

EVAA BASKETBALL BOARD
January 12, 2015



Present: Sunder Iyer, Brad Carlson, May McKinney, Steve Crenshaw, Melissa Loch, Jeff Plotnik, Mark Schwanz, Julie Hermann, Nick Ehrman, Derek Bishop, Lisa Spann, Andrea Theis

Absent: Chris Whitfield, Sabrina Freeman, Tom Hipple, Jill Peterson, Jason Priest, Jason Johnsen, John Greven

• **WELCOME, APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Meeting called to order at 6:16pm.
- Minutes from December 8, 2014 meeting - Approved

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

- Girls EVAA hosted tourney Feb 7 and 8, 2015
- Boys Shot Club recognition - Thursday, January 15th
- Girls Shot Club recognition - Friday, January 23rd

• **BOYS Program Update – Jeff Plotnik**

- Will send out additional communication regarding Rochester hotel options to teams
- Will send out additional communication regarding State Tournament registration process to coaches.
- Boys Pizza Party for 4th through 6th grades coming up soon.

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

- Not available to attend

• **Boys Tournament Update – Jason Priest**

- No update

• **GIRLS Program Update – Steve Crenshaw/Mark Schwanz**

- Need to regroup with Jay Schlosser from Girls Booster Club to verify girls' team announcement schedule for high school games.
- St. Thomas cancelled their holiday tournament this year. Unable to find any replacement tourney given time constraints. Will get refunds back to teams as appropriate.
- Wayzata Tournament was weekend of Jan 9/10 – mixed results, many teams still getting the rust off.
- Steve Crenshaw requested training sessions used to date so he could touch base with coaches for reminder.
- Pizza night is scheduled for 1/23 and several of the board members at tonight's meeting will be in attendance for the event. Steve Crenshaw will be ordering the pizza.

• **Girls Tournament Update – May McKinney**

- Late issue with teams. 28 teams have asked for refunds from our tournament. Discussion suggests that Edina that has a tournament the same weekend as ours this year is reaching

out to our teams and trying to poach them away. Steve to evaluate responses to this. May will continue to adjust/plan tournament accordingly.

- T-shirts will be given as awards for girls tourney – no trophies
 - Will be using 4 facilities only given reduced number of teams
 - Working with Tom H. and Sabrina F. on getting DIBS ready for volunteer sign up.
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- **Volunteers Update – Sabrina Freeman**
 - No update
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- **Concessions Update – Julie Hermann**
 - Preparing for Girls tournament
 - Will adjust concessions as needed for fewer venues and teams
 - EVAA Lightning Touchdown Booster Club contacted Julie to see if they could collaborate on some concession matters.
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- **In-House Basketball Update – Derek Bishop/Nick Ehrman**
 - There are 180 kids registered/playing here post holidays.
 - Rosemount has decided to pull some of their teams from playing in the league.
 - Refs should be in place for upcoming season starting - Derek Bishop has been in touch with Jacqueline Peterson to secure referees and hopes to have that completed in time.
 - There are 60 players registered for the In-House clinic.
 - There continues to be some space issues. More so now than in the fall. Diamond Path is the location that has been crammed with teams and games/practices.
 - There was some discussion about presenting a "Play For Patrick" in-house jersey for the Schoonover family. It was mentioned that inviting the family to the championship tournament for the 5th grade may be the appropriate step.
 - Check did arrive from uniform sponsor the Alan Anderson Foundation.
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- **Special Issue with 4th Grade Boys Blue Team– Jeff Plotnik/Derek Bishop**
 - It has come to light that there have been some issues with 4th Grade Boys Blue Team and their coaching situation.
 - Evidently, certain parents of team have tried to organize a mid-season coaching change without going through the proper EVAA Basketball Board rules.
 - Additional Items related to this Issue tabled until next board meeting for discussion:
 - i. It should be noted somewhere that for future planning for the 4th grade boys level, EVAA should not have more than one team. The challenge is with the skill-set at this age/level and having these kids compete at various B or C tournaments and the lack of both (at the 4th grade level). A focus must be made for our in-house program to work on and develop the fundamentals (i.e., dribbling, ball-handling, position awareness, defensive skills, etc.) and providing a larger platform for the boys at that grade to grow into travelling BB.
 - ii. How to address the issue of inexperienced coaches and/or underdeveloped player.
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- **Facilities Update – John Greven**

- No update
- **Treasurer Update – Sunder Iyer**
 - EVAA BB budget was approved at the 12/15/14 Big Board meeting.
 - Preparing for the Girls Tournament which is coming up on 2/7 & 2/8. Sites need to have money to start the tournament. A motion was made for the approval/request for \$8,000 from the budget for the Girls Tournament to be used for the four tournament sites. 2nd made by Lock. Motion approved.
 - May handed Sunder checks to deposit from girls tournament thus far.
- **Website Update – Tom Hipple**
 - No update
 - Andrea to talk with Tom about taking down the team rosters from the EVAA site as requested from a few of the board members.
- **Equipment Update – Lisa Spann**
 - New basketballs for in-house program have been delivered.
- **Logo Wear & Uniforms – Melissa Loch/[Jill Peterson]**
 - A postcard was distributed for an upcoming event for the EV Community Foundation. The EVAA Basketball program will have a basket of a few logo wear items for donation/silent auction items.
 - In-house Logo wear orders have been made--as well as other special seasonal items.
 - Board shirts will be ordered again for those who did not receive them.
 - A roster of current players for travelling and in-house will be sent over to Melissa so families can be contacted for the items to be picked up when ready
 - Uniforms for the girls need to be put into the budget for approval for next year
- **Player Development – Andrea Theis (Boys) and Brad Carlson (Girls)**
 - Shot Club winners will be recognized at upcoming EVHS varsity home games. Boys shot club winners will be recognized at the Boys game on 1/15--and the Girls shot club winners recognized at the Girls game on 1/23. It is also pizza night for the girls on 1/23.
 - Most of the teams have been utilizing the sessions at the respective outside training facilities/options. Brad Carlson has a record on file with the teams/coaches who have secured these sessions for their teams and is reconciling invoices to ensure payments are made.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm

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