

Elk River Boys Youth Basketball Board Meeting

April 27, 2025

ER Baseball Facility

Present: Veronica Skomsovog, Brandon Hoeft, Dan Meyer, Ashley Welsh, Jennifer Barker, Drew Dervick, Josh McCarty, Jessica Palmer, Damian Jenson, Jamie Karst, Keith Morrisette, Brent Johnson, Tavis Pike and David Boudinot

Absent: Erin Brandt

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

Minutes:

Dan made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on March 23, 2025, Josh seconded it; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The checking balance today is \$42,049.59. QuickBooks ledger balance is \$40,379.59. Last year on this date, the checking balance was \$68,687.96 and ledger balance was \$67,222.96. The CD balance today is \$52,114.00 plus \$445.09 accrued interest not yet applied. Last year our CD was \$30,000 plus accrued and applied interest.

We are about \$5,000 below last year's balance. A simple explanation is that last year, we raised donations from the community and hosted a 2-day tournament in March rather than a 1-day tournament this year. Our cash available is still healthy and our investment continues to grow. If we open registration on July 1st this year, then we will meet all our travel tournament registrations, summer skills costs, and any other expenses.

Our annual operating profit so far, this fiscal year is \$14,992.56 vs. \$32,395.30 for all off last fiscal year. David suggested ensuring we have a two-day tournament to host in March and ramp up our fundraising campaign this year. Currently, our house and travel registration fees do not support the full cost of the programs, so we should discuss raising registration fees.

For fundraising, we discussed selling raffle tickets as an organization like baseball did this season. We discussed charging travel players a small fee and investing money into MBT for more specialized training sessions as opposed to offering middle school skills. Once a month, each travel team would have a one-hour training session at MBT.

Dan made a purchase from Dick's Sporting Goods for the Twin Lakes Elementary school carnival.

Treasurer's Report circulated and signed by the board.

Board Positions:

Dan resigned from his position as president and expressed interest in moving into the travel director role. Jessica stated she would like to be president. Veronica nominated Jessica to become president, Tavis seconded it; motion passed.

Veronica nominated Drew to vice president position, Tavis seconded it; motion passed. Drew will be the point person for the referee assigner, Dave Wisinski.

David will stay on as treasurer. However, Josh nominated Tavis to be assistant treasurer (to learn the ropes). Ashley seconded; motion passed.

Veronica will stay as secretary.

Ashley will remain scheduler and Jennifer will be back up to be a second pair of eyes on permits. Dan will set up a scheduler email account for ERBYB.

Dan will be the travel director.

Jamie will be the assistant travel director and tournament director.

Keith will be registration/ web administrator and possibly stay as volunteer coordinator.

The house director position is open. Tavis will help train in the new house director.

Damian will remain the assistant house coordinator.

Josh will be the coach development coordinator.

Marketing/Communications/Website role is open.

The fundraising coordinator is open.

Erin will remain an apparel/pictures coordinator.

Brandon will be equipment manager.

Jennifer will be concessions coordinator. Ashley will help her.

We are working on recruiting new board members. We need 3-5 more members to fulfill the remaining roles and to avoid existing members doing two positions.

The board voted to approve outgoing travel director, Jon Lockwood and outgoing concessions coordinator, Melissa Fischer be removed from our accounts and incoming president Jessica Palmer and incoming assistant treasurer, Tavis Pike, are to be added to our accounts and issued board debit cards. Outgoing president, Dan Meyer, will keep his board debit card as he moves into the travel director role.

Travel and House Program Updates:

We discussed opening registration in early July and closing it earlier this year so that teams can be formed. Discussed having HS players register for the house program proactively, and if they make a high school team then remove them from registration. It was also discussed that we may not have house coaches draft teams this year to make teams fair.

Dan held a brief discussion about changing from Sports Engine to Crossbar. A representative from Crossbar could be available to do a demonstration of the product. Keith expressed interest in driving the movement toward Crossbar for the 2026-2027 season. Dan and Jessice encouraged everyone to check out our website to ensure everything is current on it.

Ashley is waiting to receive the final permit from Community Ed for gym space to hold summer skills. They will be held at ERHS Fieldhouse this summer. Communication will be sent out once the permit is formalized. The High School basketball camp dates are pending. Dan will check in with Ryan to get more information.

Bylaws:

Jessica suggested forming a committee to review the bylaws and code of conduct. Tavis, Josh, Drew and Damian volunteered to review the existing bylaws and code of conduct and present change recommendations at the next meeting

Equipment update:

There are a few ball bags still uncollected from last season.

Insurance:

David will check to see if any changes with insurance are coming down the pipeline.

Miscellaneous:

Our next meeting will be on 05/18/25 at the American Legion Elk River 6pm.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tavis and seconded by Dan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by Veronica Skomsyovog.

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