

EVAA Basketball Board

July 13, 2015

Members Present: Jeff Plotnik, Jason Johnsen, Mark Schwanz, Amy Schwanz, Melissa Loch, Chad Szumylo, Anuj Kohli, Sunder Iyer, Julie Hermann, Derek Bishop

Members Absent: Jill Peterson, Cristie Martin, Nick Ehrman, May McKinney, Steve Crenshaw, Chris Whitfield, Lisa Spann, Andrew Krull, Danny Olsen, Ian Kough

Guests: Ivan Kronkvist

- **Welcome**
 - Meeting called to order at 6:15 by Jeff Plotnik
 - June meeting minutes were not voted on due to lack of Board quorum. Need to vote at August meeting.

- **Boys Program Update- Jeff Plotnik and Jason Johnson**
 - Open Gyms are going well, with excellent attendance (20-25/night).
 - Danny has secured gym space for tryouts
 - They continue to search for 8th grade coaches.
 - Boy's Tournament Date is set: November 14-15, 2015
 - They will be staggering teams at tournaments so that all of the teams are not playing on the same weekends – this will allow for teams to utilize gym space that is available on Saturdays for practice.

- **EVHS Boys Program Update – Danny Olsen**
 - Danny not in attendance. No update.

- **Concessions – Julie Hermann**
 - Ivan Kronkvist agreed to take over the position; with Julie agreeing to function as resource/mentor this year. There is not a Board quorum, so he cannot officially be voted on. Need to vote at the August meeting.

- **Boys Tournament Director – Andrew Krull**
 - Andrew not in attendance.
 - Jeff noted that the tournament flyers were due last week to get into MYAS Tournament Book. We can pay a late fee and still get in the program; Jeff will contact Andrew. All agreed that we should make every effort to get into the MYAS book.
 - Discussion was held regarding team fee for our tournament.

- **Girls Program Director – Mark & Amy Schwanz**
 - Mark explained that we are having good turnout at Open Gyms and he is happy with the training being provided by Danny Makepeace.
 - Ron Becker has confirmed that he will coach the Girls 8th Grade “A” team again this season.
 - Mark and Amy have reached out to Molly Kaspir and will be meeting with her later in July.
 - Girls Tournament date is finalized: January 30-31, 2016.
 - Boys & Girls PD's agreed to reserve one night/week at MSOB through the season to be shared by the two programs. Board discussed the best day of the week and also time slots- no

particular day of the week is better than another, however, we would like to avoid a 9:00 time slot. Jason will contact MSOB to reserve the day and time for EV. Then this information will be forwarded to Steve, so that he can use these gym spaces in overall scheduling – the MSOB gym time will be evenly dispersed amongst the teams.

- Each team will be allotted 5 training sessions as in the past; however, this year, several of those will be used at MSOB on this reserved EVAA night at MSOB (and scheduled by Steve). The additional sessions (to equal 5) can be scheduled by each coach for their own team.
- As with the Boy's Program, the girls program will be staggering teams at tournaments so that all of the teams are not playing on the same weekends to allow for teams to utilize gym space that is available on Saturdays for practice.

- **Girls Tournament Update – May McKinney**

- May not in attendance
- As indicated in June Meeting Minutes, this position remains open. Is May's intention to continue this role through the upcoming season?
- As Jeff noted, the tournament flyers were due last week to get into MYAS Tournament Book. We can pay a late fee and still get in the program; Amy & Mark will contact May to determine status of our tournament flyer. All agreed that we should make every effort to get into the MYAS book. Amy will contact

- **Open Topic: Open Positions/Recruiting- All**

- Discussion was held regarding which positions remain open and how best to fill them. Members agreed that it would be great to have 2 individuals representing each position – that would help to improve communication at meetings (as likely one of two people from each role would be able to attend).
- Both Jeff and Amy had previously written recruiting letters, but neither was sent out to program. Amy will revise letter to clearly indicate which positions are currently open. Then Amy and Jeff will send out to both Boys and Girls programs. Current positions include: Girls Tournament Coordinator, Volunteers, In-House fall & winter coordinator. We could also include back-up/assistants for other positions to allow for smooth transition next year; these positions include President, and Facilities/Scheduling (assuming Steve may not continue after his daughter is through the program),
 - For the In-House positions, the letter should be sent to the families of the In-House program. Amy will also send recruiting letter to Derek for distribution to In-House families.

- **Logo Wear & Uniforms – Melissa Loch**

- Melissa not in attendance, however, she provided an update via email prior to meeting:
 - Melissa has been working with Shannon at BSN on girls uniforms; she is hoping to have a design or two to vote on at August's meeting. I also have a quote and design for practice jerseys from BSN (Shannon) but want to get another quote from Lisa's friend who is in the business also.
 - Board agreed that Melissa has the authority to decide on font and other design considerations for the uniforms, without an official vote from the Board.
 - Melissa is reviewing the Logowear purchases from last season and considering minimizing the number of options. Melissa is looking for Board input on items, designs,

headbands for girls, etc. She will be looking for input at the next meeting. Her goal is to have samples at the parent nights. She inquired if there were dates already scheduled for Parent's Night? We need to determine if the Parent/Player meetings have been scheduled.

- **Equipment – Lisa Spann**

- Lisa not in attendance. No update.

- **Player Development – Chad Szumylo**

- Chad continues to receive Shot Club forms, and he is also beginning to receive pre-try out clinic registrations.
- Chad spoke with Brad Carlson who has talked to new EVGGB Coach Molly Kaspir, who confirmed her availability for the pre-try out clinics.

- **Website Development – Cristie Martin**

- Cristie not in attendance. No update.

- **Volunteers Update – OPEN**

- Discussion was held on what exactly this position entails. Julie explained that it was to organize the DIBS volunteers for the tournaments.
- This position needs to be included in recruiting letter.

- **Treasurer Update – Sunder Iyer/Anuj Kohli**

- Anuj reviewed the Treasurer's Report.
- Anuj asked about why the duplication of efforts between Basketball Board and EVAA "big" board regarding financing. He will contact Treasurer for EVAA big board.

- **Facilities Update – Steve Crenshaw**

- Steve not in attendance, however, he provided an update via email prior to meeting:
 - Steve has spoken to ECC, AVCC, Farmington Schools, Lakeville Schools, Rosemount Community Center and even checked on Inver Grove Heights Community Center. Allocations have not been distributed at this time. Most don't even distribute gym time until September at the earliest. Additionally, Pat Martin doesn't look at allocations until September.
 - Pat Martin confirmed that we have gyms for the boys tournament, but has not responded regarding the girls tournament.
 - Steve will soon be contacting churches that we have used in the past, and Bloomington Kennedy. He hopes to avoid using Bloomington Jefferson and to limit gym time at Kennedy, if at all possible.
- It was noted that another organization may have already booked Lutheran Church of Our Savior, and so it is recommended that Steve contact them ASAP and reserve as much gym time as possible.

- Jason noted that his wife, Melanie may be interested in the scheduling/facilities position. He will verify her interest and she will come to next meeting if interested – she could be back-up scheduler.
- Anuj suggested that we look into using gym space at LA Fitness in Apple Valley – they have gyms that seem to be rarely used.
- **In-House Basketball Update – Derek Bishop & Nick Ehrman**
 - Derek explained the logistics of the In-House program (the two seasons: fall & winter), and the amount of work required to run both seasons. He explained how other community programs have multiple In-House Coordinators. Derek is interested in the President position, but also does not want to leave the In-house program in a bad position.
 - Board discussed that having multiple In-House Coordinators should be our goal. Board members were in favor of having Derek begin transitioning into the President position, as we transition new In-House Coordinators (once recruited) into that role. The President back-up/assistant position would require Board vote at a future meeting.
- **Open Topic: Eligibility / Attendance Area Rules**
 - Jeff brought up this topic for discussion as we will have a family coming to the Board to address the board with the question at an upcoming meeting. We need to determine exactly who will be allowed to play in the EV Basketball program – kids in EV feeder schools, kids who live in Apple Valley, etc.
 - Board discussed the topic, but no solid final rule was developed. Jeff asked that we draft strict language around who is eligible, while allowing Board to make exceptions. Jeff asked that members draft proposed language for discussion/vote at next meeting.
- **Open Topic: Coach Development Position**
 - Amy inquired as to the status of this position- it was previously approved, but do we have candidates and what would the hiring process be. Jeff confirmed that we have not interviewed anyone yet, and that it would be responsibility of Board to interview and hire, as this is a paid position.
 - The position was again described for the newer members: a paid position to provide ‘coach development’ and act as a liaison between parents and coaches.
 - Jason expressed his interest in the position and described his vast coaching experience (at a variety of levels), his experience in education, and his love of the game of basketball. Jason described his vision of the position – being present at practices to assist coaches with connecting to players, and developing core skills, etc. Additionally, functioning as the first point-of-contact for parents when they feel there is an issue with a coach.
 - Hiring for this position should be discussed at August meeting, with a goal of getting the position filled before season begins.

*****Next meeting – Monday, August 13th at 6:15 at AVCC