

EPGBA BOARD MEETING

September 15th, 2024 5:00pm



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: Joe Comeau

Non-Board Members Present: Angie Wenning, Ellen Weise, Julia Hanson

Meeting called to order: 5:02 pm by Eric Peterson

Meeting Agenda:

- *Motion to adopt meeting agenda made by Lori Kelly and seconded by Ashley Young. Motion carried.*

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- *Motion to approve August board meeting minutes made by Bill Lahti and seconded by Scott August. Motion carried.*

Regular Business Agenda Items

Travel

- Sara: Tryouts are complete. Teams are formed and will be announced after meeting
- Need to get parent coaches for 4A and 4C, 5B and a hired coach for 7B. Lori will work with Tracie and Sara to reach out to potential coaches
- Scott – discussion on team placements for A,B,C levels. Tracie will send info to tournament directors.
 - Levels may change during the year if needed
- Good feedback having an in-person parent meeting prior to tryouts

Finance Committee

- Financial aide for travel was larger than expected – need to be mindful
- In-house numbers aren't in yet so unknown how much financial aide is needed
- Lori – reminded that parent coaches will need to be reimbursed.

Motion to approve July financials was made by Gretchen McQuillan and seconded by Eric Peterson. Motion carried.

In House

- Gretchen – registration opened Sept. 1. K-8 kick off weekend is November 2nd
- Ashley - huge thanks for helping get the word out at open houses

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- Current numbers, K-1st 24 girls (6 kids/team) 2nd-3rd 32 kids, 4th-8th west metro league 21 girls, high school currently has 3 girls interested.
- There will be a table at the high school on activities night. Ellen will have 2 players at the table to help promote the new high school west metro league.

Marketing and Operations

- Bill – 6 sponsors for total of \$5000 – Scheel's sponsored \$1500 and they request larger presence at tournament
- Ashley – open houses went well.
- Scheel's night, this Tuesday September 17th.
- Fat Pants fundraiser on November 3rd, \$1/pint goes to our organization

Presidents Report/New Business

- Give n Go committee – Get together dates will be released at a later time.
- Photos – travel photos reserved for November 5th at Community Center – working with Jeff from Sunshine. Schedule will be set after practice schedules are released.
 - In house pictures will be in January
- Katie Williams will be in charge night of photos – she will connect with Ellen to get photos to high school team for programs
- Colleen Schlagel in charge on high school program. She will connect with president and treasurer
- Should a Google doc be set up for photos to be collected during the year?
- Hoops Habits – they have a shooting competition coming up. Do we want to promote? No, don't want to look like we are endorsing anything or anyone.
- Lori – how do we check to make sure background checks are completed and ok? If background check says completed, assume it is good.
- Tracie will build the teams in SportsEngine
- Lori and Sara will do inventory on coaches' bags and bring them to the coaches meeting. Kevin is willing to help if needed.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Bill Lahti and seconded by Kevin Vandrovec. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 5:37

Next Board Meeting: October 20th, 2024 at 7pm via Zoom. Respectfully submitted by Kelsey Gempeler, EPGBA Secretary