

Eagan Baseball Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date 3/30/2020: Virtual Meeting

Attendance:

Rob Emerson	X
Bryan Walz	X
Brigitte King	X
Crystal Schuman	X
Jack Esser	X
Dave Ryan	
Matt Lunneborg	X

Dave Young	
Soran Agard	
Mike Verdeja	
Steve Moon	
Matt Stok	X
Tamara Langenberg	X
Cesar San Jose	X

Jenny Swartout	X
Billy Loftin	X
Sejal Reddekopp	X
Jill Anderson	X
Sharon Stumpf	X

Others present: Coach Butler

Review of information from EAA meeting. Some sports have been canceled and others are delayed. Baseball is still suspended but we hope that we can still fit in a season. We will try to fit in as many scheduled practices as possible as soon as the season starts. This would be for in house as well as travel. Have discussed using zoom or other tools to have virtual practices. Coach Butler has offered to help with structuring virtual practices. Rob will work on scheduling a virtual meeting with the coaches. Reminder that the YouTube channel for Toby is available as well. Will use this as an opportunity to try to build more online resources and tools for all to use. Will place order for in-house jerseys without names so they can be used next year if not used this season.

In conversation with MBL we will look to start season early May, if school is back in session.

Coach Butler gave update that school baseball season is suspended but not canceled. The school district athletic directors have met with principals, as well as the athletic directors to come up with a plan if the kids go back to school on May 4. The athletic directors have the preference to let the kids have a season if at all possible.

Coach Butler recommended that AAA and AA practice together in a pinch. Coach Butler believes that we would be able to use some of the EHS fields. High school practices will be done by 5. Practices can be done by 5. Could start on varsity field at 5:15 and other fields at 5:30. Recommend that we have longer combined practices and use the fields until it is dark. Coach Butler offered to help with practice plans for such large practices.

MBL Update: Practices start 5/4, games start 5/18. Regions will be set this week from MBL. They have created an online game scheduling tool to use in place of the large scheduling meeting. MBL schedule needs to be set before 5/4 so they can get umpires lined up. Regions will be (hopefully) more geographic. If this occurs, we would likely have a full season without playoffs. State tournaments still held the same weekends.

Update on 9U-11U teams. Rob feels that there is not a chance to do a tryout for these age ranges. Last weekend, Bryan and Rob met with Toby Anderson, who knows many kids in this age group. Also called in potential coaches. Pulled in any data that we have on these players, as well as information from Toby and from Mike Verdeja who knows many of these kids. Discussed the real impact of having larger teams and

Rob shared an analysis that he did for batting and fielding impacts. Discussed that the larger teams are not ideal but given the context of not being able to have tryouts we will need to have larger teams. Rob will send out a communication and will post teams once these communications are sent out. Rob also brought this up with EAA president, who was in agreement with this plan.

Coopers night is canceled for now. Will try to schedule a date toward the end of the season (July??). ore to come.

Right now we will still plan on hosting our tournaments. Bryan sent out a communication to registered teams and most teams are still planning on attending the tournament, with the exception of one team who has not had tryouts yet and will not plan on still sending a team.

Cooperstown Tournament has been canceled for this year. Rob has talked with Matt Lunneborg and we are looking at options to have these players do something next year. 12AA has until April 15 to decide about whether or not they will do Omaha Slumpbuster. Bryan has looked into other options that may be available.