



The meeting was called to order by President Troy Tatting at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

Directors in Attendance

1. Edie Anderson
2. John Berge
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4. Kellie Bunnell
5. Lizzie ForsheeJeremy Bly
6. Mike Grunklee
7. Jen Johnson
8. Kevin Josephson
9. Kelly Larson
10. Craig Olson
11. Josh Redetzke
12. Emily Rusham
13. Troy Tatting
14. Jason Wicklund

Directors Absent

1. Brian Gray
2. Justin Johnson
3. Andy Meschke
4. Jeff Sprick
5. Lakoda Will

Guests in Attendance

1. Amy Pazand, Potential Board Member
2. Kevin McKenzie, Eagan Boys Varsity Coach
3. Jesse Madsen, Eagan Girls Varsity Coach

Meeting Minutes

- Director Olson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2023 meeting. Director Berge seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

EAA Update

- President Tatting had no update from EAA.

President Report

- The Timberwolves have reached out to EBA about a partnership with the in-house teams whereby each player will get a ticket to a game and some Wolves merchandise for a fee.
- Parent surveys are due on April 1st.
- The upcoming district 196 bond referendum information was discussed and a video created by the district was shared with the board. The Board agreed to support the referendum and encourage the EBA members to vote YES twice to help with the EBA's gym space issues.
- The Wildcat Academy has over 220 registered athletes. The prior year Academy had 150 registered. The speakers have been scheduled for the Academy and shirts have been ordered.

Treasurer's Report

- All three programs continue to have a strong fund balance. Treasurer Grunklee and President Tatting will present a 2023-2024 budget to EAA on May 11, 2023. Treasurer Grunklee will reach out to board members with budget questions before he presents it to the EBA board at the April meeting. The In-House Directors strongly recommended replacing the hoops at some elementary gyms for the in-house players.

Open Board Positions

- Emily Ruhsam was nominated and elected for the Secretary position for 2023-2024. Amy Pazand was nominated and elected for the Little Hoopsters position for 2023-2024. The Fundraising and Vice President Director roles are still open. Please inform President Tatting if you know a candidate interested in these roles.

New Business

Varsity Coach updates:

- Coach McKenzie and Coach Madsen were congratulated by the Board for their successful seasons. Both coaches expressed their appreciation for the growth and development of the Eagan youth programs over the years.
- Summer camp information offered by the high school programs has been released.

Director of Coaching and Player Development updates:

- Six of the twelve top teams were placed in tier 1 at the MYAS state tournament. In the prior year, only two of the top twelve teams were placed in tier 1.
- Director Josephson is working on off-season training offerings for players. Coach Mckenzie and Madsen provided their opinions on AAU, spring leagues, individual training, etc for athletes and parents to consider in the off-season.
- A suggestion was made by Director Anderson for a speaker for the 2023-2024 season to discuss mental attitude/mindset for coaches and players.

Equipment Update

- Jersey returns will be on March 20, 2023 at the Eagan Community Center. Teams will be asked to return their uniforms. If they are participating in a spring league, Director Redetzke will provide them with the "old" uniforms to use.

In House Update

- Things went well with the In-House seasons.

Merchandise Update

- Shirts for the Wildcat Academy were ordered.

Fundraising Update

- Director Johnson will be stepping down from this role after multiple years. Please let President Tatting know if you are aware of a good candidate for this role.
- The association will participate in the Eagan Fun Fest parade again this year. A decision will be made to determine if a 5K will be planned/coordinated.

Boys/Girls Coordinator Updates

- The Board thanked the Directors for a great season of tournaments and the out of town tournament in Brainerd.

Facilities Update

- No report provided.

Social Media Update

- Director Sprick did not attend the meeting.

Other Business

- Directors Larson and Johnson thanked the Association for the opportunity to serve on the board over the past years.

There was a motion to adjourn by Director Tatting. The motion was seconded by Director Olson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.