

Eagan Athletic Association - Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 31st, 2016

President, Jim Howe	X		Director of Baseball, Aaron Cabbage	X
President-Elect Andy Lancette	X		Director of Basketball, Carrie Berran	X
Vice President, Trudy Kenney	X		Director of Cross Country, BJ Knight	X
Treasurer, Kate Boyle	X		Director of Football, Scott Solliday	X
Director of Communication, Brad Ruitter			Director of Lacrosse, Mike Adair	X
Administrative Assistant, Heather Lorentz	X		Director of Soccer, Skip Newton	X
Director of Facilities, Greg Byrne	X		Director of Softball, Jacki Stalboerger	X
Director of Community Relations, Mike Schwendinger	X		Director of Track, Kathy Windels	X
Director of Web Strategy & Support, Darin Keuhn	X		Director of Rugby, Eric Curtin	X
Director of Coach Development, Ken Barringer	X		Director of Volleyball, Alyssa Dahlheimer	X
Director of Sports Programs, Jeff Eckerle	X		Director of Wrestling, Lisa Jensen	X
Director or Program Initiatives, Mike Casey	X		City of Eagan, Bob Keeney	X
Other: Kathy O'Connell – Eagan Convention & Visitors Bureau	X			

Meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m. by President Jim Howe.

Guests:

Kathy O’Connell presented information on services the Eagan Convention & Visitors Bureau could provide to EAA during their sport tournaments. Services included: welcome bags, help with parking issues, hotels booking and discounts for out of town teams, coupon books and area maps. All Sport Directors were given a packet on information regarding these services.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 28th, 2015 board meeting were reviewed by all present. A motion to approve was made by Trudy Kenney, seconded by Eric Curtin. Minutes were approved and can now be posted on the EAA website.

Baseball Update – Aaron Cabbage

Tryouts just ended. There were struggles with tryout time at the Savage Dome and will be looking into moving back to the Rosemount Dome next year.

It was noted 15AAA will have a paid coach this year.

Program will host a parent meeting this Tuesday. They are offering a buyout option this year of \$150 with a volunteer deposit of \$200. In House registration is open until 4/11/16.

An In House Director has been identified as well as a Tryout Coordinator candidate. More information to come on this next meeting.

Basketball Update – Carrie Berran

Season finished strong with most teams participating the State Tournament in March. Many teams placed in the top 16 at State.

In House Program ended with a season tournament and winners photos were placed on the EAA Basketball website.

An end of season survey was sent out to all parents. Results will be tallied and discussed at a future Basketball Board meeting. The Board still has two positions open for next year.

Take away from coaches meeting was to determine if EAA has a main calendar that details out when sports main events are taking place, such as tryouts and hosted tournaments. It is the hope that with a main calendar, sports can work together to try avoid overlap. Trudy mentioned having used a tool that could be useful for this purpose.

Cross Country – BJ Knight

Budget for 2016 Cross Country will be ready to present at the May 9th Finance Committee Meeting.

Football – Scott Solliday

District Head High School Football Coaches have decided not to play in the SSYFL (9-team league of 7th and 8th grade travel teams). Will be going back to E-Rave and playing Apple Valley, Eastview, Rosemount and Eagan. Will mean more development and playing times for the kids, however schedules will be less competitive. Will play 8- team schedule with an end of season playoff with those teams.

Youth football will travel and play Eastview and Apple Valley in grades 3-6th. All grades will not be separate, no combined grades. Enrollment numbers are going down across local communities so providing a travel option will create better competition for all teams. 3rd grade tackle will come back this year. Flag Football will also be an option this year.

Scott will be sitting on the panel to hire the new high school coach.

Jim Howe mentioned Apple Valley will join the Eastview Association. Eagan may see some kids who were on the border come back to EAA.

Lacrosse – Mike Adair

MBSLA – spring league collapsed after budget was approved last year and season was decimated and resurrected. Program is doing a complete in house developmental program in April out of Rosemount Dome and Rahn.

Season starts April 9th. U9 enrollment is down, but other cities in the Dakota Lacrosse program saw the same trend. All other registration numbers on target. Ninety players are trying out for the high school team. Will pick up any age eligible players can play on U15.

US Lacrosse is looking at player retention due to significant decline in youth participation. What are causes and hopefully in next few years will see somethings that come out that will help all sports.

Registrations are now closed. Program is now off to a good start with player evaluation clinics beginning this week. Clinics are being run by people with experience in Lacrosse to help facilitate player development.

Rugby – Eric Curtin

High School Boys program is in its second year with 46 participants and consists of Varsity and JV teams. They will have their first scrimmage this Saturday. They will participate in a tournament in Wisconsin Dells this year.

Girls Varsity is new this year. Currently ten participants are registered, they need fifteen and is made up of most sophomore and freshman. This program has teamed up with South of the River Teams such as Lakeville and Prior Lake for matches and practices.

Middle School program has two teams. The overall Rugby program is growing and building because of the Middle School program. There is a new coordinator on board to help out.

Soccer – Skip Newton

Rec program registration will close tonight with over 1000 participants and 104 teams.

Tournament registration is at 104 teams.

There are 612 competitive players, which is up from last year.

Parent meeting about age guideline changes going in across all of Soccer. Moving to calendar birth year instead of a school year. Rule is coming down from US Soccer. This will affect the age groups and program will reach out to other communities to see if they can help place players who are now aged out of a specific group.

Softball Update – Jacki Stalboerger

Tryouts are completed and teams finalized with a total of 14 teams. Due to lack of parent volunteers, the program hired a high school girl to coach one of the teams.

In House registration is still open. Due to decreasing registration numbers, the 4th-5th grade teams may be playing against teams from other communities.

There are 6 club teams this year for 14U-18U.

The Down and Dirty Tournament will be held Father's Day weekend. It is currently 84% full with most spots open at the 10U level.

This year a volunteer buyout of \$250 was offered, up from \$150 last year.

Track Update – Kathy Windels

697 participants registered which is 110 more than last year. Coaches meeting will be held next week.

K-3 practice will start on April 23rd. 4th-6th will begin practice on April 15th to prepare for Eastview meet on April 22nd.

Access Database has been revamped by one of the Track board members. The two open board positions have been filled.

Volleyball Update – Alyssa Dahlheimer

Spring In House season for 3rd-12th grade is underway. Christine Beckwith is the new In House Spring Director for 5th-12th grade.

A coaches clinic with player demonstration was held this spring and was well attended. Season goes through mid-May.

Wrestling – Lisa Jensen

Season wrapped up two weeks ago with approximately 85 wrestlers participating between the two offered sessions. Session 2 was opened up to Middle School participants this year. Thirteen wrestlers went to State and four of them placed.

An end of year meeting was held to address parent concerns and get commitment from parents to help next year on the board.

Focus for next year will be on fundraising and sponsorships for the program.

Facilities Update – Greg Byrne

An email was sent out to all equipment directors after the last board meeting. Not all responded, so Greg will be sending out another email to try to connect with them.

There are issues getting into the High School shed and Greg will call a locksmith to get it resolved.

Background Checks – Ken Barringer

Ngin decided to charge for the new member management feature that Ken was working on with them, so it was decided to not opt for this feature.

Background check registration is a running registration that has a filter on there that tracks who registered in the last period by season. It's a running list of coaches that cleared the check within the last year and also tracks concussion baseline testing.

Sport Directors are to give Ken a list of all coaches for verification of compliance.

Concussions – Mike Casey

Concussion baseline testing will take place again in the fall.

Finance Committee Meeting – Andy Lancette, Kate Boyle

Finance committee meeting was cancelled.

Kate went over the January financials. There is nothing unexpected or causing any concern. February financials will be coming out soon. Carrie Berran made a motion to approve the January financials. Mike Adair seconded and they were approved.

Audit fee proposal for 2015 is \$13,100. It will take place June 6-10, 2016. Last year the cost was \$12,350. Kate will push back to MMKR to see if they can negotiate a lower fee for the 2015 audit. A motion was made by Jim Howe to move forward with \$13,100 if Kate cannot negotiate a lower fee. Motion was seconded and approved.

W-9's for spring sports are needed. They can be turned in by mailing to the EAA PO Box or email it to Angie at invoice@eaasports.org.

Kate announced she is resigning from her position as EAA Treasurer effective July-August 2016. She will stay on as an At-Large Board member and sit on the Finance Committee. An email will come out soon listing out the job description. Interviews will be conducted by the Executive Board.

Marketing & Technology Update – Trudy Kenney

Volunteer Appreciation Night at Cascade Bay is Thursday, August 4th.

Adopt A Street – Rugby has volunteered for the upcoming session, but more volunteers are needed. Volunteers are also still needed for June 15th and in August. Dates can be changed if needed. Would like

at least two groups per session to volunteer. Mike Adair volunteered for a session in June and Trudy is to follow up with him. Track has also volunteered for August.

Marketfest – June 15th in need of 30-40lb. weights, tent and volunteers. Trudy will help at this event, but another volunteer or two is needed.

4th of July FunFest Parade – Mark's Towing will provide a driver and a flatbed for a float. Need to determine if EAA has the means to do a float or if will have people walking behind a banner and how many interested in walking. This will determine how many registrations EAA will need. Jim asked Sport Directors to go back to their boards to ask for volunteers for the event.

Health and Wellness Event – August 10th

Friday Folders - Trudy sent out a flyer with all registration dates to Sport Directors to verify prior to sending home in Friday Folders this spring.

Positive Coaching Alliance – There were no participants at the event on March 30th. April 21st is the next scheduled date. It will be at BHMS at 6:30pm in the multipurpose room. Baseball is looking to fill 40 of the seats at this event.

Trudy will forward on her copy of the master calendar to Carrie Berran, who will fill in the Basketball important dates and pass along to other Sport Directors to fill in dates for their sport to create an overall master calendar.

Technology Update – Jeff Eckerle, Darin Keuhn

Jeff reported that Basketball and Baseball representatives met with Autolce to go over their scheduling software. Basketball will meet with him again and include the in-coming scheduler to discuss using next season.

Darin reported that he exported out the number of people that have Webmaster access across Ngin websites. He will send this list out to Sport Directors to validate those who have this access.

It was suggested to put a link on the main EAA website to the Eagan Visitors Bureau. Darin will look into this.

Community Relations – Mike Schwendinger

Trinity softball coach has been talking to the MN Vikings and Mike hoping to be a part of any upcoming conversations with them.

Mike has exchanged emails with Bob at the City of Eagan. He asked anyone if they have any questions on fields and usage and he will be the one to reach out to the City.

Andy suggested reaching out to someone within the Eden Prairie community to see what their relationship was with the Vikings in regard to using their field.

City of Eagan Update – Bob Keeney

Field allocation information was sent out last week to all sport directors. Bob noted if any sports required dimension changes to their fields to let him know right away. If any sports will not be using a field they are to inform Bob as well. Permits will come out in the next two weeks

Andrew Pinental is the new Parks & Rec Director and will start in early May.

Upcoming Meetings

Finance Committee– May 9, ECC Boardroom, 7pm

Marketing/Technology Committee – TBD

Next EAA Board Meeting – May 19, Eagan Room at City Hall, 7:30pm

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Addendum to Minutes – Bob Keeney City of Eagan Update

The following information was sent out to all Sport Directors from Bob Keeney as his update for January.

- All tournament requests are due by Jan. 31st
- Field allocations & deny date will be sent the first week of February.

- The City of Eagan is changing to a new system that impacts all departments.
- I will be able to begin setting the 2016 field assignments per program when the system is active on Feb. 1st.
- If any sport director / tournament director would like to meet to go over tournaments or field needs, please contact me directly.
 - bkeeney@cityofeagan.com
 - My office number is [651-675-5451](tel:651-675-5451)
 - I office out of the Civic Arena (across from City Hall)
 - 3870 Pilot Knob Road – Eagan, MN 55122
- If there are any new directors this year, can I please have their contact information?
 - Or if any program has a new field coordinator.
- EAA's Certificate of Insurance – policy expiration dates (if applicable at this point)
- Questions about the 2016 Athletic Facility User Guide?
 - It's accessible online at <http://www.cityofeagan.com/index.php/parks-recreation/facility-reservation-information>
 - The Vendor and Field Application forms can also be found on the link above.