

EVAA BASKETBALL BOARD
August 11, 2014



Present: Sunder Iver, Brad Carlson, Tom Hipple, Jill Peterson, Jason Priest, Jeff Plotnik, Jason Johnsen, Mark Schwanz, Andrea Theis, Danny Olsen, Steve Crenshaw, Nick Ehrman, Derek Bishop, May McKinney

Absent: Sabrina Freeman, Julie Hermann, Summer Ward, Lisa Spann

Guests: Melissa Loch – prospective board member

• **WELCOME, APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Meeting called to order at 6:20pm.
- Minutes from July 14, 2014 meeting - Approved

General/Important Dates Set (and subject to change)

- Traveling Registrations: Boys – hard deadline August 31, 2014; Girls – soft deadline August 31, 2014.
- Boys Tryouts grades 4-6 on Sept 6 and grades 5-6 on Sept 7, 2014 (*4th graders will have tryouts on one day 9/6 to accommodate annual Diamond Path trip*)
- Girls Tryouts grades 4-8 on Sept 13 and 14, 2014
- Boys Tryouts grades 7-8 on Sept 20 and 21, 2014
- Boys EVAA hosted tourney Nov 15 and 16, 2014
- Girls EVAA hosted tourney Feb 7 and 8, 2015

* **Summer to secure all appropriate gyms/facilities**

* **Tom to post additional details (time/location) on the EVAA traveling basketball website**

- Vote taken to approve Melissa Loch as new voting board member – approved.
- Discussion on Tryout Eligibility and Registration Cut Off Dates
 - Registration for Boys will have a hard cut-off date of August 31, 2014. Registration for Girls will have a soft cut-off date of August 31, 2014. Differences in practices relate to numbers of participants in both programs. All players participating in Tryouts that do not live in the EVAA attendance area or specifically in the City of Apple Valley will be required to first get a waiver from their home traveling basketball association and then a waiver from our EVAA traveling basketball (and potentially Big Board) association. Jill, Jeff and Steve to coordinate.
- **EVHS Boys Program Update – Danny Olsen**
 - Tentative date of November 21st set for potential EVHS/EVAA Boys Jamboree event for Boys program.
 - Discussed idea of having monthly clinics with Boys EVHS program in Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan and Feb. Danny to work with Jeff/Jason. EVHS gyms look to be available and will be secured by Danny.
- **BOYS Program Update – Jeff Plotnik /Jason Johnsen**
 - Jeff and Jason continuing to get ready for this upcoming season. Working on coach recruiting, tournament scheduling, relationship development with EVHS coaches, and relationships with various training providers.

- Jeff and Jason have secured 12 dates at MSOB for potential training for the fall. Jeff also working with getting 1 session per team with the Timberwolves Academy if possible. Board voted to allow increased cost for these specific Timberwolves Academy sessions.
- **Boys Tournament Update – Jason Priest**
 - Boys Tournament registrations have started to come in.
 - Jason to separately reach out to these associations to see if in future years they would be interested in the “no admissions” idea and to gauge interest.
 - Have confirmed tournament venues with Summer and feel that there is enough gym space to host successful tournament.
 - Will try to limit tournament to around 125 teams given volunteer issues
 - Will do some additional research on training services. Preference from Board is that for liability reasons we should try to provide staff at all locations. Jason feels we should either provide at all locations or none—not do the roving trainer approach as has been done in previous years. Decision to be finalized at later board meeting.
 - Will work with Jill Peterson on Tournament T-Shirt awards.
 - Tentative admission prices are \$6 adults, \$4 seniors and students
 - Not doing reciprocity with various associations as has been done in past.
- **GIRLS Program Update – Steve Crenshaw**
 - Tournament schedules nearly complete.
 - Have booked 110 hotel rooms for Rochester tournament in February 2015.
 - Have booked around 15 sessions with MSOB for the fall.
 - Working on coaches’ roster for upcoming season.
- **Girls Tournament Update – May McKinney**
 - Girls Tournament registrations have started to come in.
 - Will try to limit tournament to around 125 teams given volunteer issues and gym space this year.
 - Working with Summer (and Community Ed) regarding gym space that this year is not optimal in terms of number of locations (AVCC and other preferred sites not available for the date we picked). Need to understand since we typically have the same weekend every year.
 - Will wait to hear more from Jason and Board decision on trainers for Boys tournament to leverage for girls tournament in February.
- **Volunteers Update – Sabrina Freeman (absent)**
 - No Update
 - Jill to reach out to Sabrina to see if she is still interested in maintaining board position.
- **Concessions Update – Julie Hermann (absent)**
 - No update
- **In-House Basketball Update – Derek Bishop/Nick Ehrman**
 - Completed successful summer of open gym dates. Kudos to Summer for organizing space so quickly and thanks to volunteers who assisted in supervising open gym nights.
 - Working on referee captain issues given a recent resignation.

- Exploring possible sponsorship of In House Program by outside entity. Need to confirm there are no issues with this from Big Board or EVAA Basketball Board perspective.
- **Player Development – Andrea Theis (Boys) and Brad Carlson (Girls)**
 - 2014 Shot Club continuing—only 5-10 girls and 5 boys actively participating at present. EVHS Coach Goetz program in process as well.
 - Boys and Girls End of Summer Basketball Academy and Pre-Tryout Clinics at Eastview High School gyms (7 dates (4 boys and 3 girls) in mid-late August). Information has been emailed to distribution list and flyer has been posted to website.
- **Treasurer Update – Sunder Iyer**
 - Sunder has not yet received a purchasing card from Big Board.
 - Will work with Jill on new budget for next year that will need to be presented and approved by Big Board at their September 15th meeting.
- **Website Update – Tom Hipple**
 - Registrations continue.
 - Hard deadline for Boys Traveling registrations continues to be August 31, 2014. Soft deadline for Girls given numbers issues.
 - Working on other tweaks/updates to EVAA website as necessary.
- **Equipment Update – Lisa Spann (absent)**
 - No report
- **Logo Wear & Uniforms – [Jill Peterson]**
 - Reviewing logo wear vendors for upcoming season. If anyone has any vendors that need to be considered/researched please reach out to Jill.
- **Facilities Update – Summer Ward (absent)**
 - No report

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46pm

NEXT MEETING - Monday, September 9th at Apple Valley Community Center – starting time 6:15pm