Minutes

Eagan Basketball Board of Directors

October 9th, 2016

Meeting was called to order by C. Berran at 7:00 p.m.

**In attendance**

Carrie Berran, Lisa Richter, Nate Lorentz, Pete Amann, Jason Schmidt, Mike Bockenstedt, Jason Stanton, Andrea Delsing, Jeff Erickson, Scott Hull, Heather Redetzke, Alex Buslee, Seth Wigley, Pat Kenney, Jason McClary, Melissa Cherney, Melanie Harvey, Aaron Huston, Phil Martin, Susan Johnson

**Meeting Minutes**

August and September 2016 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by J. Schmidt and seconded by J. Erickson to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer’s Report

There was nothing to report at this time.

New Business

Tournament Update

Brackets

* A.Buslee working on special bracket requests.
  + Have 153 boys teams
  + Far fewer girls teams.
    - Canvassing communities offering discounted tournament entrance fees for teams. Would even offer free to teams if necessary.
    - Would like to consider making the girl’s tournament 1 day only.
  + Brackets will be available, at the latest, the Monday before tournament. Are shooting for Friday availability.
    - Tournament volunteer sigh-up will be available when brackets come out.
      * C. Berran will send an email to parents regarding volunteer requirements.
    - Board volunteer information and sign-up will come out with brackets as well.
    - Sponsor information will appear on brackets.

Facitlies

* St. Thomas Academy has increased rental cost by $700.
  + Do not want ETB to take concession profit.
  + Are questioning ETB taking money from admissions as well.
  + New AD not as willing to work with ETB than previous AD.
  + Per A. Delsing the lines at STA are very difficult to see
    - A. Buslee confirmed that the lines will be taped to make more defined.

Vendors

* S. Johnson confirmed there will be air brushed head bands for sale.
* No word from Dunn Bros. or Rita’s at this point.

Awards

* S. Johnson confirmed t-shirts will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. Will be consolation award for larger brackets.
  + Standard cotton t-shirts
  + $7 each for long sleeved shirts
  + Gray with blue, green, and white graphics
  + Champion will appear on shirts for 1st place teams.
  + Vendor offering to print all participating cities on shirts free of charge Because still trying to fill brackets for girls, this offer will be declined.

Concessions

* S. Hull questioned how to pay for concessions purchased at Sam’s Club, Cub, or HyVee
* C. Berran will check if EAA to see if there is an account set up at any of these stores.

General

* Per A. Buslee, cost for Whistle Blowers, proved referees for games, has gone up to $54 per game
* Family passes need to be in bags when coaches receive them.
* Will be a free throw contest before start of each team’s first game.
* We will meet on Tuesday, November 1st at Granite City at 8:00 p.m. to to go over final tournament information.

Try-Outs Recap

* C. Berran – Great Job Aaron!
* Huston talked about pooling feedback
  + Would it be possible to use a percentage based number from coach feedback from previous years season in try-outs?
  + Some communities do summer programs where players can be evaluated.
  + Would it be possible to evaluate and pool by position?
    - Girls were balanced
    - Per J. Erickson for boys guards all pooled higher across the board compared to forwards
    - J. Schmidt suggested a specific skill assessment for bigger kids in try-outs.
* Berran pointed out how much basketball has changed and how every player does everything these days.
  + Issues with players being pulled up, especially taller kids. Leaving lower teams without height.
* P. Amann suggested giving coaches way to score players on their end of season evaluations.
* A.Huston recommended changing girls try-outs to 2 hours on first day and 1 hour second day.
* The feedback C. Berran received from parents would suggest changing try-outs for boys to2 days instead of 3.
  + Per A. Huston, because of numbers, 3 days actually works better.
* S. Hull would like to see less transparency for players during try-outs.
  + Players on team 3 or 4 easily figure out where they fall.
    - Can be problematic – not putting as much effort into their try-out since they already know they aren’t making a top team.

In House

* S. Wigley talked about grades 1-3 In House
  + Practice begins October 17th
  + Each Kindergartner will get a basketball to keep.
  + C Berran had many compliments for the job S. Wigley has done leading into the season.
    - The binders are wonderful!
* M. Harvey talked about grades 4-6 In House
  + Registration opens October 17th

Other

* P. Amann talked about shooting shirts for players.
  + $3300 received already $1100 more promised,
  + Per P. Martin sponsor logo is currently on shoulder.
    - Will cost more to make it larger
* N. Lorentz has a list of open practice times coming out this week.
* M. Bockenstedt discussed replacing ETB’s participation in the Rochester tournament.
  + Options include Duluth, Mankato, Brainerd, and St. Cloud
    - Duluth, Mankato, and Brainerd don’t have A,B, and C brackets and are not 4th – 8th grade.
    - St. Cloud is February 25th and 26th in 2017
      * M. Bockenstedt will check availability for 2018
* J. McClary will have bags ready for coaches to pick up this week.
  + Bags may need to be replaced
* A. Delsing talked about issues finding a coach for the 7G2 team.
  + Suggests interviewing paid coach candidates at same time as parent volunteers, just in case.
* J. Erickson was very complimentary of changes and improvements made for try-outs this year.
* A motion was made by C. Berran and seconded by S. Hull to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.