

# EPGBA BOARD MEETING

August 17th, 2024 7:00pm



*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, Scott August, Ashley Young, Gretchen McQuillan, Tracie Anderson, Kelsey Gempeler, Lori Kelly, Sara Koepp, Eric Peterson, Joe Comeau, Kevin Vandrovec

**Board Members Absent:** Michelle Jones

**Non-Board Members Present:**

**Meeting called to order:** 7:01 pm by Eric Peterson

### Meeting Agenda:

- *Motion to adopt meeting agenda made by Ashley Young and seconded by Tracie Anderson. Motion carried.*

### Previous Meeting Minutes:

- *Motion to approve May board meeting minutes made by Ashley Young and seconded by Gretchen McQuillan. Motion carried.*

### Regular Business Agenda Items

#### Finance Committee

- Michelle sent out finances earlier. Not present at meeting.
- Most financial scholarships we give out come from the in-house program

*Motion to approve May financials was made by Kelsey Gempeler and seconded by Scott August. Motion carried.*

#### In House

- Joe C- shared surrounding cities price for inhouse basketball and this supports increasing our costs for this season
- K/1st league increase to \$125 – includes each kid getting a basketball, 1 60 minute practice/week and Saturday games (10 weeks). 3 Saturdays in November they get clinics by Angie. Jamboree at the end of the season. Finish up Feb 22.
- 2/3 grade – Increase to \$150 from \$140 (75 minute weekly practice, games on Saturday BUT they have 2 refs/game)
  - Refs cost: \$15-no experience, \$18/game and \$20 for 2 head refs
- 4<sup>th</sup>-high school, increase price to \$200. 1 90 minute practice and West Metro games.
- Registration opens September 1<sup>st</sup> for all in-house
- Something to consider – now that we are offering high school age West Metro, do we need to consider hiring “real refs” vs school age kids, who could be younger than the players.
  - Can we ask other West Metro teams who they use for refs for high school age games?

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- To get the word out about high school opportunity, we will be present at high school back to school nights, hang up fliers in high school, activities night, etc. Hoping Ellen can help get the word out or help connect us with others.
- *Bill Lahti made motion to increase fees and seconded by Ashley Young.*

### Marketing and Operations

- Bill – we have new sponsors. We have increased sponsorships by \$2000 this year.
- Ashley – fundraising – Fat Pants, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4-8:00, we get \$1/beer.
- Open Houses – Sept 17<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. Ashley is looking for volunteers to help with the basketball table. We usually have a high school player as well. Ashley provides the bags and info.
- Back to school – August 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>. Ashley will look into this to see if we can make that work
- Bill – can logos be on main banner? Can North Star be the only sponsor for next year for the shooting shirts?

### Travel

- Tracie – Early Bird discount was successful. 89 girls signed up so far (9 3<sup>rd</sup>, 20 4<sup>th</sup>, 14 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 6<sup>th</sup>, 20 7<sup>th</sup>, 16 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Deepika – helping register teams for tournaments – Certain levels are already full and new options are being discussed. Working to split with other communities
- Lori – helped secure some coaches from last year. May need 1 or 2 more coaches
- Lori – is it ok to use a parent coach at a higher than 6<sup>th</sup> grade level? Last year we had a situation where this happened, and the parent was very much qualified. If parents are qualified and committed, we are fine with them taking a head coach job
- Only one girl trying out for older grade - 7<sup>th</sup> grader trying out for 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- How are we handling 8<sup>th</sup> graders trying out for high school
  - Angie and Ellen have been talking about what that will look like and will see how numbers play out. We might know before travel try outs if anyone will be going up from 8<sup>th</sup> grade to high school basketball.

### Presidents Report and new business

- Eric, gives a big thanks to all who have helped pull all the summer camps together!
- Trusted coaches program – Lori sends it out to all the coaches for each season. It has not been done by 2024/2025 season.
- Feedback on summer camps – Adam will work on this to get feedback
- MYAS meeting tomorrow 7-815 – someone from EPGBA should be present – Tracie signed up
- Is there a discount for multiple kids/family that play basketball in the organization? No

*Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:33 made by Tracie Anderson and seconded by Lori Kelly . Motion carried and meeting adjourned at pm*

**Next Board Meeting:** September 15th, 2024 at **4:00** via Zoom. Respectfully submitted by Kelsey Gempeler, Secretary.