

EPGBA BOARD MEETING

November 17th, 2024 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: Eric Peterson, Sara Koepp, Ashley Young, Tracie Anderson, Michelle Jones, Lori Kelly, Bill Lahti, Scott August, Gretchen McQuillan, Kevin Vandrovec

Board Members Absent: Kelsey Gempeler

Non-Board Members Present: Ellen Weise

Meeting called to order: 7:03 pm by Eric Peterson

Meeting Agenda:

- *Motion to adopt meeting agenda made by Bill Lahti and seconded by Tracie Anderson Motion carried.*

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Wait until next month to approve minutes. A few changes needed to be updated.
- *Motion to approve October board meeting minutes made by [redacted] and seconded by [redacted]. Motion carried. Done in January*

Regular Business Agenda Items

Finance Committee Michelle reports:

- Taxes for our 2023 financial year was signed and mailed.
- August 2024 books are up to date.
- Michelle applied for a MYAS scholarship and received a \$1000 scholarship to be used for helping financially support girls to play basketball. In 2024: we had financial scholarships given for 10 travel girls and 7 girls from the In House program. We spent: \$7,925 in financial scholarship this season.
- EP High School contacted Michelle about the Senior Scholarship. Our current scholarship budget is set for \$2000. Lori reported that different youth associations offer more in scholarships than we currently do. We may raise the scholarship funds after our EPGBA Winter Slam Tournament depending on how much money we make. Eric made a motion to keep the current scholarship budget set for two- \$1000 scholarship. The Board all agreed.

Motion to approve __August__ financials was made by __Lori Kelly__ and seconded by __Tracie Anderson__. Motion carried.

In House

- Started Saturday, November 2nd. Ellen and 24 High School players were at this first clinic to help kick off the season. Coach Angie led clinics for all age groups.
- K/1- we have 46 girls on 7 teams. Games are 3 v 3 with 8 foot hoops.

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- 2nd/3rd grade- we have 61 girls on 8 teams. Games are 4 v 4 with 9 foot hoops.
- Practices started for the K/1 and 2/3 teams this past week and they had their first game on Saturday. This season we only hosted 2 Saturday clinics held by Angie. Traditionally we have 3 weeks of Saturday clinics before practices and games begin after Thanksgiving break. Due to a late Thanksgiving date in November this year, practice and games begin early. Coach Angie will still be in the gym on Saturday mornings to help with the In House program.
- West Metro league teams- 4th grade, 2 teams, 5th grade: 2 teams, 6th/7th grade: 1 team, 7th/8th grade: 1 team. Practices began last week. First game will be the first weekend in December, after Thanksgiving.
- High School league begins in January. Currently we have 7 girls registered. Hoping for more interest before the league begins.
- Currently, 172 girls participating in the In House program. This number is very consistent with last year.

Marketing and Operations

- Bill reports- Bill will look into Dine Outs this season. He will be reaching out to Culvers and Chick-fil-a, to set up possible Dine Outs. Gretchen asked if we could bring in outside vendors for the High School girls basketball All Youth Game as a fundraiser possibility. Bill will look into this.
- Bill reported that he heard there was dissatisfaction with uniforms- Eric reported that the fit for some girls may not be the best. Lori added that it is helpful for families to be able to reuse the uniforms each year.
- Bill will be ordering new signs for the Winter Slam Tournament for the new vendors.
- Ashley reports- logging in to our old Instagram has been tricky and therefore Ashley will be setting up a new Instagram account.
- Tournament update- we were contacted by Junior All Star to sell their sweatshirts at our tournament. We would earn \$700, and only need to provide them a table and space for set up.
- Ashley will be ordering tournament tshirts soon. Discussion was brought up to use last year's tshirt inventory because we had a lot of extra tshirts. Ashley will check in to see our inventory before ordering new shirts.
- Ashley will be in touch with concession stand vendors this week. Eric mentioned that Canes made a lot of money at Lakeville. Discussion to bring in healthier options to sell at the concession stand was suggested. Ashley will look into possible options
- Tournament will have a digital photo booth this year at no cost to EPGBA.
- Ashley is working on new logos
- Ashley and Scott will reach out to the Board for help they need with our Tournament.

Travel

- Sara reported- Travel is up and running.
- Mentor Match Up is on Monday, November 18th and communication has gone out.
- Travel pictures went smoothly. Families should be able to access them now.
- Hotel information for Rochester will be sent out this soon.
- Practice schedule for the remainder of the season will be coming out soon.
- Kevin asked- Can there be gym space available over winter break so teams can practice before the Wayzata tournament? Tracie is looking in to this.
- Ashley asked- The Lakeville Tournament was through Tourneyville, so will these games be added to MYAS? Coaches could manually add these games. Sara and Eric both shared that MYAS changed policy this season that tournaments not run through MYAS will not be considered for State Tournament placement. Lori reported that coaches can write notes on tournaments that they do participate in and manually enter into MYAS. Then this can be taken into consideration for State Ranking Placement.

Presidents Report/New Business

- Eric reported- Partnership with the Timberwolves on March 16th against Utah Jazz. This will not cost us anything, but we would need to sell a certain number of tickets (100 tickets). Michelle wondered if we would have enough families commit to buying tickets. Eric will reach out to teams with ticket prices to gauge interest.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Eric Peterson and seconded by Kevin Vandrovec. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:59

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Next Board Meeting: January 19th, 2025 at 7pm via Zoom. Respectfully submitted by Gretchen McQuillan and Kelsey Gempeler, EPGBA Secretary