

Eclipse Club General Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Oct 8, 2025 6:00 PM

Location: Randy Smith Middle School

Item Number	Topic	Time
1.	Welcome/Call to Order ESC Board of Directors meeting Call to order at 6:05pm	1 min.
2.	Introductions and Roll Call: BOD: Allison Long, Sarah Huguet, Lina Motawe, Katrina LeMieux, Brett Parks, Keri Gelvin, Brett Schiermann, Tina Buxbaum, Cyndi Jaffa, Additional Attendees: David Powers (TD), Corwin Bassett, Faith Walsh, Ashley Adamczak.	3min.
3.	Approval of Meeting Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes, Motion: Brett Parks Approval: Faith Walsh	1 min.
4.	Treasurer Report and Acceptance of Financials: Quickbooks still a problem but Q3 financials to be sent ahead of time. Overview of Projected Expenses for 2025-2026 season. Expenses are very high this year. Common theme, every meeting. Profit and Loss statement is by account. Current bookkeeper Techsoup is a new program that we are integrating with. Online version for \$80 vs. our past expenses of \$2400. Tina: Techsoup used to offer migration support. Fee structure: Help outline what the fees are and how they have been created. We review at AGM each year to help people see. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was suggested by members of the board to establish a Finance Committee.	10 min.
5.	Technical Director Report- <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Birth year realignment: Summer of 2026 realignment.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. AYSA has not made a decision on what their implementation date will be.b. Jan-Dec is currently how we factor age groups.c. Now USYS- AUG 01.d. State Cup 2026 will be the new cut off AUG 01-JUL31.e. Brett clarified that it was date of school year entry as well as grade.	10 min.

	<p>f. David reviewed a Pros and Cons comparison that he created with a 'switch now vs. a 'wiat until 2026-27.</p> <p>g. Ashley: So, is it May 2026 or May 2027?</p> <p>h. LOTS of discussion about pros and cons. Trying to understand all the coordination points.</p> <p>i. What can Eclipse give to Rob Aiken (AYSA MAL) and Chris Willis (Region Representative) to support our stance for the upcoming AYSA AGM on 08 NOV.</p> <p>j. We will create a statement for Rob/Chris to take with them to the AYSA meeting that will outline two major points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Emphasize that AYSA delay on this decision is significantly impacting planning and implementation for the organizations throughout Alaska. ii. Emphasize that because of this delay in decision the only realistic answer is to postpone the age realignment until after 2026 state cup. This would mean that all Alaska organizations can plan and implement with transparency and planning instead of rushed and hectic implementation. <p>k. If you have thoughts, questions, comments, about this topic please email registrar@eclipsesoccer.net and president@eclipsesoccer.net.</p> <p>2. Fall/Winter Schedule</p> <p>3. Travel Plans (Club-wide tournament?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Travel Plans and budgets are due b. Motion to delay travel plans and budgets are due 01 DEC or 2 weeks post Eclipse AGM. Brett Parks seconds. All in favor, motion passes. <p>4. Regular Coach meetings- happening every two weeks.</p> <p>5. Coach Contracts- review completed, sent to coaches. Robust onboarding file and</p> <p>6. Grass Roots update: Great and positive enrollment with volunteer coaches, FYSA enrollment support and over 30 kids playing. David Powers is acting as the oversight of the program with help from volunteer coaches.</p>	
6.	<p>Executive Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gym cost overview and discussion of facility rental/purchase. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Significant cost increase from the school district was both surprising and higher than 	5-10 min.

expected. They had communicated a 'small increase' but the timing was difficult for all organizations.

- b. We had luckily not set our fees yet and were able to adjust accordingly.
 - c. We have been working with other organizations to try to figure a way to advocate for something different than higher fees.
2. Grassroots update: 30+ kids registered and the program is going very well.
3. Bylaw and P&P Review.
- a. Used to have a TD and a DOC. Now we just have a DOC. The DOC and the registrar are the two people who are paid.
 - b. We talked salaries and pay.
 - c. Realign the responsibilities by also looking at TD, DOC, Registrar and Treasurer.
 - d. Position Descriptions greater than what is in the Bylaws and P&P.
 - e. Call to Action: Allison requested that all BOD look at what work we need done and make connections on their team, to personally ask people to step up and volunteer.
 - f. How do we make the P&P work
 - g. Motion to extend the conversation to BOD position resignation timeline in lieu of the current policy and procedure review. (Brett Schiermann, Tina B don't have to resign right away and this will be reviewed with P&P). Motion Brett Parks, Katrina LeMieux. Motion passes.
4. Club Communication:
- a. Newsletter- Sarah Nichols owns her own marketing company, can Cyndi send to her?
 - b. Katrina- We need to make it easy to repeat if any of the existing Exec or BOD are not in their positions.
 - c. Social Media-
5. TD Contract-
- a. The same committee that is helping with the coach contracts is assisting with the TD and Registrar contract reviews.
 - b. The biggest issues include:
 - i. Alignment to updates with bylaws and P&P.
 - ii. Pay cycle changes
 - iii. Measureable and clear expectations that are in alignment with all Eclipse documents.

	<p>6. Girls Program Review- Girls numbers are INCREDIBLY LOW. 34 registered.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. David reviewed statistics and data related to the number of girls, by age group and over time to show the registrations. b. Recruitment: Three main ideas about school outreach, bring a friend and social media/fifty fifty friday. c. Retention: survey to understand the problems. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Add a current player to the retention ii. Include high level female sports and athletes. iii. Alev Kelter, Ruthie Hebard, other college athletes. iv. This doesn't have to be limited to girls, we can do this for boys, too. v. Women's show: get a booth for eclipse soccer. vi. High school offset registration costs. vii. Please email David Powers with other suggestions on how this can grow. 	
7.	<p>Other Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The gaming committee was notified that a Lotto Alaska distribution in the amount of \$28, 908.76 was scheduled to be mailed to Eclipse 10/9/25. • A thank you post on Eclipse Facebook page is warranted. • The 13G recent raffle was very successful. Not many teams are using the raffle fundraiser to date. • 11G combined teams have been the 2 of the 3 uses to date. • Lessons learned over the past year will be captured in the forthcoming annual document/process review. • Gaming permit renewal opens November 1. Lotto Alaska proposal is due December 1. • The Gaming Committee will coordinate with the Club on how to use the 2024 Lotto Alaska distribution by the end of the calendar year. • Suggestion at meeting: using the Lotto Alaska money funding extra kits. 	5 minutes
8.	<p>Action Items</p> <p>AGM Date and Position Announcement-Nov 16th Tentative. (postponing our AGM past OCT to await AYSA AGM on 08NOV).</p>	10 min.

9.	<p>Public Comment-</p> <p>Corwin Bassett: He attended and testified at the school board meeting on 07 OCT in favor of the school district understanding the impacts of the cost increase to organizations and suggested checking out keys to the organizations in return for a commitment to clean the spaces. Increased costs for youth sports organizations are having a negative impact on youth sports and costs to participate. The school board asked that if they could get the idea emailed and the suggestion of shared keys and shared access. Eclipse President will coordinate with IYB, FYSA and other organizations to create a consolidated statement and offer to work with the school district to create a process in hopes that costs will decrease.</p>	10 min
10.	<p>Adjourn. Next meeting Date TBD (January most likely)</p> <p>Motion: Brett Parks</p> <p>Seconded: Cyndi Jaffa</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned 8:20pm</p>	1 min