

Eagan Athletic Association - Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 24th, 2015

President, Jim Howe	X		Director of Baseball, Tom Umhoefer	X
Vice President, Brad Ruitter	X		Director of Basketball, Carrie Berran	X
Treasurer, Kate Boyle	X		Director of Cross Country, BJ Knight	X
Secretary, Trudy Kenney	X		Director of Football, Scott Solliday	
Administrative Assistant, Heather Lorentz	X		Director of Lacrosse, Mike Adair	
Director of Facilities, Lynn Estes			Director of Soccer, Skip Newton	X
Director of Program Initiatives, Mike Casey	X		Director of Softball, Jacki Stalboerger	X
Director of Web Strategy & Support, Darin Keuhn	X		Director of Track, Kathy Windels	X
Director of Coach Development, Ken Barringer	X		Director of Rugby, Eric Curtin	X
Director of Sports Programs, Jeff Eckerle			Director of Volleyball, Alyssa Dahlheimer	X
Director at Large, Mike Schwendinger	X		Director of Wrestling, Lisa Jensen	X
Director at Large, Andy Lancette	X			
City of Eagan, Bob Keeney				
Other: Aaron Cabbage, ETB Becky Leagjeld, Urgency Room	X			

Meeting was called to order at 7:31p.m. by President Jim Howe.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the August 27, 2015 board meeting were reviewed by all present. A motion to approve was made by Tom Umhoefer, seconded by Lisa Jensen. Minutes were approved and can now be posted on the EAA website.

Urgency Room Sponsorship - Brad Ruiter

Urgency Room (UR) of Eagan has signed a sponsorship agreement with EAA. Terms of the agreement are for a banner to be placed on the main EAA website for 1 year. They are also looking to sponsor tournaments, have tables at EAA events and possibly purchase needed equipment.

Representative Becky Leagjeld from UR gave a brief overview of services offered.

Baseball Update – Tom Umhoefer

Tom introduced Aaron Cabbage as candidate for the next Baseball Director. Three tournaments were held this summer and overall program participation was good. This was the first year they sent a group to Cooperstown and discussion will take place on how to continue to send groups there in the future.

Basketball Update – Carrie Berran

Registration for K-3 program has closed with approximately 430 participants registered. Teams and schedules will be out soon. The In House 4th-6th program will open in October.

Traveling girls had their tryouts and 9 teams were made. 8th grade had two teams of 8 but one participant dropped and there was no coach for the team. The program decided to move two of the girls to the other team and dropped the rest. Program is planning for 21 total teams this year. Boys tryouts will be held this weekend. There has been positive response to the changes made to the tryout process this year.

Cross Country – BJ Knight

October 1st will be the last meet of the year with a potential bonus meet on October 7th. The program will participate in the Adopt A Street program on October 3rd.

Football –

No update was given.

Lacrosse –

No update was given.

Rugby – Eric Curtin

The Summer 7's program was offered this year as an extension of the regular season program. It was successful and will be offered again next year.

Girls Varsity will become a club sport and participants will receive a letter. A donation from the Dave Perish Memorial Fund will help fund the startup of the Girls Rugby Program.

The program has added a new Vice President, Middle School Coordinator and Girls Coordinator (pending approval). They will also use Student Liaisons that will attend board meetings and reach out to others regarding the program. They are also looking at a replacement coach for U19.

A camp will be offered October 18th that is free and will last two hours. The camp will be run by Student Liaisons.

The program plans to increase fundraising and participate in a 2017 tour of the UK.

Soccer – Skip Newton

Fall season is wrapping up in 3 weeks and off season development training will begin in November.

The Thresher fields were unplayable this week and a risk to player safety. The program would like to establish better communications and dialogue with the City of Eagan regarding the fields. Jim Howe suggested speaking with Bob Keeney.

Eric Curtin mentioned there will be a field study occurring in the next 4-6 weeks.

A question was asked if EAA could partner with the Vikings for field usage. Jim Howe is already looking into it.

Softball Update – Jacki Stalboerger

The fall program had 8 teams all of which participated in the State Tournament this weekend. The program is preparing for upcoming Winter Dome Clinics to be held on Friday nights at the Rosemount Dome in November and December.

Track Update – Kathy Windels

Kathy met with Eastview Athletic Director regarding a 4th-6th grade meet. This meet could occur on a Friday night at Eagan and the program would charge Eastview a fee to host.

Program has open board positions in Technology and Merchandise Manager. They will present their budget at the November finance committee meeting.

Volleyball Update – Alyssa Dahlheimer

Travel and In House programs are underway. Travel has 7 teams. The participants will be ball girls at the EHS Varsity games and participate in Eagan Youth Volleyball Night.

Wrestling – Lisa Jensen

Registration is now open for Sessions 1 and 2. A free camp will be offered October 26th and 27th sponsored by EHS. Season officially starts November 16th. The program is currently working out the details of sponsorship from the Urgency Room.

Facilities Update – Jim Howe

A letter was sent to the City of Eagan regarding a new storage facility.

Background Checks – Ken Barringer

All sports are 100% compliant except Soccer which has 195 registered coaches.

Ngin may have a new platform available by February.

Ken is working with Ngin to obtain details on offering a 5 minute video on Coach Predatory Awareness.

Concussions – Mike Casey

Baseline Testing occurred at EHS on September 2nd with 163 participants tested. A few parents brought children under the age of 10 to be tested, however they were not allowed to test. The age range is for 10+ for Baseline Testing as a child's brain is not developed until age 10.

Finance Committee Meeting – Andy Lancette

Wrestling and In House Basketball 4th-6th budgets were approved.

Square Technology – There is currently a transition in credit cards from a stripe to a chip. By the end of 2015, 70% will make the transition. It was noted that after October 1st, the liability of swiping the card instead of dipping the card on the Square is the responsibility of EAA. There is a high chance of volunteer error in this method and deemed too risky at this point. Further discussion may occur once the chip in cards becomes more main stream.

The committee approved the 2014 Audit and it can now be approved by the Executive Board. A motion was made by Trudy Kenney to approve the Audit and 990 and was seconded by Tom Umhoefer. Motion was approved with amendment to add Lisa Jensen as Wrestling Director.

There will be 8 budgets to approve at the upcoming Finance meeting in November.

Marketing & Technology Update – Trudy Kenney

Streets Alive was a successful promotional event for EAA.

Adopt A Street is coming up on October 3rd with Basketball, Cross Country, and Wrestling signed up to help.

PCA workshop is October 5th 7-8:30pm with the potential for 3-4 more PCA workshops in 2016. It was noted there will be a Green Mill gift card giveaway from EAA at the workshop on October 5th.

Halloween Hodgepodge is on October 25th. Two volunteers are needed to assist with a game this is provided by the City.

Sponsorship – Brad Ruiter, Jim Howe

Potential new sponsors for EAA are Great American Cookie and Culvers (new owners).

Jim mentioned that Dr. Jennifer Eisenhuth will donate \$6000 to the EAA Scholarship Program. In exchange for her donation, she would like promotion on the EAA Web Page and access to appreciation and tournament events where she will set up a small table with games and activities. Eisenhuth will reach out to Sport Directors when she is interested in attending an event and would like exclusive rights to all EAA events.

The Board agreed to re-word the last statement such that Eisenhuth would be given exclusivity, but must have a mutual agreement between her and the respective Sport Director to attend a specific tournament or sport event. Brad Ruiter will work on the revision and bring back to Eisenhuth.

Jim deferred to the Marketing Committee to work out the details for promotion on the EAA Website.

Technology Update – Darin Keuhn

The Technology Committee will meet with Ngin on October 3rd. Kate Boyle requested an update on their Scheduling Software when they meet with Ngin.

Darin will check into a new laptop for the Track Program.

Discussion occurred regarding EAA using Google email addresses for Sport Directors instead of personal emails. Anyone who is currently using their personal email should talk to Darin and sign up for a Google email address.

Conflict of Interest Form – Jim Howe

Reminder to have all Conflict of Interest Forms turned into Heather Lorentz either in paper form or via email. Sports are required to have all Board members sign the COI form prior to scheduling their sports. Budgets will be approved, but scheduling cannot occur until all forms have been signed.

City of Eagan Update –

No update was given.

Upcoming Meetings

Finance Committee– November 9th at 7pm, ECC Lone Oak Room

Marketing/Technology Committee – TBD in Winter/Spring

Next EAA Board Meeting, **HOLIDAY MEETING** –Thursday, December 10th, 7:00pm, Mendakota Country Club

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.