

EVAA BASKETBALL BOARD
March 9, 2015



Present: Sunder Iyer, Jill Peterson, Jason Priest, Jeff Plotnik, Jason Johnsen, Mark Schwanz, Amy Schwanz, John Greven, Andrea Theis, Nick Ehrman, Steve Crenshaw, Derek Bishop, and Melissa Loch

Absent: Brad Carlson, Sabrina Freeman May McKinney, Lisa Spann, and Julie Herman

- **WELCOME, APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Meeting called to order at 6:15pm.
- Minutes from February 2015 meeting - Approved

- **Facilities Update – John Greven**

- John gave a quick update about the boy's teams successes in Rochester – having more division of brackets (B+, B) was helpful in getting their teams in the appropriate brackets.
- John explained that facilities/scheduling is wrapping up for the season.
- John indicated that he has received emails from facilities asking “why didn't you show up?” when in actuality we did not have it on our list. This prompted further discussion about double-booking at ECC; there were multiple situations in which another program had the same court/time booked for a practice as EVAA and also situations in which we had practice times scheduled on a weekend when the facility was being used for a tournament.
- John recommended that the board use an app for scheduling. Others noted that there are several possible apps that are not very expensive (~\$100) that would make scheduling team practices much easier.
- Steve Crenshaw reminded the board that he was happy to take over the Facilities/Scheduling position and become assistant Girls Traveling Coordinator.
- John also mentioned that John Thompson, former Gopher basketball player is now a very inspiring public speaker and he may be willing to speak to our teams. John recommended that coaches and/or the board consider hiring him.

- **Boys Tournament Update – Jason Priest**

- Jason updated board on potential issue for next year's boys tournament – in that Burnsville boys tournament has moved their date to the same weekend as our tournament. He recommends that we confirm our sites immediately, so we don't lose them to the Burnsville tournament.
- Jason indicated that he will have everything ready regarding the tournament to pass along to new Boys Tournament Coordinator.

- **In-House Basketball Update – Derek Bishop/Nick Ehrman**

- Nick updated board on an issue during the end-of-season boys tournament; the game rules were different for the tournament as compared to the season (could not foul out during regular season vs. could foul out during tournament). This became an issue as there are some less physical teams vs. very physical teams. Some parents and coaches were upset. Further discussion on how to rectify this in the future will happen before next season begins.

- The program provided referee training which was very helpful for the program.
- Nick reported to board that overall it was a great season- the numbers were very good.
- **BOYS Program Update – Jeff Plotnik /Jason Johnsen**
 - Jason updated board on Rochester tournament success (one team placed 1st, 2 placed 2nd, and 3 placed 3rd) and that the State Tournament seeding looked pretty good.
 - Jason and Jeff plan to provide coaches with a Player Evaluation form.
 - Jason reminded board of the Timberwolves tickets available for the following week.
 - Jason also mentioned that they are discussing the possibility of having a second 4th grade team next year. There are pros/cons to having 2 teams at the 4th grade level. They will continue to discuss.
 - Boys program has reserved 12 open gym times for 4th-8th graders over the summer
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- **Girls Tournament Update – No update. May McKinney absent**
- **Volunteers Update – No update. Sabrina Freeman absent**
- **Concessions Update – No update. Julie Hermann absent.**
- **Website Update – No update. Tom Hipple absent.**
- **GIRLS Program Update – Steve Crenshaw/Mark & Amy Schwanz**
 - Steve updated board on Rochester girls tournament – it is getting very big causing difficulty getting hotel rooms for teams, poor game times (very late on Sat and very early on Sunday for young girls), and poor refereeing. We should consider a different overnight tournament.
 - Steve updated board on the successful team results at the state tournament. Two teams (4th and 8th A teams won championships), 7th grade A took 3rd place, etc.
- **Treasurer Update – Sunder Iyer**
 - Sunder updated the board that he is all caught up with checks. However, he does need to verify which volunteer checks should be cashed. May will provide a spreadsheet to show who's checks are to be cashed.
 - Sunder explained that he not received invoices from District 196 for February yet, or an invoice from TourneyVille.
 - Sunder explained that he needs to pay Ron and McKenzie for coaching.
- **Equipment Update– No update. Lisa Spann absent.**
- **Logo Wear & Uniforms – Melissa Loch/[Jill Peterson]**
 - Melissa reminded board that the uniform and equipment turn-in is coming up.
 - Melissa requested that the board donate something to be auctioned at the Diamond Path Family Fun Fest. Board discussion was held around this topic, including the logistics of making a donation work. Sunder explained that a code would be needed from Kristen Danneker for someone to get a discount on registration.
 - Andrea motioned to approve a *\$50 Off EVAA Basketball Registration* donation to Diamond Path. Motion approved.

- Steve requested that board consider purchasing new uniforms for the girls program. The uniforms that the girls are currently wearing are a boys cut, and have been worn for quite a few years. Board discussion was held – most individuals agree that we should look at possible suppliers and cost and then make a decision. Melissa will research and bring cost estimates to next meeting.
- **Player Development – Andrea Theis (Boys) and Brad Carlson (Girls)**
 - Andrea updated board that most teams have used their training sessions
- **Board Positions– Jill Peterson**
 - Jill requested feedback on the Board Member Recruitment letter she had sent earlier in the day. Several individuals provided feedback on length and need for clarity on which positions are open and the job description of those positions. It was agreed that we need to formalize written job descriptions and make them available on our website.
 - Amy offered to review letter and provide feedback/comments, and revise the letter.
 - Jill opened up for discussion the potential of having Danny Olson’s EVHA Boy’s Program Liaison position be a voting board “at large” position. Board discussion was held – with pros/cons of having the position be a voting member; biggest topic was if we are voting for Danny or the position, so if/when Danny leaves, will we need to find another person to fill the spot.
 - Jason moved to add Danny Olson as a board member at large, with voting privileges. Motion approved. This position will be re voted if Danny leaves and is replaced.
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Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm

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