

**EVAA BASKETBALL BOARD**  
**November 10, 2014**



Present: Sunder Iyer, Brad Carlson, Jill Peterson, Jason Priest, Jeff Plotnik, Jason Johnsen, Mark Schwanz, Julie Hermann, Tom Hipple, Nick Ehrman, May McKinney, Steve Crenshaw, Derek Bishop, Lisa Spann, Melissa Loch

Danny Olsen (EVHS Boys Liaison)

Absent: Chris Whitfield, Andrea Theis, Sabrina Freeman

Guests: – John Greven - prospective board member  
Marc Dannecker – EVAA Big Board President

- **WELCOME, APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - Meeting called to order at 6:10pm.
  - Minutes from October 13, 2014 meeting - Approved
  - Thanks to Jill and others for bringing food to the meeting!

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

- 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

\* **Facilities 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**
  - Season off to a good start.
  - Working on some follow up coaching issues and will report back to board at next meeting regarding same.
- **EVHS Boys Program Update – Danny Olsen**
  - Boys BB Season 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.
  - Working on arranging additional monthly player clinics with Boys EVHS program in Dec, Jan and Feb.
- **Boys Tournament Update – Jason Priest**
  - 124 teams registered including 13 EVAA teams. Will be a blind draw in most age groups.
  - Certified athletic trainers for all tournament venues. Was able to secure these services at very low rate. Tourneyville starting to populate brackets
  - Tournament T-Shirt awards ready.
  - Referees have been secured with Jack Shaw
  - DIBS open for volunteer sign up.

- **Concessions Update – Julie Hermann**
  - Planning for Boys Tournament. Will pick up ovens Friday morning.
  - Subway, Dominos and Dunn Bros. ready to supply concessions.
  - Will put more signage up to direct fans to concession booths.
  - 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.
  
- **Website Update – Tom Hipple**
  - Preparing for DIBS functionality with Jason P. and Sabrina F.
  
- **GIRLS Program Update – Steve Crenshaw/Mark Schwanz**
  - Tryouts this year were challenging given the low number of participants--and specifically post-team announcement movement by certain player families.
  - Steve updated board on the situation with a player that decided to not stay committed to EVAA traveling and then caused a cascading effect on a number of the teams. Will continue to monitor situation to see if teams are stable.
  - Will follow up with various coaching issues to ensure each grade is making good progress with the early part of the season.
  
- **EVAA Matters – Marc Dannecker**
  - Marc discussed a recent sensitive matter with the basketball board regarding Board positions.
  - Marc thanked the board for our commitment to the program and will be available to us as we work through any transition issues.
  - Marc hopes also for Pat Martin to secure more gym space for EVAA in the weeks/months ahead.
  
- **In-House Basketball Update – Derek Bishop/Nick Ehrman**
  - Started late fall season.
  - 430 kids signed up for In House basketball. 120 in Skills sessions
  - Partnering with WOTN for certain training sessions.
  - Fall session will be K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Boys--and K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Girls
  - Season will begin Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> and will run through Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - In House Basketball uniforms expected to be sponsored by the Alan Anderson Foundation and expected to be Nike brand.
  - Continue to work on referee issues and have a referee coordinator identified that used to work in South Suburban Conference.
  - Working on coordinating Pizza Nights with high school teams.
  
- **Facilities Update – John Greven**
  - Motion made by Tom H. to have John Greven be voted back onto the board and step in as new Facilities Director. Seconded by Sunder I. Motion approved.
  - John to get up to speed quickly on scheduling issues/concerns and will have a medium term schedule out to coaches here soon.

- **Treasurer Update – Sunder Iyer**
  - Sunder sent to Board a cash forecast for the year.
  - Set with tournament checks from participating associations.
  - Sunder received a purchasing card from Big Board. Hope to use for certain boys tournament expenses.
  
- **Girls Tournament Update – May McKinney**
  - May continuing to make progress on Girls tournament issues.
  - Given low number of courts, may consider a 1 day tournament option.
  - Have secured 90 teams (including 7 EVAA teams) and have 38 on waiting list.
  - Volunteered to assist Boys Tournament in a number of ways.
  
- **Volunteers Update – Sabrina Freeman (absent)**
  - DIBS
  
- **Equipment Update – Lisa Spann**
  - Will secure basketballs for Shot Club winners
  - Will work with coaches on any other equipment needs as season begins.
  
- **Logo Wear & Uniforms – Melissa Loch/[Jill Peterson]**
  - A second logo wear order will be gathered soon to be delivered around the holidays.
  - Board shirts ready for pickup at Jill's house.
  
- **Player Development – Andrea Theis (Boys) and Brad Carlson (Girls)**
  - 2014 Shot Club ended October 15<sup>th</sup> and all forms were due to Brad by October 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Training Flyers distributed at Boys and Girls coaches meetings in Sept./Oct. Coaches have begun to use their EVAA paid for sessions. Brad to track, reconcile and submit to Sunder for payment.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm**

**NEXT MEETING - Monday, December 8th at Apple Valley Community Center – starting time 6:15pm**