



**EVAA Board Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2010 at 7:00 PM
Apple Valley Community Center**

Attendees:

Scott Selby Sarah Trachet Lee Spelbrink Mark Dannecker
George Singer Lisa Schlosser Brad Carlson Brad Ericksen
Rosie Lisenby-Munz Marty McIsaac Mary Jane Brewer

Rae Lynn Klinger (Admin Asst) Chris Anderson (Football)
Walter Ritschel (Tennis) Brad Eilts (Softball)
Dean Stockwell (Travel Baseball)

Board meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Open Forum:

Angela and Chad Lindstrom, along with Lou Ann Eaton discussed this past fall's girls' basketball tryouts. The Lindstrom's had requested consideration to the EVAA basketball board due to missing tryouts for an out of state soccer tournament. They didn't foresee a conflict at the time of basketball registrations. The Lindstrom's decision was made to support the soccer team, since basketball had not started yet. The outcome was that their daughters were placed on the B team. According to the Lindstrom's, their issues were not the fact that the girls were playing on the B team, but the fact that multi-sport athletes need certain accommodations. Both girls enjoy basketball, play on school teams, and attend training in the area. The Lindstrom's feel that there is a lack of sound policies and procedures and governance of those policies and procedures for a fair outcome in the tryout process. They believe there was a discrepancy on when the tryout policies were posted on the EVAA website--and that these tryout policies were inconsistent. There was also difficulty in getting a response from members of the basketball board. Lou Ann Eaton believes the basketball board's own rules were not followed in this case.

Scott Selby addressed the guests that the EVAA Big Board lets individual sport boards decide how they want to do their tryouts. There is no "one size fits all." Scott asked the Lindstroms whether they had talked with the basketball board?



Given the lack of response from early attempts made to reach the basketball board, no formal contact has been made by the Lindstroms. Scott said he would look into the situation and asked the Lindstrom's to send a written summary of their thoughts to him so he can distribute to the new basketball liaison.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Brad E. to approve November 2009 meeting minutes. Seconded by Rosie L. Motion carried.

Motion made by Sarah T. to approve December 2009 meeting minutes. Seconded by Lisa S. Motion carried.

Presidents Report

MLB Waivers – one player approved--given that the Big Board had made a similar approval for this player last year

Desire to have EVAA representative attend Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce meetings

Scott S. met with presidents of other local youth sports organizations (EAA, VAA, RAAA). Scott to attend Football subcommittee regarding move away from middle school sports to association sponsored sports. This group will continue to meet monthly.

Scott met with Scott Breuer to discuss equipment needs for Quarry Point so it can open on schedule.

Attended 2/3/10 Middle School Task Force meeting.

Met with Matt Percival regarding mutual goals and concerns.

Financial and General Fund Update (Lee S.)

General Fund has \$129,046 in equity. Rebates of \$20,535 have been given back to individual programs as a one-time rebate. Capital improvement proposals that have been approved are in the Capital Improvement line. \$8,400 of approximately \$42,000 has been spent thus far on these projects. Nothing of note regarding individual sports' results. All spring/summer sports have positive surplus. Only one fall/winter sport, football has a negative balance. Football is working to cover this shortfall.



Discussion around impact on various budgets as middle school sports come online into the associations.

Motion made by Marty M. to approve financial statements. Seconded by Brad E. Motion approved.

General Fund showing a small loss of \$2,748 for the year. Still some cushion in scholarship line. Insurance in line with budget. Total income is slightly above budget. Please direct questions or concerns regarding the financials to Lee S. Recommendation to increase Financial aid line \$4,000 to \$18,000, Risk Management line \$2,000 to \$6,000, and Scholarship line \$2,500 to \$7,500 for next year's budget planning. Capital Improvements to go to \$34,000 given money spent to date.

EVAA provides 10--\$500 scholarships each year. The Eastview Foundation has asked what our plans are for this year? Additional discussion around increasing the amount of each scholarship, given inflation and cost of tuition, books, etc. Other discussion around having more scholarships to give more kids opportunities to get them. Lee S. feels that the reserve is adequate to support an increase to \$7,500 in total scholarships. Motion made by Brad E. to increase scholarship to \$7,500 to support 15 scholarships at \$500 a piece. Motions seconded by Scott S. Motion approved.

Motion made to approve General Fund budget as amended. Motion by Marty M. seconded by Brad E. Motion approved.

Program Updates:

IH and Travel Basketball (Johnny G)

148 teams registered for Girls' tournament this upcoming weekend. Have a new treasurer. State tournament seedings will be posted this week. 7A girls' team is 39-0 and is seated #1 in state. Recognizing EVAA players at upcoming high school game.

Volleyball (Stephanie U)

JO season in full swing. Gearing up for spring in-house season. Have new in-house program manager. Registrations coming in slowly. Budget will be presented in May.

Travel Baseball (Dean S)

Registration has been open since 1/1/10--about 100 registrants. Most likely will see 250+ registrations by the closing date. Parent meetings have been set. Tryout

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dates have been set. Team selection dates has been set. Uniforms have been ordered. Baseball has received a couple of waiver requests. These have been sent to Scott S. to review and forward on when appropriate. Have purchased all equipment and invoices will be sent to Lee S. Will work to get a rebate on sales tax paid for first purchase of equipment.

Lacrosse (Terry J)

Registration open until 2/17. Down in numbers a bit from last year. Sent out reminders to general list. Opening registration for girls 4-6 and 7-8. Just completed winter clinics. Will finish budget soon and will complete background checks soon.

Football (Chris A.)

Most significant issue is the move from middle school to association sponsored football. Communication has been hectic. Football board is supportive of the proposals thus far. Board meeting to start getting into details next week. 3 board members retired. Now have 10 board members. Big transition year--given the changes with the middle school issues.

Dakota Rev (Scott S.)

President's Day tournament in Rosemount. Eight teams from Fargo, ND. Tournament a success. Well run and attended. For the first time, Dakota Rev will have 2 teams in Midwest Region League (higher than Minnesota Premier League). Puts some pressure on facilities given the league begins in April.

Track & Field (Bill S)

Gearing up for season with 25 kids signed up. Format for track has changed a bit to better align with other area schools and better meets. Updated website and sending out flyers to students. Starting season two weeks earlier to cut down conflicts with other spring/summer sports. Ordering new hurdles.

Tennis (Walter R)

Began working with USTA for May free clinic. USTA has grant availability for programs that are increasing. Going to three middle school courts from two. Community Ed dropped evening programs for tennis this summer. Should help regarding court time this summer. Losing Eastview courts with the repaving and replacement of those courts. Working with RAAA and VAA to have Saturday scrimmages for in-house kids. Have 21 registrations at this point which are higher than normal.



Softball – In-house and Traveling (Brad E.)

Registrations open. Softball tournament set for May 23rd. Tryouts are set for April 16th and 17th.

Program Liaisons

Information will be sent by Scott S. via email given time constraints tonight.

Discussion of Conflicts of Interest and Business Ethics Policy

This issue has been on Scott's radar for quite some time. Potential conflicts with influx of middle school sports decisions. Should mission statement of EVAA change with new sports that are added? Concern over 3-5 p.m. time slot keeping kids involved in positive activities. Will the void go to intramurals? Discussion that EVAA's mission statement should not change. From a facilities, liability and staffing situation--we are not a middle school SAC program. Needs to be well defined. Surveys will be taken to see what interests kids?

First responsibility is to have candor in meetings. Also, once a decision is made we need to be a unified voice in the community. Conflict of Interest issues are important to address when you have a business interest in a board decision. Discussion on whether these policy documents will be pushed down to individual board level? Big Board can utilize sport liaisons to bring these documents to the sport boards.

Important for transparency and is used in other boards when board members have kids in the programs. Important for Big Board to sign as a first step. Hope is to bring to individual sports into the fold. Nothing affected in EVAA Bylaws.

Suggestion made to add "financial" to the disclosure statement to clarify that the disclosures are meant to apply to any financial interests.

Discussion around how disclosures will be stored, posted and/or made public if necessary. How is information used? Scott S. experience is that disclosure statements are given to other board members, but not to the general public. Need to consider the liability implications of how the information is treated. How often would disclosure statements be updated? Scott believes annually, or when your situation changes.

Scott S. will review suggestions and make some wording changes. Motion made by Scott S. for tabling this issue. Motion approved.

Discussion of Code of Ethics (Directors and Employees)



George S made motion to table this. Motion approved.

Update on Middle School Task Force

Preliminary document reviewed from ISD 196 Developmental Football league. Meeting on 2/22 regarding legal matters regarding transfer of equipment, storage use, use of facilities, and upkeep of facilities. Insurance issues are very important; we need to know what the school district will be liable for? Document to become more formal in the weeks ahead.

New Business

None

Motion by Rosie L. seconded by Marty M. to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2010 at AVCC, 7:00pm.