



**Board Meeting Minutes – Approved 7/15/2024
Monday, June 17, 2024 – 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Apple Valley Community Center**

Board Member Attendees:

Peter Beaumont (vice-president), Kevin Brandt (treasurer), Mary Coleman (secretary)

Program Attendees with Voting Rights:

Peter Beaumont (soccer), Doug Beddies (football), Kevin Drometer (softball), Jude Miron (basketball), Brad Yamanaka (baseball)

Program Attendees without Voting Rights:

Dave Freed (cross-country skiing), Kelli Geilow (volleyball), Jessica Johnson (lacrosse)

Other Attendees:

Mark Espena (tech services), Tony Lynch, John Guba, Mike Miller, Nike Repke

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present

Approval of minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the May 2024 EVAA Board meeting.

The motion was brought forth and was seconded.

EVAA Email Usage

There is a need for checks and balancing and a need to protect the organization. As such, all EVAA volunteers must use an EVAA email account while conducting business on behalf of or for EVAA. This will maintain the security of the organization while also ensuring that EVAA business is not subject to external businesses/organizations, e.g. a school district or private company.

Budget Approval

Historically there have been issues in EVAA with budgets not submitted and approved on time. To ensure that budgets are submitted and approved in a timely manner, the treasurer will send reminders when budgets aren't submitted on time (as a reminder, budgets must be submitted and approved prior to registration being open). Technical services will also serve as a gatekeeper and will not allow registrations to open if a budget is not submitted.

Program Updates

Baseball

Baseball is in mid-season with 4-6 weeks left in the spring season. There are several tournaments set for the summer. There are about 170 registered in travel, and about 400 in-house this season.

Basketball

Registration will open in July and tryouts will be in August; in-house will start in August.



Cross-Country Skiing

The program is in the process of trying to find off-season coaches; they are meeting with the high school to assist with finding coaches.

Volleyball

Volleyball has open registrations and there are clinics coming up during the summer.

Softball

There is a state tournament in 2 weeks with 12 of the 20 teams that qualified for nationals. There will also be a Rally in the Valley tournament coming up. The next budget has been submitted, and registration will open on June 26 for fall ball (starting in August) with the hopes that some teams will be able to travel to Iowa this fall.

Football

Registration is open now, and there are 3 families seeking financial assistance. There are hired coaches at the 8th grade level and one dad coach with the rest being under the canopy of the high school coaches. The future of flag football is uncertain at this time as there is a possibility of making it a spring sport so there is no competition with tackle football. Flag football is going to be an Olympic sport and other leagues in the area are also having a spring season so this route seems likely. Going forward football may try to develop a league with Rosemount or join Play 60 with the NFL (depending on finances).

Lacrosse

Lacrosse is hosting a jamboree July 20-21 and is now working on the permits. There was a struggle this season with the fields due to the wet conditions this spring.

Soccer

Spring registration was up 35%, and there are 2 weeks left in the spring season. Soccer needs more volunteer coaches and more board members. Soccer would like to again partner with baseball for their January advertisement as that likely helped with the increase in spring registration.

Operations Roadmap

MOTION: To approve the Operations Roadmap

The motion was brought forth and was seconded.

Financial Aid Process

There is a financial aid form on the registration page that has been centralized for all. When families apply for financial aid, an email goes to the financial aid for each program. There are 50% and 100% codes available, and each sport can approve/deny based on their own individual requirements.

Storage Unit Opportunity

The City can build a storage unit for EVAA if the programs want it. It needs to be determined if it will be cost-effective as well as wanted by the different programs. The VAA building is being demolished and a new one will be constructed, and the City will build one for EVAA as well, with EVAA then being responsible for utilities.



Avario

For background, see the EVAA June 2023 minutes as it was then approved that all sports will use Avario as it helps the City ensure that fields are used appropriately. Baseball has a serious concern about using Avario as they schedule many fields and let their coaches choose time that are convenient for them, often leaving reserved fields unused. Soccer has used Avario for a couple of years, and basketball is starting to use it as well (there is a steep learning curve). As there needs to be some uniformity across sports, and to better understand the City’s needs, representatives from the City will be invited to a future meeting to explain the field process and have a discussion with the board.

Hope Fieldhouse

The new contracted rates will be \$35/hour; Hope Fieldhouse will still honor the request for basketball’s hours but at the new rate. Basketball will continue to reserve court time at Hope Fieldhouse as there is a strong need for that program.

Water Park Event

There is no interest in having an EVAA event at the Apple Valley Water Park, but each program is encouraged to have some type of recognition for their individual sport.

Cross Country Running Program Director

There is a need to get a program director for cross country running as there are ~50 participants in the program. Involving the high school to recruit a new director is the next approach.

Signs for Sport Advertising

Programs are able to have signs advertising their sport on school property for \$5/school. Once payment is made, signs are able to be up for 45 days.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved at 8:10 p.m.