

EVAA Meeting Minutes
Sept 17, 2007 at 7:00 PM
Apple Valley Community Center

Attendees:

Dale Kersten	Lee Spelbrink	Eric Johnson	John Arndt
Tom Brennan	Brad Ericksen	Marty McIsaac	Beth Parsons
Lisa Schlosser	Scott Selby		

Rae Lynn Klinger (EVAA Administrator)	Tim Roche (EVHS Lacrosse)
Brad McCumber (Softball)	Mike Hauck (EVHS Softball)
Lars Erickson (IH Baseball)	

Board meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.

Open Forum:

Eastview LaCrosse (Tim R)

Last year there were 72 kids that participated in the EVHS program last year with 100 members in the booster club. Varsity team finished 4th in the state tournament last year. Looking to ask Terry J to become the program director. Looking for funds to purchase equipment (25 sets) at upcoming clinics to promote the program. The program is looking to utilize registration through EVAA and formally be an EVAA youth program. Terry to present a program draft organization chart with duties and a budget proposal.

EVHS Softball Fields (Mike H)

Looking to put together a fence project for a number of years. Last Spring the city said yes to the project and are moving quickly. Went ahead with the project in May. A fence with a cement maintenance path around the fence as required by the city. Decided that the fenced field would also service EVAA association. The EVAA softball and inhouse baseball have pledged money. The city and school have pledged \$6500. About half of the costs have been covered and are looking for assistance to cover the remaining costs of \$9900. The board will review and make it a voting agenda item for commitment and amount.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Blair and seconded by Beth to approve the May minutes. Motion carried. The May meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Reports

Financial Update (Lee S)

Generally, the balance sheet is up \$10K from the prior year. The cumulative net income for the year is a negative number and this indicates that the programs are spending down balances. The general fund shows that we are ahead of the prior year at the same time. One of the reasons is that salaries are down as we are not paying for a fields coordinator and equipment manager. The individual program summaries show positive balances for all. Motion to approve by Johnny and seconded by Beth. Motion carried.

Chamber Update (Chuck L)

None

Fields Update (Dale)

Into the fall season and the field allocations have been met. There are two or three teams using some fields for fall IH baseball. There are some extreme issues with the older (14-16 yr olds) boys field allocations. Scott Highlands and Eagan 5 are terrible fields for this age level and are quite unsafe for this age level. Lars to present quotes for field fence improvements at the October board meeting.

Insurance Update (Jon A)

We are down about \$1500 on the premium. Football and Wrestling have a \$1,000,000 limit and other programs have \$2,000,000 limit.

Website Update (Eric J)

Working on the financial aid solution to make it easier to account for and request financial aid for program registrations. We have had complaints registered against us as AOL spam. It is a concern as we could be blocked for any AOL members when we send emails out to EVAA participants.

Newsletter Update (Lisa S)

Newsletter went out in August. Lisa has had trouble getting it out in July. Can we move the July edition to August? Also, can we move the October issue out in January. This would provide an issue in January, April/May and August. One of our advertising clients has proposed a referral program where he would reimburse EVAA for referrals marked as from EVAA. A suggestion was made to have this client put together a proposal for review.

Administrative Update (Rae Lynn K)

Walk-ins have been very successful. There continue to be four walk-in registrations throughout the year. The program directors are interested in reducing the number of walk-ins. The costs for the facilities is inexpensive, but volunteer time is valuable for staffing them. We will investigate the need and possible reduction.

Referendum Update (Scott S)

The coalition of people that are interested in the referendum are EVAA, VAA and the Senior Center. The Senior Center is very interested in what is going on with the parks. We are trying to coordinate some question/answer sessions for those interested in more information around the referendum. The coalition would like assistance to fund signage and support volunteers to post signs. There is a short timeline for needing funds, so a suggestion for a funding cap for the effort. Motion by Eric and seconded by Brad to authorize a cap of \$5000 in expenses for supporting the Quarry Point field improvements referendum campaign. Some discussion around how to support and allocate the funds. Motion carried.

Program Updates:

IH Soccer (Johnny/Dale)

There are two candidates for the program director position. The two candidates will discuss duties and come up with a solution for who/how the duties can be divided. Having a problem with the jerseys and will be addressed in a separate item.

IH Baseball (Lars E)

Lars will stay on as the president and the first planning meetings are going on.

Travel Baseball (Michelle J via email)

Many board members departing and have filled those positions. Jay Schlosser will take over as program director.

IH Basketball (Jeff R via email)

Registration closed yesterday but there are still a few trickling in. We are working on ordering jerseys and setting up schedules as well as lining up coaches and age group coordinators. Everything looks good right now and we should be on track to start the season the 3rd week of October. Numbers look to be down slightly but overall not too bad.

Travel Basketball (Deb M via email)

Girls traveling tryouts were last weekend. There were 79 girls compared to 80 last year. There was a tryout of 4th grade girls for some open spots on the 5B team. There are 125 boys trying out for the various ages. Team splits will be determined at the age levels based on registrants. Survey results from last year are available. There was not a large response. General feedback was 'Meets' or 'Exceeds'.

Softball (Brad M)

Currently doing a fall traveling program. For the first time doing a winter 'Dome ball' league. There will be 12 weeks of winter ball clinics in the dome as well. Trying to incorporate the fast pitch in the younger age levels. Actually working with the HS coaches to coach the older teams (15 and 16 yr olds). Trying to use it to compete with other club teams at this level. Need to add board members and will try to spread the responsibilities.

Tennis (Bill S)

There have been a few years of solid growth and this year the numbers have leveled off. Bill looking to recruit a replacement program director.

Wrestling (Travis L via email)

Wrestling is finalizing their clinic and season schedules. We should have the clinic information finalized this week and will be sending that to Rae Lynn for release to the paper and e-mail. Our first day of practice is November 5th. We have already lined up Linhoff for pictures and contacted the Howlands regarding our t-shirt timeline. Wrestling for online registration until Oct. 30 and will be attending the final fall/winter walk-in on Oct. 29.

Track & Cross Country (via email)

The cross country season is underway, with 13 registered 4th – 6th grade boys and girls.

That's about the same number as the previous two years. We began practices on 8/20, and practice two nights per week. We have 6 meets scheduled at various locations this season We competed in our first meet of the season, last week in Lakeville. As a team, our boys placed 4th, running against 12 middle school teams, and our girls placed 4th, running against 7 middle school teams. Not bad considering our kids were 2 to 4 years younger than most of their opponents.

The season continues through the 3rd week in October, with the optional USA Track & Field MN State Cross Country Championships held at Valleywood Golf Course on November 10th.

Committees

Costs Committee

Vendor Review

The soccer jerseys from Howland's have had some issues with lettering falling off. Howland's has offered to repair/replace those jerseys that have issues. One wash and about 50% of the ink washed away. A letter from Dale was sent to the Soccer email list. A suggestion was made to coordinate communication

through the board committees handling the vendor selection. The contact for our photo vendor is Brad Ericksen and the jersey vendor contact is Jeff Rayl.

New Business

Staying/Leaving Board Members in 2008

Future Agenda Items

Motion by Scott and seconded by Jon to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 15th at AVCC, 7pm.