

# EPGBA BOARD MEETING

January 19th, 2025 7:00pm



*Our mission is to create a fun, fair and safe basketball environment that is focused on providing skills development as well as fostering respect for others, self-confidence, leadership and teamwork in our Eden Prairie student athletes. We will strive to provide the best competition at all levels while maintaining the highest degree of participation and sportsmanship.*

## MEETING MINUTES

**Board Members Present:** Bill Lahti, Eric Peterson, Sara Koepp, Scott August, Ashley Young, Gretchen McQuillan, Tracie Anderson, Michelle Jones, Kelsey Gempeler, Lori Kelly, Kevin Vandrovce

**Board Members Absent:**

**Non-Board Members Present:** Rebecca Thompson, Ellen Weise, Joe Comeau

**Meeting called to order:** 7:02 pm by Eric Peterson

### Meeting Agenda:

- *Motion to adopt meeting agenda made by Bill Lahti and seconded by Michelle Jones. Motion carried.*

### Previous Meeting Minutes:

- *Motion to approve November board meeting minutes made by Michelle Jones and seconded by Tracie Anderson. Motion carried.*
- *Motion of approve revised October board meeting minutes made by Michelle Jones and seconded by Scott August. Motion carried.*

### Tournament:

- Scott – 133 teams participating. 8 am – 8 pm Saturday, 8 am – 7 pm Sunday.
  - We were able to get a lot of new communities/programs coming this year.
  - Have a new set of refs this year, Patrick Rock and team.
  - HS girls program will help with scores table and score sheets.
- Ashley – Volunteer positions are full except one photo booth slot on Saturday.
  - Rebecca and Sara have helped get awards ready.
- Bill – during the HS game on Friday night, we can unload and start setting up signs, banners and brackets.

### Summer/Spring Clinics:

- Sara – Coach Ellen and Coach Angie have been brainstorming – spring will look like last year, a couple days/week (back to back days to hopefully catch most kids).
  - Coach Ellen is available to help with summer training. How can we better match skill levels and commitments so it is worth it for all and for kids to get training here vs going elsewhere.
  - How do we offer to all kids commitment and skills level?
    - Current 5,6,7 – side by side courts based on skill level, one court with Ellen (highest level) Angie will take the other court. There can be movements on court based on how kids are doing and their commitment and drive. Ellen can have up around 15. Angie another 15 or so. HS kids available if extra hands needed

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- Ellen added: How do we make the division of courts? Coach Angie will have a good feel for the initial division. Input from current travel coaches will be considered. First session will be a little more of a "tryout"
- For summer, Ellen secured (most weeks) 3 days/week – main gym or AC courts from 10-12. (HS will have 830-10).
  - Most likely, Ellen will have 5-7<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 and Angie will have 3/4<sup>th</sup> from 11-12.
- Do we offer a summer camp for in-house/less serious players?
  - Hoping to have something to offer. Possibly a one week camp in June. This could help recruit inhouse kids to travel. Angie might be willing to run in (she has mentioned it in the past, but she isn't at meeting to confirm) and we could see about getting HS kids to assist.
- The sooner we can get this info out, the easier for families to commit and see if it works in their schedules.
  - Sara hopes we can get this nailed down by the beginning of February. Pricing to be discussed soon. Summer clinics – prefer to have one price for all vs pay per session.
- Recap: Two registrations: Spring will offer Tuesday and/or Wednesday night. You can register for one night or both. 3/4<sup>th</sup> earlier in the evening followed by 5-7<sup>th</sup>. Summer registration will be you register for all days offered or none.
- Will Ellen offer middle school program on Wednesday's before school again? TBD
- Ellen will send dates/times to Sara to help get them on the website asap.
  - Eric had idea: Add "Coming Soon" to the website to let families know that clinics will be available in spring/summer. Scott will update the website.

### ***Regular Business Agenda Items***

#### **Finance Committee**

- Charitable organization annual report was accepted – next due in 2026.
- Prepping 1099s. Need to be out Jan 31.
- Any questions on September or October books? No questions.

*Motion to approve September and October financials was made by Eric Peterson and seconded by Gretchen McQuillan. Motion carried.*

#### **In House**

- Gretchen will connect with Michelle to get refs paid
- West Metro – some teams at top of the league and some at the bottom. Overall feedback is girls are enjoying their experience
- HS West Metro league just started. 10 players. One girl from Lakeville is playing with us. They won their first game.
- One question: Small group of in house girls (3-4 plus a ref), all attend Agape school. The school is currently located in EP but they are relocating next year to Minnetonka, but they would like to play EP inhouse bball. Can they still play? They are not EP residents. BOARD IS OK ALLOWING THEM TO STAY IN EPGBA
- Kelsey ordered the in house trophies. She will get them delivered to her house and deliver them to Angie.

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### **Marketing and Operations**

- Just getting ready for tournament. More to update next month.

### **Travel**

- Rochester – block of rooms expire at the end of the week. Managers will be reminded to let their team know.
- Coaches were reminded to book their rooms as well and that they would be reimbursed.

### **Presidents Report/New Business**

- Great, smooth season. Good job everyone!

*Motion to adjourn meeting made by Gretchen McQuillan and seconded by Bill Lahti. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:48pm*

**Next Board Meeting:** February 16th at 7pm via Zoom. Respectfully submitted by Kelsey Gempeler, EPGBA Secretary