

Elk River Boys Youth Basketball Board Meeting

July 20th, 2025

ER American Legion

Present: Brandon Hoeft, Dan Meyer, Drew Dervick, Josh McCarty, Jessica Palmer, Jamie Karst, Keith Morrisette, Tavis Pike, David Boudinot, Griffin Lewis, Jared Good , Erin Brandt, Ashley Welsh, Jennifer Barker

Absent: Veronica Skomsoyvog, Jaime Karst, Damian Jenson, Ryan Servaty

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

Minutes: David motioned to approve min from June 20th 2025, Tavis seconded it; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The checking balance today is \$48,504.11. The CD balance today is \$52,992.77 plus \$61.02 accrued interest not yet applied. The certificate has been rolled over at 4.1% APR for another five months, maturing on 12/9/2025.

The bank statement for June was reconciled. The total profit for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2025 was \$16,332.96, which is just about half of what it was the year before. We have already discussed the reason for the decrease in previous meetings.

\$37,719.99 is our current ledger balance net of outstanding checks that have not cleared the bank. Some of these checks date back to 2019 and David is going to check into dismissing those checks on Quickbooks.

Our registration income stream started in July and cash flow is and should be healthy now and going forward.

Treasurer's Report circulated and signed by the board.

Board Positions:

Jared Good - 2 kids, 1 boy going into 4th grade travel and 1 girl. He wants to be active and give an opinion in sports his kids are interested in. He has been employed as a Bartender in Anoka for 14 years. He has coached basketball for MDB (MN Development Basketball) in the past and won the state championship that year. Jessica read the ERBYB mission statement, and shared board expectations such as attending 9 out of 10 meetings, participation during evals, tryouts, tournaments, house weekends, youth night, pictures, and miscellaneous events that may arise during the season. An anonymous vote was made and Griffin was voted in.

Jon Hayne showed interest in joining the board as well but was not able to attend the meeting in July but will try to make the August meeting. He is interested in becoming the house director.

Travel and House Program Updates:

Travel - Dan posted key dates on the website. Dan also posted the travel schedule for the season and what teams are where and when they will be playing. If there was no school on a Friday or a Monday there will be no tournaments that weekend. The out of town tournament this season will be in Brainard on February 7th and 8th 2026. The Elk River High School Varsity team also plays in Brainard February 6th and we would like to

encourage families to attend (brainstorming ideas TBD) We are aware that this is superbowl weekend and some families may want to celebrate, we discussed a possible Superbowl party at the Hotel if they have a party room available (brainstorming ideas TBD). Jaime is looking into hotels and is trying to get 3rd- 8th at one hotel.

Tryouts are September 20th and 21st times for each grade are TBD. We want to brainstorm ideas on how to recruit and push for the talent from house coming to travel. We are also starting a 3rd grade travel team this season.

Coach interviews will be held in mid August TBD.

House- Nothing new to discuss. Key dates are TBD and will be verified within the next month.

Due to a new rule from MSHSL- If you make a High school team you can not play house.

Classic Tournament:

The travel tournament is scheduled for December 6th and 7th with set up on December 5th pending approval from Community Ed. As of the date of this meeting CE had approved Elk River High School, Salk Middle School, Vandenberg Middle School, and Rogers High School. We discussed that these may change due to High School Varsity games having top priority of gym space. We will continue to watch the permit for these changes before we finalize our tournament brackets.

The Classic Tournament entry fee was raised to \$500 per Dan being consistent with other organizations in our area that he registered ERBYB travel teams to attend.

Allstar Tournament: We will continue to host this tournament as it is good revenue for our organization. Dates and locations are TBD but are usually in March.

Volunteer/Scholarship:

We discussed changing the coaches allocated hours from 6 hours to 12 hours so assistant coaches and team managers could also be exempt from volunteering from the Classic Tournament. Keith was going to check the volunteer hours from last year and see if we have the hours to cover if we were to make this change. We will follow up at the August meeting.

Scholarships: 2 applications so far. We also discussed having the house scholarship families only volunteer on Saturdays during the house season. They could sweep between games, clean up from spectators, run the clock, score sheets, and set up/tear down the chairs.

Apparel/Photos:

We discussed keeping the white board shirts from last year and adding a black, skinny puff vest to wear over it. Ashley suggested to Erin to talk with Merchology and see what they have to offer. Members asked for a tall option as well.

Equipment:

We need new yard signs as the ones we have are outdated and need to be replaced. Josh is going to reach out to Gillett on prices. Griffin was going to look into a design option. Keith was going to make a QR code. Erin made a motion to buy new signs, Josh second it, Motion passed.

Miscellaneous:

- Next Year skills - Servaty says he's running a camp - to help with CE scheduling against S&S - Cunningham athletic director
- Dan talk with Ryan about High school expectations - travel night @home game - high schooler going to game - Travel teams attending high school practices
- Girls BBall for score boards - Tavis is working on it- work on advertisement
- Pats - email - Finalizing numbers for MBT training - max of 16 teams - Josh is taking the lead. 7A would get solo training - Coaches would have input about what MBT focuses on.
- Timberwolves - kids get to play before a games - Drew is to have lunch with him - scrimmages - house and travel options -
- Ashley wants to promote videos for kids/parents to do interviews. News letter monthly,
- Parent meeting- Josh Motioned to have a meeting in Aug Drew second - to promote players/parents- Drew, Griffin, Josh, and Tavis will take the lead and organizing

Our next meeting will be on 08/17/25 at the American Legion Elk River 6pm.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tavis and seconded by Ashley.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jessica Palmer.

REMINDER LIST:

- Jessica needs admin access to trusted coaches - for background checks and to see what members need a renewal. Dan was going to assist with this
- Jared needs an ERBYB.org email and add to WhatsApp chat
- Ashley will double check the dates for travel and house needs with community ed requests
- Jessica and David need to meet at the bank to get her a debt card