



**Board Meeting Minutes – Approved 2/19/2024
Monday, January 15, 2024 – 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Apple Valley Community Center**

Board Member Attendees/Representatives:

Jason Petti (president), Peter Beaumont, Kevin Brandt, Mary Coleman, Kevin Drometer, Dave Freed, Gerri Laska, Jude Miron, Niels Schapochnicof, Mike Simonson, Brad Yamanaka

Programs Represented: Baseball, basketball, cross-country skiing, football, soccer, softball, volleyball

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. A quorum was present

Approval of minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the November 2023 EVAA Board meeting.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Fiscal Year 2023 Overview

There is concern that budgets are not being carefully reviewed after being disseminated. There is a real need to stay on top of the budget and comply with financial requests made by the EVAA treasurer. Going forward, all sports will need to have a finance director on their board (this may be a double-role, e.g. the program director may be the finance director). In addition, each sport will need to have their budget approved by the EVAA in November each year before any registrations are allowed to open for the following year. This is a vital step to ensure that EVAA remains in the black and is financially healthy.

Budget Review

The EVAA general fund went from a \$100,000 deficit to a deficit of ~\$1000. Most of the funds have been moved to CDs (6 month and day-to-day) that yield 5.5-7% return instead of keeping the money in a checking account. Ensuring the budgets are followed is critical as there is now less fluidity with the accounts to allow for the increased return on investment from the CDs. The treasurer will look at rates again in the spring to see if there is a good 2 year option.

To ensure timely purchases can be made the EVAA president and each program should have a credit card, and programs may have up to 2 credit cards.

MOTION: All programs may have up to 2 credit cards but should have at least one

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

As a reminder, all purchases need to be approved by the program director and should be within budget or communicated to the treasurer to ensure funds are available, especially as EVAA funds are not as easily available with the new CDs.

Increased Administration Fee

EVAA has experienced increased fees with an additional \$12,000 in facilities management and \$3000 more for insurance. Essentially, as the program participation increases the expenses of running the sports also increases.



MOTION: To increase the administrative fee to \$25 per registration starting January 1, 2024

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

This will create an estimated \$25,000 surplus that will allow EVAA to invest more back into the programs. The \$25 increase will affect all sports effective January 1, 2024; basketball, softball, volleyball, cross-country skiing, and wrestling will have this increase with registrations starting July 1, 2024; all other sports will need to pay the increase retroactively starting January 1, 2024. All non-sport clinic registrations that go through SportsEngine will be charged \$5 per registration to cover the administrative costs.

Hope Fieldhouse

EVAA paid a lump sum to Hope Fieldhouse for usage of the facility; however, EVAA has been denied use multiple times in violation of our contract. Prior to any sort of litigation, EVAA leadership will meet with representatives at Hope Fieldhouse to see if an agreement can be met.

Revision of Bylaws

Officers have updated and revised the EVAA bylaws and have disseminated to the board for review.

MOTION: To approve the revised bylaws

AMENDED: The new quorum should be half of non-vacant voting members plus 1 member if even, or round up if odd

The amended motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Operating Model Concept

Leadership created a document that outlines the way EVAA can operate as a franchise model with all the sport programs acting as franchisees. EVAA supplies insurance, background checks, Avario, SportsEngine, scheduling, etc. in exchange the sports need to have a program director, board of directors (to include a treasurer/finance director), meet regularly, and record meeting minutes. This model ensures that all programs are held accountable as there will be standard operating procedures, such as program director guidelines. This new concept is still a work in progress, and will need to be reviewed and revised by the Operations Committee.

Board Open Positions

There is one open voting position available on the EVAA board which is the marketing/fundraising director. There are vacant program directors for cross-country running, tennis, and lacrosse (though interviews are in progress for a new lacrosse program director). The Operations Committee will serve as a safety net for programs without a program director/board until one can be established.

Lacrosse Program Update

The interview process is underway for a new program director, and the spring registration is opening soon. The EVAA president will coordinate the loss of equipment as he has the remaining equipment.

Scholarship vs. Financial aid

There has been confusion as what defines a scholarship versus financial aid. The only scholarships EVAA should have are for individuals for furthering their education; financial aid may be considered if a family



has financial hardships and EVAA would subsidize the cost. Contributions can be made if a family has a hardship that doesn't necessarily relate to the sport (e.g. a major illness in the family). The board had previously reviewed the new basketball financial aid process in August of 2023 and decided that this should be the starting place for each sport in determining their financial aid. It was also clarified that any child receiving financial aid needs to actively participate in that sport.

Facilities Update

It was approved for the facilities/technical services director to handle all field and facilities requests. There is concern that this position may need to be considered an employee as opposed to an independent contractor.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved at 8:34pm