

**EVAA BASKETBALL BOARD**  
**September 8, 2014**



**Present:** Sunder Iver, Brad Carlson, Jill Peterson, Jason Priest, Jeff Plotnik, Jason Johnsen, Mark Schwanz, Summer Ward, Andrea Theis, Steve Crenshaw, Derek Bishop, Julie Hermann, Lisa Spann, Melissa Loch, Danny Olsen

**Absent:** Sabrina Freeman, Tom Hipple, Nick Ehrman, May McKinney

**Guests:** Chris Whitfield – prospective board member

• **WELCOME, APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Meeting called to order at 6:18pm.
- Minutes from August 11, 2014 meeting - Approved

**General/Important Dates Set (and subject to change):**

- Boys Tryouts grades 4-6 on Sept 6 and grades 5-6 on Sept 7, 2014 (*4<sup>th</sup> 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
- Girls Coaches/Parent Meeting – Sept. 30, 2014
- Boys Coaches/Parent Meeting – Oct. 2, 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**

• **BOYS Program Update – Jeff Plotnik /Jason Johnsen**

- Tryouts for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades went well. Jeff and Jason learned a few things from the experience to assist with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts later in month.
- Some coaches interviews completed on Sun. Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. Have candidates for 8A and 8B paid coaches. Preference would be to have paid coaches if acceptable candidates can be found. Discussion by board to increase paid coaching fee by \$500 this year. Motion made by J. Priest, seconded by L. Spann. Approved.
- Continue to get ready for this upcoming season. Working on 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.

• **EVHS Boys Program Update – Danny Olsen**

- Boys BB Kick-Off Date to be Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 to 9:30pm at EVHS. Looking at creating a “Midnight Madness” atmosphere with shooting contests, some light scrimmaging and the like. May be able to obtain guest announcer for event. Possible donations by participants to bring to food shelves.

- Interested in arranging monthly clinics with Boys EVHS program in Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan and Feb. Danny to work with Summer for scheduling dates.
  
- **Boys Tournament Update – Jason Priest**
  - 64 teams registered thus far—not including EVAA teams. The cap is at 125 teams including EVAA. EVAA has 13 teams to bring.
  - 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
  - Trying to contact Twin City Orthopedics. 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 to do the roving trainer approach as has been done in previous years. Decision to be finalized at later board meeting.
  - Jill Peterson to talk with Shannon 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**
  - Preparing for tryouts on Sept. 13/14.
  - Have booked around 10 sessions with MSOB for the fall.
  - Working on coaches’ roster for upcoming season.
  - Arranging a Girls Coaches Clinic with players run by Asst. coach Danny Makepeace. Tentative date would be October 18<sup>th</sup> for grades 4-8. Clinic would allow players to get some work and have Coach Makepeace show coaches useful drills and practice plans.
  
- **Girls Tournament Update – May McKinney (absent)**
  - No update
  
- **Volunteers Update – Sabrina Freeman (absent)**
  - Emailed that she will be open to meet up with Jill for updates when she is back on 09/15/14.
  
- **Concessions Update – Julie Hermann**
  - Boys tournament on the horizon. Hoping for more concession volunteers this year. Interested in seeing volunteer efforts, etc.
  
- **In-House Basketball Update – Derek Bishop/Nick Ehrman**
  - Moving 3<sup>rd</sup> grade girls to winter session
  - Continue to advocate for more quality gym time from District Community Ed.
  - Looking at Jack Shaw as referee captain.
  - Would like to provide coach’s manuals this year at all grades to assist in skill development. Asked Danny Olsen if he had anything that could assist in this area.
  - Early discussions around a potential sponsorship for In House Basketball that could involve some dollars for uniforms, equipment, etc. Need to organize thoughts and come back to BB Board with recommendation. Need to make sure any sponsorship idea does not interfere with any Big Board initiatives.

- **Player Development – Andrea Theis (Boys) and Brad Carlson (Girls)**
  - 2014 Shot Club ends October 15<sup>th</sup> with all forms due to Brad by October 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Preparing 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Training Flyer to give to coaches during Coaches meetings in Sept./Oct.
  
- **Treasurer Update – Sunder Iyer**
  - Sunder 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 soon at an upcoming meeting.
  
- **Website Update – Tom Hipple (absent)**
  - 2013 traveling registrations were 199; we are at 192 for 2014. Girls' is still open until Thursday. Numerous last minute requests for scholarships, extension to register, etc. over the holiday weekend. I propose we close the Friday before next year.
  - In-house registration remains open. We have 85 set so far; 2013 had 399 overall, but that included advanced training and in-house separated; this year we have them combined.
  - Many end of summer website clean ups taken care of, but am always interested in another set of eyes to check out our pages when you have time to ensure we are 100% accurate.
  
- **Equipment Update – Lisa Spann**
  - Lisa preparing for season. Asked for all items that have been borrowed over the summer to be returned so bags can be filled for season. Requests made for blue dots, new basketball bags if possible, medical kits better stocked, etc.
  
- **Logo Wear & Uniforms – Melissa Loch/[Jill Peterson]**
  - Shannon to provide logo wear again this upcoming season.
  - Logo wear will be available at coach/player meetings and on website for ordering
  - Desire for Board shirts this year. Motion made by Steve C., approved by Lisa S., approved.
  
- **Facilities Update – Summer Ward**
  - Received preliminary list of gym time for fall/early winter season. Early look is less gym time than usual.
  - Successful in getting additional gym time on non-Wed./Fri. dates from other venues like Our Savior, ECC and Kennedy/Jefferson.
  - Will review Community Ed list in greater detail and respond to Board with any major issues. Need to coordinate and put in master schedule any dates/times already committed to with Minnesota School of BB, Timberwolves Academy or any other Program Director initiatives.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:52pm**

**NEXT MEETING - Monday, October 13th at Apple Valley Community Center – starting time 6:15pm**