**Meeting Minutes - Sunday, May 7th, 2017**

**Attendees:** Ken Martin, Lisa Richter, Jason McClary, Clay Fandre, Heather Redetzke, Margaret Cahill, Pat Dorsey, Mike Bockenstedt, Jesse Sanchez, Scott Hull, Jackie Boldt, Jack Delsing, Jason Schmidt, Melissa Cherney, Melanie Harvey

Meeting Called to order by Ken at 7:01 p.m.

MSB Presentation

* + Brian Ammann talked about EBA’s involvement with MSB and answered questions from Board members.
    - Very complimentary of Board decision to cut a tournament for 4th graders and add more skill development time.
    - Does not believe 3rd grade travel teams are a great idea
      * Farmington will be adding 3rd grade travel teams next season.
    - Eagan teams had good attendance
    - Change in staff at MSB
      * John no longer part of staff.
      * Carter will be taking that position.
    - Session registration is all done via phone or email, this is MSB preferred method.
    - Melissa - How is it decided what goes into a session?
      * Start with a base of ball handling, shooting form, and basic skills.
      * They rely on coaches input for older players.
      * Most decisions based on age of group – more focus on skills for younger groups
    - MSB will be contacting associations, mid-July, to begin scheduling sessions.
    - Ken – Would MSB consider reducing an association’s fee if it hit a threshold for teams booking outside of their association times?
      * Brian and Dawn will look at that possibility.
    - MSB instructors want coaches involved as much as possible. Would be happy to have them actively involved in their teams sessions.
    - Saturday’s are open for extra sessions.
      * Could put 4th grade teams on Saturdays when they don’t have a tournament.
* After Brian left discussion began regarding benefits of MSB.
  + Jackie looked at Wear Out The Net Academy in Lakeville.
    - Have full court capacity.
    - Cost is $85 per session. Cost is $10 more than MSB per session.
      * Jason S. brought up fact that Wear Out The Net is much further away than MSB. Location of MSB is a benefit for EBA families.
    - Jason S. pointed out that putting the MSB sessions on the practice schedule is very helpful.
      * He also had statistics from end of season survey
        + 61% of girls teams did extra MSB sessions – that equates to 6.5 more sessions per team.
        + 42% of boys teams did extra MSB sessions – that equates to 5 more sessions per team
      * It would be beneficial for 4th-6th grade travel teams to have more MSB sessions. Possibly even 3rd grade teams.
        + Pat believes 3rd Grade Plus teams would receive most benefit.

**Approval of Minutes**

* Jason S. moved to approve Jason M. seconded – Unanimous approval

**Treasurer’s Report**

* We have moved into a new fiscal year.
* Our budget is being presented to the EAA Finance Committee on May 15th
* Presented to EAA Board at meeting on May 18th
  + Jason S. moved to approve Melanie seconded – Unanimous approval
* As part of budget discussion Melissa questioned Board’s position on helping to pay for a coach if a team needs to.
  + Have changed the date coach applications required so will have better understanding of team needs for the season.
  + There needs to be a good pool of coaches to pull from.
    - Mike agreed that we need to get coaches to apply then address problems on a case by case basis
    - Ken will send weekly email blasts regarding coach applications over the course of registration.
  + Clay suggested doing a check-in with coaches over the course of the season.
  + Per Ken, we will move forward with a hard and fast mandatory deadline for coach applications.

**New Business**

* Registration –
  + Travel registration will be June 15th – July 31st with late fee registration being August 1st – August 15th
  + Clay will move forward with the social media side.
* Coach Interviews –
  + Jason S. suggested cutting down the number of committee members
    - Feed-back from parents in end of season surveys suggest using outside evaluators for coach interviews.
      * This led to a lively discussion regarding known and unknown information regarding applicants.
      * Jack suggested having an outside person sit on committee.
        + Lisa suggested possibility of High School coaches.
    - Ken will put together a list of Board members that are willing to help with coach interviews.
* End of Year Survey
  + Fewer responses seen this year compared to other years.
  + Jason S. will email information to try-out coordinators, spirit wear coordinator, and gender coordinators.
  + Gym time is a huge issue seen in responses.
    - Ken met with ECC regarding securing more gym time there.
      * Faithful Shepherd is moving forward with a contract for EBA to use their gyms.
      * In discussions with St. Thomas Academy
      * Will be meeting with Visitation.
  + Clay asked about giving the parent survey information to coaches.
    - Ken indicated this is up to Clay, the Girls Coordinator, and Pat, the Boys Coordinator to send to coaches without comments included.
  + Clay questioned playing time enforcement.
    - Ken stated that consistent complaints are presented to the Board to act on
    - Clay suggested a mid-season survey might be helpful.
      * Ken would prefer to do a mid-season email asking for feedback both good and bad.
    - There has been a good rate of return for player surveys by coaches.
      * Board needs to decide how that information will be used at try-outs.
* Other
  + Per Mike, Pat should be making hotel reservations in Rochester for boys teams.
  + Mike not hearing back from contact for Duluth tournament.
    - Will research another tournament option for 8th grade.
  + Jason S. motioned to adjourn seconded by Melanie – Unanimouns approval