



**Board Meeting Minutes – Approved 11/18/2024
Monday, October 21, 2024 – 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Apple Valley Community Center**

Board Member Attendees:

Jason Petti (president), Peter Beaumont (vice-president), Kevin Brandt (treasurer), Mary Coleman (secretary)

Attendees with Voting Rights:

Peter Beaumont (soccer), Doug Beddies (football), Jude Miron (basketball), Mike Simonson (softball), Brad Yamanaka (baseball)

Attendees without Voting Rights:

Dave Freed (cross country skiing), Kelli Geilow (volleyball), Paul Zackery (lacrosse)

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present

Approval of minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the August and September 2024 EVAA Board meetings.

The motion seconded and unanimously approved.

Program Highlights

Basketball

Travel season has started and is in its second week. In-house registration is nearly done and has increased about ten percent. More coaches are needed as is a new in-house program director. There are no current issues with court space, and there is no new agreement with Hope Fieldhouse (currents rates are \$35/hour).

Baseball

It is the off-season, and registration for winter clinics are now open. Registration for traveling opens January 1; the budget will be submitted prior to registration opening. Travel registrations actual numbers were down from last year, but it was due to a restructuring so rates were actually flat. Space is not a concern at the moment.

Lacrosse

The program is currently planning for next season.

Cross Country Skiing

The budget is currently being finalized. The search is still on to find two potential organizations to run clinics but they will not commit without knowing who the coaches will be.

Softball

It is now the off season; the last team just finished a tournament in Kansas City. The program is working on opening registration for winter clinics; space is not a concern at the moment.



Volleyball

JO is having tryouts, and there is a new 15U league with tryouts on November 10. The program is offering a 5 month youth development league for grades 4-6 instead of an in-house program; this will be at Northern Lights. In-house will be offered for grades 2-3 only. There may be new clinics for the younger teams, and possibly have it run through Community Ed. In-house numbers for fall were high, but lack of space prohibited many from participating. Rosemount had taken a portion of the program's gym space but has been returned to EVAA. An EVHS coach as well as a Northern Lights coach will be part of the program, with a potential for a couple more. There will be some high school students as coaches as well as some paid coaches.

Football

There were 192 in tackle, 356 in flag football. Tackle increased slightly this season, and flag was up significantly. There will be fundraising next year with a minimum of \$100 for tackle and \$50 for flag. Apple Valley has reached out to bring back the Battle for the Apple, and this will hopefully kick off the season next year at a high school field. There will be a new program director for flag football, and the board will meet in November to plan next season (there are 4 new board members). In addition, positive feedback was received from parents in the program.

Soccer

The end of season just concluded with playoffs for grades 3-9. There was a significant increase for pre-k/kindergarten this year. It is likely to split the genders for grades 6-9 and to partner with Eagan to ensure adequate team sizes. VAA may also partner with the program. Futsal will be starting for the first time as a 6 week program for grades 3-5 this fall, and grades 6-9 in the winter. There have been meetings with Alex Curry (head coach at EVHS) to plan clinics and practices. There are three new board members and one that has left. Instead of a coach appreciation event this season (as these have been poorly attended), Amazon gift cards were given to all coaches.

Financial Update

There were issues with our checking account due to a third party check cashing place. As a result, all EVAA Square accounts need to be updated. There are layers of complexity in having referees set up with direct deposit, but it can be looked into in the future. As a reminder, budgets should be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to registration opening.

Board Updates

A potential new program liaison has been identified. Safety and marketing/fundraising positions are still open.

Bylaws

MOTION: To approve the bylaws as written.

The motion seconded and unanimously approved.

Hayes Field Update

VAA, EVAA, and the Parks Department met to discuss the potential challenges with the new development. There will be a problem with baseball, lacrosse, and flag football using Hayes Field in general. There will be 4 baseball/softball diamonds which will be sufficient for grades 8+. All the flag football fields will now go to the middle school, and EVAA will not be able to access them until after ~4:30. All EVAA sports need to use Avario to ensure access to open fields with this potential shortage.



EVAA Meetings/Storage

EVAA will have meetings held at the Teen Center in the future which will also have a storage building built nearby. The Teen Center also has a mini catering kitchenette in place for use with concessions.

Community Engagement Night

There is an idea to host an EVAA event with all the sports where kids can try it the different sports. There could be food trucks, have a band, and it could possibly be tied to an EVHS Event.

Lacrosse Finances

There was a \$20,000 loss of equipment as the lacrosse equipment was not insured despite the program paying for the insurance. The replacement cost was \$17,000. There is a proposal to have other programs assist to cover these funds in addition to the general fund. As EVAA is underinsured, the new insurance rates will increase by ~\$4,000. The general fund will cover \$4,000 to cover the lacrosse loss, but there is deep division among the programs on how the remaining funds will help to cover the equipment loss as some sports are not satisfied with paying for it. Lacrosse had a car wash card fundraiser, a fundraiser at Omni, and several other fundraising efforts. There is a deductible of \$1000; EVAA can lower premiums by increasing this deductible. There is a possibility of the larger sports being self-insured. EVAA has two insurance carriers, and received a bid 3 years ago and it was double the current rates so switching providers does not seem a viable option to save costs. As a decision on how to cover the loss was not reached, the treasurer will send out potential options to the programs.

Volleyball Space

Volleyball continues to need court space. A full-sized basketball court (middle school size) is needed for volleyball practice. They will also need courts with good floors (no tile), and volleyball can pay for the pole mounting floor ports if space is located.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:36 pm.