone very well. Many high school players have helped out on Saturdays with the Little Hoopster athletes.
- Director Anderson stated that 4th - 6th in-house is approximately halfway through the season. Director Anderson recommends that the season begin a few weeks earlier next year as other programs are starting their seasons earlier and some Eagan teams had very few practices before their first game.

#### Merchandise Update

- Shirts for the Wildcat Academy will be ordered soon.
- The Little Hoopsters shirts were well liked by the young athletes.

#### Fundraising/DIBS Update

- Director Johnson will provide the list of parents who haven't fulfilled their volunteer duties.
- The association will participate in the Eagan Fun Fest parade again this year. A decision will be made to determine if a 5K will be planned/coordinated.

#### Boys/Girls Coordinator Updates

- Director Olson asked for Directors to give feedback on the tournaments played this season.
- Directors Olson and Wicklund stated that once again Brainerd was a great weekend for Eagan basketball. Craguns is a well-liked resort for the families to stay at.
- Six of the twelve top teams in the Eagan Basketball Association qualified for the top tier at the state tournament!

#### Facilities Update

- No report provided.

#### Social Media Update

- Director Sprick did not attend the meeting.

#### Other Business

- None noted.

There was a motion to adjourn by Director Tatting. The motion was seconded by Director Redetzke. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.