

**EVAA Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2008 at 7:00 PM
Apple Valley Community Center**

Attendees:

Chuck Lloyd	Scott Selby	Lee Spelbrink	Eric Johnson	Jon Arndt
Brad Carlson	Brad Ericksen	Rosie Lisenby-Munz	Jeff Rayl	Lisa Schlosser
Michael Schmidt				

Rae Lynn Klinger (EVAA Administrator)	Lars Erickson (IH Baseball)
Ken Blomquist (IH Soccer)	Travis Lee (IH Wrestling)
Terry Jacobson (Lacrosse)	Brian Fahey (Dakota REV)

Board meeting called to order at 7:03 PM.

Open Forum:

Icon-Designs (Tony Deutsch)

Tony represents Icon-Designs and they are an online apparel ordering company. They provide a customizable online apparel ordering site to allow for easy ordering of apparel. Turnaround time for orders is typically two weeks, but some orders may be three weeks.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Lee and seconded by Rosie to approve the February minutes. Motion carried. The February meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with an edit on the year at the top to 2008.

Motion by Brad and seconded by Rosie to approve the January minutes. Motion carried. The January meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with an edit on the year at the top to 2008.

Reports

Financial Update (Lee S)

General Fund review. There has been a switch of the electronic payment vendor. This has caused some administrative process issues and we are working through finalizing the process. Motion by Scott to approve and seconded by Rosie to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried.

Chamber Update (Chuck L)

No update

Fields Update (Chuck)

Scott Bruer and Scott S will be meeting next week on fields. Barb and Scott are meeting to discuss changes related to ISD #196.

Insurance Update (Jon A)

Got confirmation and payment for adding Lacrosse as a covered sport.

Website Update (Bill S/Eric J)

Working through some of the issues around the change to a new electronic payment vendor. We are not able to process the payment files as they are being received from First National. Jeff T is working on a possible solution, but if this is not resolved in the next few weeks, we will need to consider moving back to our previous vendor.

Eric will inquire about website traffic numbers as well as features available for program directors to utilize for programs.

Newsletter Update (Lisa S)

Lisa is targeting April 12 for the distribution. We need content and the deadline for submission is March 30.

Administrative Update (Rae Lynn K)

Walk-Ins went well this past offering. There were 100 registrations on March 13th.

Referendum Update (Scott S)

The city presented some preliminary drawings of the Quarry Point fields and apparently VAA wanted multi-use fields instead of dedicated fields. This has caused some consternation from the city. We can probably expect to see four full sized soccer fields and four baseball fields with two of them being eligible for the older age groups including at least one of them as a full size high school field.

There is a Rosemount referendum for a athletic complex that will be voted on in April. Assuming the vote passes, the fields will be available in 2010.

Program Updates:**IH Soccer (Ken B)**

Registration has just closed and about 75% of normal for registrations. Numbers may be down, which affects field allocation. There is a coaches clinic on the 15th and an MYSA clinic on the 12th.

IH Baseball (Lars E)

Finished regular registrations yesterday. There were 509 kids sign up. This is about 90 above previous years. There was talk of doing an overhaul of SHMS fields, but due to Quarry Point, the IH Baseball program approached First Baptist school in Rosemount for use of their fields. They were receptive and this should help with field allocation. IH Baseball is also working with the MN Twins for a fundraiser opportunity.

Travel Baseball (Jay S via email)

Dean Stockwell was elected as the new Assistant Program Director, replacing Michelle Jacobson. We had a total of 196 players at our clinics at the Eastview High School. Our registration officially closed on March 15, 2008. Our current plan is to have 5 teams at the 9-10 year old level, 3 teams at the 11s, 12s and 13s, 2 teams at 14s and 15s and 1 combined 14/15 team. We are considering the possibility of adding a 4th team at both the 11 and 12 year old level. However, that will depend on the tryout scores and field availability. Our mandatory parent meeting will be held on March 19 at Scott Highlands Middle School. Tryouts will be held on March 28-29. The results will be posted on the website on Sunday, March 30 or the morning of Monday, March 31. Uniform fitting and logo wear sales will take place on Monday, March 31 and Tuesday, April 1.

IH and Travel Basketball (Jeff R)

The seasons have completed for both programs. There is a lot of turnover on the board, but looking for filling the vacant positions.

Softball (Len J)

Numbers are down for the IH and Traveling teams. Working to try to recruit and have seen about a 15% decrease. Suggestions were made for mass emailing the EVAA community and can utilize the newsletter for advertising sports and participation.

Track (Lou Ann E via email)

EVAA Track will begin their season with a clinic on 4-14-08 at the EVHS commons at 6:00 p.m. We have just over 70 participants registered for this track season and are looking forward to positive season.

Wrestling (Travis L)

In offseason and starting to do planning for next season. Looking to recruit a few more parents to get them involved and working to get a program board put together.

Lacrosse (Terry J)

Spring registration has closed for 2-8th grade. Summer registration is starting out very well. The clinics have been set up on the website for registration. Dick's Sporting Goods has confirmed that they have all of the equipment. Setting up a fundraiser with the MN Swarm at a game.

Volleyball (Frank P via email)

We introduced for the first time a Spring Volleyball League which begins tonight. We were not sure what to expect because both Apple Valley and Eagan have run Spring Leagues for years and many of our girls have in the past played in those leagues. We ended up with 60, 3rd and 4th grade participants which did exceed our expectations. We should have an excellent base to grow the numbers for next year and will promote the League much longer next year. We didn't decide until Jan 24th to do a Spring League so it went together very quick. We plan to run two Leagues this Fall. We will have approx 4 to 5 traveling teams playing this fall and approx 10 to 12 In house teams for the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade level. The season will begin in early September.

Dakota REV (Brain F)

Basically just registered 48 teams with MYSA. Numbers are up and reflects about a 18% increase. The tournament is scheduled for the first weekend in May. Field requests are in and we should be able to satisfy the uptick in participation numbers.

Old Business:

Travel Participation Policy Update

The Miller family that applied for a waiver and granted by EVAA and then subsequently denied release from Lakeville has made plans to buy a house in Apple Valley. No word on the other requests. There was a request from a 15 yr old that is open enrolled at EVHS to Metro Baseball that was granted by the MBL for participation in traveling baseball with EVAA.

We should review and consider editing the Travel Participation Policy, but have not prepared some language.

Logowear Suppliers for Travel Programs

Discussion about the varying vendors/suppliers for travel programs. There is a concern that there is a multitude of vendors to match the multitude of programs. It would be nice to have continuity and also an opportunity to spread the option for the IH participants to purchase apparel.

Program Liaison Positions

This is an opportunity for a board member to participate in a program that you may not be familiar with and provide support to the program as well as a point of contact. Board members are to email Chuck some choices for liaison positions by March 31st.

New Business

Vendor Rebates

We have received the latest photo vendor rebate from Linhoff Photography.

Scholarship Nomination Review

The EVCF is currently in transition to some new members and program administrators. We have four volunteers to review. Need to edit the website around the language for the scholarship nomination. The board review volunteers are Scott S, Rosie L, Brad E and Michael S.

Future Agenda Items

Motion by Lee and seconded by Rosie to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21st at AVCC, 7:00 pm.