

EVAA BASKETBALL BOARD
October 13, 2014



Present: Sunder Iyer, Brad Carlson, Jill Peterson, Jason Priest, Jeff Plotnik, Jason Johnsen, Amy Schwanz, Summer Ward, Andrea Theis, Julie Hermann, Sabrina Freeman, Tom Hipple, Nick Ehrman

Danny Olsen (EVHS Boys Liaison)

Absent: May McKinney, Steve Crenshaw, Derek Bishop, Lisa Spann, Melissa Loch, Chris Whitfield

Guests: – Shawna- prospective board member

• **WELCOME, APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Meeting called to order at 6:28pm.
- Minutes from September 8, 2014 meeting - Approved

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

- Girls EVAA Traveling Coach/Player Clinic – Oct 18
- Boys EVAA Traveling Coach/Player Clinic – Oct 25
- Boys EVAA hosted tourney Nov 15 and 16, 2014
- Boys EVHS/EVAA Travel and In-House Season Kick-off Event – Nov 21
- Girls EVAA hosted tourney Feb 7 and 8, 2015

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

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

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

- Following tryouts and the finalization of teams, Jeff discussed the need to tweak a few of the tournaments that EVAA is signed up for during the upcoming season.
- Will be working with Summer to finalize initial October to November practice schedule.
- Jeff and Jason to work with Summer to include two specific dates per team at MSOB for fall training sessions. One of those dates for each team has been secured already with Brian from MSOB--and the other set of dates need to be confirmed by Jeff/Jason. That will leave 3 EVAA-paid for dates for each team to schedule on their own.

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

- Boys Pre-Season Coach and Player Clinic scheduled for Saturday, October 25th. Will not be split up by grade; will mirror various types of practice schedules; work on drills that coaches can use with their respective teams.
- Boys BB Season Kick-Off Date to be Friday, November 21st – 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.
- Have four dates scheduled for In-House Clinics – November 1, 8, 15 and 22nd
- Interested in arranging additional monthly player clinics with Boys EVHS program in Dec, Jan and Feb.

- **Boys Tournament Update – Jason Priest**
 - 97 teams registered thus far—including 13 EVAA teams. The cap is at 125 teams including EVAA. Do not foresee any issues with filling out the schedules. Most of the age and levels have a nice, even number of teams thus far.
 - Have confirmed tournament venues with Summer and feel that there is enough gym space to host successful tournament.
 - Vote to hire certified athletic trainers for all tournament venues. Looking at Twin City Orthopedics and Medical Event Services.
 - Tournament T-Shirt awards designed and ordered.
 - Tourneyville starting to populate brackets
 - Referees have been secured with Jack Shaw
 - May or may not use FRMS, since we only have Sunday gym time there.
 - Going to work with Sabrina and Tom on getting DIBS ready for release to parents

- **GIRLS Program Update – Amy Schwanz**
 - Tryouts this year were challenging given the number of participants--and specifically post-team announcement movement by certain player families.
 - Discussion around original posted teams including several “combo-grade teams.” After teams were posted certain families opted out of the program which created cascading issues with other team formations. After discussion, motion made by Jason P. to vote on allowing the family that started the issue to be included on the new revised age-specific team—which now has 11 players. Seconded by Brad C. Votes in favor of allowing player to join team- 2; votes against allowing player to join team – 8; abstaining 3
 - Girls Coordinators to get MSOB information to Summer to schedule one session of fall training. Coaches will then have 4 remaining EVAA-paid for sessions to use themselves.
 - Girls Coaches Clinic scheduled for Saturday, October 18th and run by Asst. EVHS coach Danny Makepeace.

- **Girls Tournament Update – May McKinney (absent)**
 - May has some tournament checks to give Sunder when she sees him.

- **Volunteers Update – Sabrina Freeman**
 - Will work with Jason P. and Tom H. to get DIBS ready for Boys Tournament use.
 - Hope is that DIBS is functional starting November 1st.

- **Concessions Update – Julie Hermann**
 - Planning for Boys Tournament.
 - Need to tweak volunteer position descriptions as they relate to Friday night drop off and first Sat/Sun shifts set up—basically would like an earlier start time to get ready for each day. Need to get cell phone numbers for volunteers instead of home phones which are not helpful for concessions.

- **In-House Basketball Update – Nick Ehrman**
 - 400 kids signed up for In House basketball thus far.
 - Fall session will be K-3rd grade Boys--and K-2nd grade Girls
 - Season will begin Oct. 20th and run through Dec. 13th.

- In House Basketball uniforms expected to be sponsored by the Alan Anderson Foundation and expected to be Nike brand.
- **Facilities Update – Summer Ward**
 - Busy time trying to complete first Traveling practice schedules for October through end of November 2014.
 - Successful gym space negotiations for ECC, Our Savior, FRMS, SHMS, AVCC, and Bloomington Jefferson. Less successful negotiations at Bloomington Kennedy and various District 196 elementary schools. Lost significant number of courts from MN Sports Depot in Eagan.
 - Hope to have first schedules out in the next week or so.
- **Treasurer Update – Sunder Iyer**
 - Sunder has completed pilot test worksheet for status of payments for board members to refer to.
 - Sunder asked for vote to get money for upcoming tournament boxes. Motion passed.
 - Sunder received a purchasing card from Big Board.
 - Sunder receiving a number of troubling invoices for services and gym space from prior years. All board members need to do a better job of reconciling their various line item expenses and communicating outstanding payment issues to the Treasurer.
 - Will work with Jill on new budget for next year that will need to be presented and approved by Big Board at next week’s meeting.
- **Website Update – Tom Hipple**
 - Preparing for DIBS functionality with Jason P. and Sabrina F.
- **Equipment Update – Lisa Spann (absent)**
 - Lisa to send payment request to Sunder for initial team supplies.
- **Logo Wear & Uniforms – Melissa Loch/[Jill Peterson]**
 - First logo wear order from player meetings was successful. Another order will be gathered soon to be delivered around the holidays.
 - Board shirts to be collared with both men and women’s designs available.
 - Jill discussed whether board would be in favor of looking at new uniforms for next year (given our 2 year cycle is up) or waiting a year to re-evaluate. Discussion around the idea centered on the fact that there have not been a lot of complaints regarding current uniforms and that they are holding up reasonably well in general. Decision made to table idea for now and revisit at a later meeting.
- **Player Development – Andrea Theis (Boys) and Brad Carlson (Girls)**
 - 2014 Shot Club ends October 15th with all forms due to Brad by October 31st.
 - 3rd Party Training Flyers distributed at Boys and Girls coaches meetings in Sept./Oct.
 - Will start to reconcile use of EVAA-paid for sessions. Will need to be careful since a number of teams are paying for more sessions as a “team” with their own funds.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46pm

NEXT MEETING - Monday, November 10th at Apple Valley Community Center – starting time 6:15pm