

Eagan Athletic Association - Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 2, 2016

President, Jim Howe	X		Director of Baseball, Aaron Cabbage	
President-Elect Andy Lancette	X		Director of Basketball, Carrie Berran	X
Vice President, Trudy Kenney			Director of Cross Country, BJ Knight	X
Treasurer, Kate Boyle	X		Director of Football, Scott Solliday	X
Director of Communication, Brad Ruitter			Director of Lacrosse, Mike Adair Proxy – Kirsten Whitmore	X
Administrative Assistant, Heather Lorentz	X		Director of Soccer, Skip Newton	X
Director of Facilities, Greg Byrne	X		Director of Softball, Jacki Stalboerger	X
Director of Community Relations, Mike Schwendinger	X		Director of Track, Kathy Windels	
Director of Web Strategy & Support, Darin Keuhn	X		Director of Rugby, Eric Curtin	X
Director of Coach Development, Ken Barringer			Director of Volleyball, Alyssa Dahlheimer Proxy – Carrie Berran	X
Director of Sports Programs, Jeff Eckerle			Director of Wrestling, Lisa Jensen	
Director or Program Initiatives, Mike Casey	X		City of Eagan, Jonathan Moore	X

Meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m. by President Jim Howe.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March 31, 2016 board meeting were reviewed by all present. A motion to approve was made by Mike Schwendinger, seconded by BJ Knight. Minutes were approved and can now be posted on the EAA website.

Baseball Update – No update was given.

Basketball Update – Carrie Berran

K-3 and Traveling registrations will open soon. The Basketball Board approved financial support of the improvements to the main backboards and rims at five elementary schools. Glass backboards and new rims will be purchased and installed. They are working with the schools to have these installed over the summer months.

Open gym registration is currently open and will begin soon at the Community Center.

Cross Country – BJ Knight

Registration for the program opened today.

Football – Scott Solliday

Tackle Football registration opened last week. Flag football registration will open soon.

A coaches meeting will be held this Sunday for all interested coaches for tackle football.

Lacrosse – Kirsten Whitmore (proxy for Mike Adair)

Girl's participation numbers are increasing as well as number of teams. Currently 71 girls are registered for summer program which started last week.

Rugby – Eric Curtin

Girls play final game this weekend and play in the Consolation game. Boys play in the semi-final game this weekend. Middle School season is over, but will participate in a showcase at the State Final.

Hoping to get in the 4th of July parade and hand out flyers for promotion of the program.

Looking into a Flag League option for middle school.

Summer 7's registration is now open.

Soccer – Skip Newton

Egan Tournament went well, no parking issues or complaints.

Tryouts for 2017 will take place end of July.

Registration for fall programs are now open.

Softball Update – Jacki Stalboerger

All of the teams are now playing.

Tournament is almost full with a few spots in 14U.

Track Update – No update given.

Volleyball Update – Carrie Berran (Proxy for Alyssa Dahlheimer)

Program had 7 travel teams last year and are looking for the same numbers this year.

Registration for fall programs are now open.

Wrestling – No update given

Facilities Update – Greg Byrne

No update at this time.

Background Checks – Heather Lorentz

Heather verified all In House Baseball head and assistant coaches. There were two who would not submit to a back ground check and were asked by the In House Director, Rob Emerson to not engage in coaching activities with their child's team.

Ken is currently working on verifying the Spring Rec Soccer coaches.

Concussions – Mike Casey

Concussion baseline testing will take place in August. Looking for volunteers to assist. Asking for a \$5 donation per baseline test to help cover the cost. It's recommended to do a baseline test annually.

If a parent needs access to a child's record they can call the Sports Medicine Institute to obtain it.

Insurance Update – Kate Boyle

Three years ago EAA dropped the AD&D policy while retaining general liability at a cost of \$13,000 annually. Travelers informed Wells Fargo that it would not renew the policy unless AD&D coverage was purchased. Kate asked our broker at Wells Fargo to obtain quotes from other companies to compare rates. It was determined that unless EAA purchased an AD&D policy, no one would insure them. Wells Fargo obtained four different quotes for EAA. They are asking EAA for our sex abuse policy, concussion guidelines and protocols and background check process. EAA reached out to Greg Byrne who is the insurance industry to see if these quotes were in line. Greg agreed the quotes were fair and also recommended a review of EAA policies and tightening them up.

Kate also mentioned there are a few sports that are waiting on Certificate of Insurance for their upcoming tournaments and Wells Fargo will not issue them until this is finalized.

Cost of a new policy are:

\$25,000 for General Liability

\$13,000 for AD&D

\$2500 for Equipment/Uniforms

+ ? for Sex Abuse Policy (amount unknown at this point)

Total: \$40,000-\$42,000 estimated annual cost for insurance policy

Suggested way to pay for increase in cost is to increase participation fee by \$6 for all future budgets. Budgets already approved will not be affected.

Scott Solliday made a motion to approve the purchase of this insurance and increase the participant fee to \$7.25 (for a total of \$25 participant fee) to hopefully alleviate the need to up the fee again next year should the rates change.

Discussion on whether only those sports with higher incidence of concussions should bear more of the cost than other sports that do not. Response was that insurance companies deem some sports a high risk for concussions and other high risk for sexual abuse so it is logical all sports incur the cost equally.

Kate suggested the Finance Committee form a subcommittee dedicated to research multi-year policies with other insurance companies and also reach out to other associations to see who covers them.

It was also suggested that since Baseball, Soccer, Rugby, Fastpitch and Lacrosse are all insured through other means to provide EAA with the name and information for those companies to use when obtaining new quotes. It may help lower our rates.

Motion was seconded by Mike Schwendinger and unanimously approved.

*Note – Greg Byrne abstained from voting on this issue.

Finance Committee Meeting – Andy Lancette, Kate Boyle

Finance committee meeting was held May 9th and approved the following sport budgets: Football, Basketball, Fall Volleyball and Cross Country. They also approved the purchase of supplies to replenish first aid kits as requested by Greg Byrne.

Effective July 1st, Jim Howe will take over as Chair of the Finance Committee.

March financials were presented by Kate Boyle. Nothing out of the ordinary was noted. Motion to approve the March financials was made by Greg Byrne and seconded by Carrie Berran. Financials were unanimously approved.

Marketing & Technology Update – Jacki Stalboerger (Proxy for Trudy Kenney)

Marketfest – June 15th in need of 30-40lb. weights, tent and volunteers. Trudy will help at this event, but another volunteer or two is needed from 4-8pm. Jim Howe offered the use of his tent and Rugby offered to assist.

4th of July FunFest Parade – City of Eagan requires proof of insurance to participate in this event. Because EAA was currently seeking other bids for insurance, they could not provide this document before the deadline to enter. Therefore, EAA will not be participating this year.

Health and Wellness Event – August 10th

Friday Folders – Flyers went out in Friday Folders last week to all Elementary schools except Faithful Shephard. Still working to get flyers to that school to disperse before end of school year.

Technology Update –Darin Keuhn

Eagan Visitors logo has been added to the EAA main website page as requested from the previous meeting.

Meeting with Ngin next week to discuss overall access to our site.

Working with a few directors to get their EAA emails set up.

Community Relations – Mike Schwendinger

No update from Mike.

Andy Lancette was able to obtain contact information for the MN Vikings Director of Youth Involvement and will pass onto Mike to follow up with.

City of Eagan Update – Jonathan Moore

Paul Gram is the new Superintendent of Parks (head of maintenance). Andrew Pimental is new Director of Parks and Rec.

Summer crews are now at full staff. Restrooms are now open from 10am –dusk until Labor Day.

Jonathan's email is: jonathanmoore@cityofeagan.com

Upcoming Meetings

Finance Committee– July 11, ECC Boardroom, 7pm

Marketing/Technology Committee – TBD

Next EAA Board Meeting – July 28th, Eagan Room at City Hall, 7:30pm

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.