

Elk River Boys Youth Basketball Board Meeting

August 17, 2025, 2025

Elk River American Legion

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

Absent: Damian Jenson and Ryan Servaty

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm.

Minutes: Veronica motioned to approve minutes from July 20th, 2025, David seconded it; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking balance today is \$59,838.23. The QuickBooks ledger balance is \$43,699.11. CD balance today is \$52,992.77 plus accrued interest \$225.25 not yet applied. The Summer Skills program has been paid for in full. Our liability insurance renewal is due 09/01/25 and it is \$3,750 for the coming season.

Dan will send spreadsheet with travel tournament registrations for David to pay. Player registrations are coming in slowly. We discussed ways to make sure people know registration for basketball is open. Griffin will send out an email blast regarding early bird savings and closing dates. Josh is going to order 20 yards signs with QR codes to promote the program and registration.

The Treasurer's Report was circulated and signed by the board.

Travel Updates:

There are 40 players registered, mainly in the older grades. No third graders have registered yet. Dan is going to send an email blast to last year's 2nd grade families to invite them to play travel. Josh is working with MBT to finalize that piece of the program. Coaches' applications are being accepted for travel and interviews will be held in early September. Dan has registered for all the travel tournaments and will forward that information to David to submit payment. Dan will send Ashley the dates for the Pre-K through 3rd grade skills camp so that gym time can be requested. They are usually held on last two Saturdays in September and first two Saturdays in October at either Lincoln Elementary or Salk Middle School. Dan is getting the evaluators lined up for travel tryouts.

Last season, we increased the number of volunteer hours to 9 for a head coach to give out to their assistant/s and/or team manager. Keith reviewed the total number of volunteer hours we need to run the Classic Tournament and the All-Star Tournament, and stated we had some wiggle room to increase the number of hours for travel coaches to give out to their support staff. Josh motioned to increase volunteer hours from 9 to 12 for travel coaches to reward their assistant/s and/or team manager. Drew seconded it; motion passed.

House Updates:

There are 38 players registered to date.

Apparel/Photos Update:

Erin is planning a red long sleeve shirt and black vest with angry elk for board members. Ashley negotiated a 15% kickback from Sportsline Photography as opposed to the previous year's 10%. We discussed getting a generic banner to use at tournaments. Tavis advised that the girls' program is interested in going in on a banner with logo for tournament use. Ashley asked SportsLine Photography about adding the option of fire and smoke as this would be an extra 5% kickback to ERBYB. For those families wanting to do fire and smoke photos, we could send out a pre-registration email to reserve a time slot and that reservation money would go toward the cost of the players' photos.

Timberwolves update:

Drew met with Matt Bare, youth sports director of the Minnesota Timberwolves. He briefly reviewed the different options available to include Play Where the Pros Play, Anthem Buddies, and Junior Wolves Program. Drew didn't think we would be able to include the cost of one of these options in our current registration for the travel program but thought we could do something for the younger players in the house program. Drew confirmed that several other associations partner with the Minnesota Timberwolves and offer one of these options which is included in player registration fees.

MBT Update:

Josh talked to Pat Freeman. Pat will be sending out a Google doc with several dates to reserve for our travel teams. We plan to reserve two nights a week and have two teams a night workout at MBT. Each travel team will have one session at MBT a month for four months, November, December, January and February.

Rockwoods Fundraiser Update:

There was a good turnout. The final numbers are pending. We discussed doing it again in January or February 2026.

Equipment update: Brandon is going to set up a time to go to shed this week. Tavis can get 15% off on Wilson Evolution balls with military discount.

Miscellaneous:

Our next meeting will be on 09/21/25 at the American Legion Elk River at 6pm.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Minutes recorded by Veronica Skomsyovog

REMINDER LIST:

Josh, Dan, and Tavis need to review and update coaches packets.