

EPGBA BOARD MEETING

February 23rd, 2025 7:00pm



Our mission is to create a fun, fair and safe basketball environment that is focused on providing skills development as well as fostering respect for others, self-confidence, leadership and teamwork in our Eden Prairie student athletes. We will strive to provide the best competition at all levels while maintaining the highest degree of participation and sportsmanship.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Bill Lahti, Eric Peterson, Sara Koepp, Scott August, Ashley Young, Gretchen McQuillan, Tracie Anderson, Michelle Jones, Kelsey Gempeler, Lori Kelly, Kevin Vandrovec,

Board Members Absent: Tracie Anderson,

Non-Board Members Present: Ellen Weise, Rebecca Thompson

Meeting called to order: 7:03 pm by Eric Peterson

Meeting Agenda:

- *Motion to adopt meeting agenda made by Kelsey Gempeler and seconded by Lori Kelly. Motion carried.*

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- *Motion to approve board meeting minutes made by Bill Lahti and seconded by Scott August. Motion carried.*

Regular Business Agenda Items

Finance Committee

- Monthly storage fee increased from \$240 to \$284
- Waiting for 2 hotel reimbursements from coaches for Rochester
- Coaches final checks given at the end of the year happy hour, this Thursday. Sara K will have debit card to use.
- Westmetro league payment has been sent
- Angie's hours split up into admin, travel, inhouse....all are going into admin side as there is a glitch.
- Michelle is hesitant to share tournament profit until all invoices are sent out and all payments are received

Motion to approve financials was made by Gretchen McQuillan and seconded by Scott August. Motion carried.

In House

- K-3 finished on 2/22. Had a mini jamboree. Trophies were handed out to kids.
- WestMetro last season play was 2/22 and their tournament play is 3/1/25.
- Gretchen will send ref payments to Michelle.
- Gretchen is collecting the girls' jerseys to reuse.
- Do we want to order basketballs for all K-3 girls for next inhouse season? We usually hand out to about 100 girls. (\$32/ball)

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- Ashley Young will look around to see if she can find a cheaper option
- *MOTION to approve buying one box of basketballs at \$32/ball was made by Lori Kelly and approved by Sara Koepp.*
- Kevin coached this weekend at the jamboree. The idea of switching gyms halfway through was a good idea, but logistically it was tough with all the spectators.
 - The open court gym had a smoother time changing courts.
- There is a chance we will need to order a few more uniforms for next season but would be minimal.

Marketing and Operations

- Need to replace Leslie to help with ordering uniforms
- Bill is coming up on 5 years of working on sponsorships, so he is moving out but willing to help “train” the next person.
- Ashley said the tournament went really well. Kelsey and Gretchen shared that there was a lot of positive feedback on the tournament.
- Great appreciation on having the high school kids doing book/clock
 - Rebecca Thompson asked if it’s too long of a day for the girls and if compensation is worth it. Ellen would like to make sure reimbursement is reviewed next year.

Travel

- End of season surveys have been sent out
- End of season coaches social is on Thursday. Bags will be collected at that time. Lori and Sara will connect about what needs to be done/replaced with the bags
- Spring training is open for registration. Summer will be available to register for soon.
- Scott – there is a photo section on the website if we want to add photos as another option. Parents would need to sign a waiver for those to be posted.
- Gretchen: A google meet will be set up for all 8th graders and their families on March 17th to hear from Ellen about what to expect in high school.
- Info on Ellen’s mornings at CMS: Ellen will confirm with Chris. Ellen has been Venmo’ed directly from families in the past.
- Lori, Sara and Rebecca – discuss what coaches to invite back, see what interest there will be for next year before the coaches social on Thursday.
- Lori asked if there was a coaches evaluation that went out to parents. Yes, in the parent survey there is a coach’s evaluation section. Survey will be resent out to families soon as a reminder.
- Coaches received their evaluations on their players that will help with placements for next year.

Presidents Report/New Business

- Eric set up a donation thing at United Health Care. Any employee that volunteers their time to EPGBA, they will reimburse us money.
- For upcoming high school sectionals, how do we increase attendance? Idea was to hand out towels to the girls. Lori – boys’ team has had Veil Ortho sponsor towels in the past. Bill will reach out to them to see if that would be an option.
- Eric would like to hear feedback from the board on what’s going well and what could be improved.
- Lori – does Rochester have good enough competition for our girls as a end of season tournament. It is tough timing as it is the week before state. Sara will talk to Tracie about options. Scott has info based on research he did two years ago for out-of-town tournaments.
 - Based on distance, Rochester, St. Cloud, Mankato would be best, as some of our families commute and don’t stay overnight.
 - Idea is to have an out-of-town tournament earlier in the season vs later.
 - TO DO: Sara and Scott will connect about options that are available
- Board member recruitment is needed
 - Get the team manager or team representative involved – have them attend a meeting to see what it is like.
 - Have job descriptions available so people know what is needed

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- In the past, person in the role needed to find a replacement. They helped mentor the new member for the first few months
- Policy bylaws have some role descriptions available
- **Eric's ask to board:** Look at link with the role description and see if it needs to be updated.
- There is an area on the end of season survey for parents to show interest in a committee or board

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Kevin Vandrovec and seconded by Bill Lahti. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at

Next Board Meeting March 16th at 7pm via Zoom. Respectfully submitted by Kelsey Gempeler, EPGBA Secretary