

Eagan Athletic Association - Board Meeting Minutes			
Thursday, May 29, 2025, 6:30 p.m.			
Eagan City Hall, Eagan Room			
President, Aaron Reykdal	X	Director of Basketball, Emily Rusham Proxy: Kevin Norris	X
Vice President, Dan Sagstetter	X	Director of Cross Country, Ben Weidenfeld	X
Treasurer, Megan Brewster	X	Director of Football, Chris Thole Proxy: Tricia Burbach	X
Administrative Officer, Katie Bailey	X	Director of Lacrosse, Jason Oberhamer Proxy: Shannon Braun	X
Director of Business Development, Nick McCallum		Director of Soccer, Mike Langley	
Director of Facilities, Todd Wrucke	X	Director of Softball, Chris Parnell	X
Director of Program Initiatives, OPEN		Director of Track, Sara Delgado	X
Director of Marketing, Elizabeth Kmety	X	Director of Rugby, Eric Curtin	
Director of Sport Programs, OPEN		Director of Volleyball, Sara Sykora	X
Director of Web Strategy & Support, Mike Peterson	X	Director of Wrestling, Katie Rowekamp	X
At-Large, Josh Estes		Director of Baseball, Eric Kraushar	
At-Large, Matt Shands		Director of Ultimate Frisbee, Alicia Carr	X
Financial Assistant, Briana Klaus		Guest: Mike Ramirez, City of Eagan	X
Business Interface Rep, Heather Lorentz	X		
Administrative Assistant, Erikka Anderson		Public Attendees: none	

Meeting Minutes – Thursday, May 29, 2025

X – indicates attendance

Meeting was called to order by Aaron Reykdal at 6:33 p.m.

City of Eagan Update – Mike Ramirez

- Fall sports start thinking about field requests and submitting those to Mike.
- Stay tuned to the City weather line and they do their best to get calls out to directors for weather related field updates.
 - If you have to reschedule games, please denote dates/times and the Google Doc and send those dates to Mike and Paul.
- Continued discussion on the Park & Rec Master Plan.
- Please send any questions and vendors/selections to Sara for the Food Truck Festival as soon as you have those confirmed.
- EHS has rekeyed their locks on sheds on the school fields, specifically JV field sheds. Working on getting access.
- City is asking users to take ownership of fields looking good after use, put things back in the green boxes etc.
- Noted that Bridle Ridge has a large number of dandelions, making it hard to play soccer there. Mike stated once school is out, they will have more help to get the fields sprayed for weeds.

Administrative Business:

- March 2025 EAA Board meeting minutes
 - Dan Sagstetter motioned to approve the March 20, 2025 meeting minutes and Todd Wrucke seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The minutes will be posted on the EAA website.

Committee Updates:

- Finance Committee — Megan Brewster
 - Basketball budgets were approved at the May finance meeting.
- Marketing & Technology Committee — Elizabeth Kmety
 - Marketing Committee meeting recap
 - Committee will do advertising in all three ISD 196 ads, 2 full page and one half page. Sent out a proposed design to the committee today.
 - Kaitlyn's Kloset – EAA will not participate this year, but sports can on their own.
 - Working on writing up a job description for an EAA rep to handle events and will submit to the board for approval.
 - TCO Movie Night
 - Sara Sykora –TCO stadium hosts movies night on Wednesday evenings during the summer. Vikings have offered July 2nd to EAA to have a booth. This is free for EAA. Need to finalize how to promote, what EAA has already for booth items and if want to offer a gift card drawing via QR code similar to other events. During fun fest in July they have bands on July 5th is offering EAA space at TCO stadium for that as well. Need to let Vikings know by June 13th for the July 2nd movie night.
 - Sara will send out email to recruit volunteers.
 - Photography – Mike Peterson
 - Working on taking photos all EAA events. So far, have photos of rugby boys and girls. Other Sport Directors should let Mike know

a couple of dates to show up and take photos and will let them pick out favorites to use for marketing and website.

- Thomas Lake Elementary Booth – could not find volunteers so will not participate.
- Executive Committee — Aaron Reykdal, Dan Sagstetter, Katie Bailey
 - Food Truck Festival Committee – Aaron
 - Elizabeth created a master Project Tracker which will be sent out to directors.
 - Liquor license, waivers and vendor outreach are complete. Vendors include: Bald Man, Spiral Brewing and College City. Did not hear back from North 20.
 - EAA will have three square readers available for the event. There is a processing fee of 3%. Baseball indicated spotty service at NV fields when they used them recently.
 - Please submit volunteer names to Katie and reach out for resources on how to recruit volunteers.
 - Ben asked if could put this volunteer option in the Cross Country registration and board did not see any issues with that.
 - Pricing is not set, waiting on final cost from vendors to calculate what the selling price will be.
 - Open Soccer Director Position – Katie
 - Waiting on the names and emails in order to move forward in the vetting process.
 - Dir. Of Business Development – has not been to a meeting since September 2024. Dan attempts made to reach out via phone, email, text and no response to any attempts.
 - Motion to remove Nick McCallum as Director of Business Development effective immediately was made by Katie Bailey and was seconded by Dan Sagstetter. Motion carried. Dan will monitor that email account for now.
 - At Large – Will reach out to Josh Estes to see if is still interested. Has not been attending meetings.
 - City of Eagan and District Fields Capital Plan - Dan
 - City of Eagan is redoing their master Parks and Rec plan.
 - This is done every 10 years and is currently underway.
 - EAA uses roughly 25% of City spaces.
 - Dan will share City presentation with the board.
 - The primary way to receive feedback is through a general survey, and interactive map with more specific and granular feedback at every location.
 - Dan will send out that link. Please share it with your parents/coaches.
 - EAA will have a coordinated response, but parents are entitled to have their own opinions.
 - Would like to get an idea of what the issues are and then give those to Todd to do the ongoing followup so Dan can focus on other development related items in relation to EAA.
 - Operation and maintenance – City would prefer to have one EAA point of contact to simply communication for them. Todd can coordinate from EAA side. Key times are early spring, end of summer/early fall, prior to

winter. Some fields are owned by City and some owned by the district. Agreements may need to be revisited due to turnover.

- EHS facility plan has evolved, and some sports will lose sheds (FB, Track) Encouraging EAA to form agreements for space in that new building before construction begins.
 - Please submit a wishlist or additional ideas and thoughts to Dan.
 - Sport Directors are asked to do an inventory of the space they use on both City and District sheds and send to Dan.
 - Ways to improve overall field usage: grants, fee increases, budget money for improvements to fields, ways to multi-purpose fields that are mutually beneficial to EAA and the City.
 - There are many different groups trying to use the same facilities.
 - Eagan is no longer considered a growing City so will have to find more creative ways to utilize spaces better.
 - If there are underutilized parks, or other possibilities, send that information to Dan.
 - Soccer BCBS field usage still in discussion.
- Facilities Update – Todd Wrucke
 - Shed getting torn down is the concession, football shed at EHS. EAA had a longterm lease so EHS is still on the hook and could be leveraged.
 - Locks all programmed, codes active. Need lacrosse to get a hard key.
 - SE Platform Upgrade – Heather Lorentz
 - SE created a new platform called Season Management in 2023
 - EAA’s main site was converted to the new platform in early 2024 and used to schedule spring in house volleyball. Learning curve aside, it was determined the platform did not meet the needs of EAA and scheduling. Too cumbersome and took at least twice as long to schedule than before.
 - EAA reverted back to the old platform shortly after that and has waited for SE to implement necessary updates to their new platform and get to a point where it would be useful for EAA to switch.
 - New upgrades made in the last 6-9 months indicate that SE has made the necessary changes needed for smoother scheduling and team formation on their website and Heather is recommending that EAA make the switch to the new platform at the end of year during a “lull” in sport activity.
 - Does not affect registrations or financial side of things, only for teams/scheduling and sport management.
 - Would like approval from EAA to make the official switch to the new platform across all websites for use in 2026.
 - Will ask SE for training videos and other information to help assist directors and schedulers in forming teams/scheduling.
 - Board agreed to move forward with upgrading to the new platform late 2025 for use in 2026.
 - Boys EAA Volleyball Program – Sara Sykora
 - Boys high school volleyball now sanctioned in the MSHSL.
 - Increased interest from parents to start a youth boys program in EAA.
 - Proposed starting with one boys travel 14U team as fall as in house only goes through 6th grade and this would then include 7th and 8th grade.
 - Would have a tryout and may require cuts depending on numbers.
 - Two practices per week with regular games throughout the season.
 - Would require someone to run the boys travel program as current directors do not have capacity to take this on. A budget for this program would also be needed.

- No other travel boys programs in local surrounding areas.
- Spring program has 40 boys participate.
- Can reach out to high school volleyball coaches to help figure out needs and help recruit coaches and possibly a director.
- Motion to add boys travel volleyball program was made by Todd Wrucke and second Chris Parnell. Motion carried.

Program Updates

Baseball – Eric Kraushar – ABSENT, emailed in update

- Baseball is coming off the first of two travel baseball tournaments May 19-21, navigating rain and cold temperatures the first two days. We did manage to play all 128 games on time. The tournament featured 62 teams. Eagan won championships at 9AAA and 14/15A with 11AAA and 13AAA also placing in the top-three. The Summer Clash is June 6-8. Last years field situation was pretty rough with mowing the grass. In-house facilities are not being kept up by the City, parents are complaining.
- We used Square for the first time. Roughly 1/7th of sales were paid by card/phone. We had connectivity issues at Northview Park. We will be using the card reader option again at our second tournament. With 800 kids playing, we want to be proud of where they are playing. There have been some updates to Goat Hill but need to put some effort into upkeep for in-house.

Basketball Update –Kevin Norris, Proxy

- Budget has been approved, and registration will open in July for IH K-3 and Travel.
- For travel, parents will be required to purchase a uniform for \$100.
- The overall travel fee was reduced by \$50 to help offset uniform cost.
- Wildcat Academy enrollment was down but received good feedback.
- Actively trying to get volunteers for Food Truck Festival.

Cross Country – Ben Weidenfeld

- Would like to add volunteer option for Food Truck Festival to the registration.
- Working on securing Nike volunteer info to run through the background check.
- Summer Miles kicks off in a few weeks.

Football – Tricia Burbach, Proxy

- Registration open and off to a good start.
- Program will not be purchasing a lot of equipment until the storage issues at EHS are resolved. May use some high school equipment in the interim.
- Working on recruiting volunteers for Food Truck Festival.
- Spring training numbers were good and received good feedback.
- Dan mentioned the MN Vikings have push from NFL to encourage girls flag football program. Might be a good connection with EAA flag football in general.

Lacrosse –Shannon Braun, Proxy

- Program has many new board members and are currently trying to clean up and streamline procedures and process.

Rugby – Eric Curtin – absent, emailed in update

- K-5 Dragons - we continue to see interest amongst the very young grades, which is great for the future.
- Middle School - Our new coach/coordinator, an Eagan Rugby alumnus, is doing great in leading that program forward. Middle School does not kick into gear until after break, but we are happy with registrations thus far, and particularly happy to have found a replacement coach/manager (one of our former players who is back after college graduation and wanting to give back).
- HS Boys - numbers were very low again this year, as recruiting has been tougher in the last few years with NJ (EHS football coach) discouraging/forbidding football players from playing rugby, as those athletes have been a big presence in the past. We have pressed more with recruiting and with the younger kids coming up, we are pushing to get back to where we were as a more dominant/nationally-ranked program (and 2021 State Champs).
- HS Girls - The Ireland tour was a huge success. We did not win a single match but learned a lot on and off the field and made new friends of course. We are again strong in numbers/talent and expect to compete for our fourth state championship in a row this year. The state semifinal match is at 6:30 PM next Tuesday against Minnetonka at the Rugby Fields in Central Park (by the Community Center) - come on out and cheer the kids on. :) Also, the state league is looking into a fall 7s league for girls. 7s is a smaller format of rugby as is played in the Olympics, with 7 players per team instead of 15. If that happens we plan on entering a team and will need to get that in our budget, etc. Hoping to have direction within a couple of weeks and will circle back to figure out what we need to do for a budget, registration, etc.

Soccer – Mike Langley - absent

- No update given.

Softball – Chris Parnell

- Down and Dirty Tournament coming up.

Track Update – Sara Delgado

- Season is complete, no reschedules. All time meet record set in the 400 set by a 6th grader.

Ultimate Frisbee – Alicia Carr

- Middle school just finished up. High school going to state this weekend.
- Making an airtight ship as trying to unload the many tasks.
- Researching a possible booster club and have people interested in director role and taking over various tasks.

Volleyball Update – Sara Sykora

- Tryouts for girls are in July. Spring IH and JO are complete.

Wrestling – Katie Rowekamp

- In off season right now. Still dealing with space issues. Met with Jason Elias last week and had reports from Megan that stated what prior charges were and went through program history.
- HS may want to split their program into boys and girls programs which may cause

additional space issues.

- Currently EAA wrestling tournament profits go to EHS and not EAA wrestling.
- In 2021 EAA Wrestling donated mats to EHS wrestling and information on that will be sent to Dan.

Open Air (all):

- Nike volunteers followup – please keep it in mind as you think about volunteers for your programs. Ben has talked to them and there is interest.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm by Aaron Reykdal.

Reminders:

Marketing Committee 7:00 p.m. Zoom (3rd Monday, Odd Months)	Finance Committee 7:00p.m. Zoom (2 nd Monday, Odd Months)	EAA Board 6:30 p.m. City Hall (last Thursday, Odd Months)
July 15	July 14	July 31

Committee Assignments:

Finance

Aaron Reykdal, President (Chair)
Megan Brewster, Treasurer (Vice Chair)
Erik Kraushar, Director of Baseball
Chris Thole, Director of Football
Katie Rowekamp, Director of Wrestling
Emily Rusham, Director of Basketball
Alicia Carr, Director of Ultimate Frisbee
Todd Wrucke, Director of Facilities
OPEN, Director of Sport Programs
Katie Bailey, Administrative Officer,
Josh Estes, At Large
Matt Shands, At Large

Marketing

Elizabeth Kmety, Director of Marketing (Chair)
Dan Sagstetter, Vice President (Vice Chair)
Sara Delgado, Director of Track & Field
Chris Parnell, Director of Softball
Sara Sykora, Director of Volleyball
Eric Curtin, Director of Rugby
Mike Langley, Director of Soccer
Ben Weidenfeld, Director of Cross Country
Jason Oberhamer, Director of Lacrosse
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