



Board Meeting Notes
Monday, September 16, 2024 – 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Apple Valley Community Center

Board Member Attendees:

Peter Beaumont (Vice-President), Mary Coleman (Secretary),

Program Attendees with Voting Rights:

Peter Beaumont (Soccer), Kelli Geilow (Softball), Jude Miron (Basketball), Brad Yamanaka (Baseball)

Program Attendees without Voting Rights:

Dave Freed (Cross Country Skiing), Paul Zackery (lacrosse)

Other Attendees:

Mark Espena (Tech Services),

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. No quorum was present.

AGENDA

See Appendix 1

Peter introduced Nick Thompson and thanked him for attending. So we could continue with board business and not keep Nick, we started with Nick's overview as follows:

4. Facilities Overview – Nick Thompson

- To ensure that we are not taking advantage of our field usage, Nick Thompson from Apple Valley Parks and Recreation was invited to provide feedback from the city.
- Referendum update – was passed by voters. Every city ball field will be touched, upgraded in some manner. The exact updates are not yet known, e.g. new wheel at Hayes, to better benches, fixing fences, etc.
- Hayes – ball wheel at the facility, joint powers agreement with district 196 on the land. It should be able to handle U12 tournaments for baseball. City is seeking feedback from associations in the area (VAA, EVAA). At Hayes there will be a secondary ball storage facility adjacent to the new storage building. Hayes will be split into 2 sections – otherwise there will be too large of an impact on baseball/softball. TENTATIVE timeline is Westview side to start this fall, then the bulk will be in 2025, and then the other half (Hayes side) in 2026.
- Apple Valley city is trying to maximize field usage for all sports, and not just for EVAA and VAA (thought they are the priority) but they also rent to some adult baseball teams, but the Apple Valley youth teams are taken care of first. There are a limited number of fields so they are not at a point to just give away fields to individual sports/teams. Every program increases each year and the city does not increase their fields each year so it needs to be efficiently and equitably. The city did some field counts during the season, at first glance the numbers were very low (~5% on some fields). While the data point did not capture everything, the fields do not appear to be used efficiently. Having the city have the data not only allows the city to better allocate fields, but



having a centralized schedule is easier for parents to use Sports Engine to keep track of practices and games.

- SALVO rents some soccer fields; baseball is usually kept at JCRP East not to affect EVAA and VAA. Want to ensure that the city treats all the sports the same, just want the kids to play which is why priority is given to youth sports. Give equal time for all sports across all seasons, and both sexes. The city makes data-driven decisions to provide the fields to help eliminate any potential bias across the sports. There is a dedicated facilities coordinator now which has worked well. Ideally, if sports need a field that another.
- EVAA sport has, they should communicate with each other and the facilities coordinator prior to going to Nick to resolve it.
- Both EVAA and VAA programs are ~55% residents. The city calculates usage based on residents; currently, EVAA has a higher percentage resident usage compared to VAA. While it is not a perfect model, the city does try to keep things equal as much as possible. There is only one available baseball field not in use.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approval of the minutes from the August 2024 EVAA Board meeting could not be approved due to no Quorum.

3. Action Items

An in-depth review of the August action items was discussed at length and clarifications were given. New action items are distributed every month and board members should review the list and complete their assigned items by the assigned due date. See separate document.

5. Program Updates

Basketball

Traveling has done tryouts and have their teams, 24 teams. 7th grade boys have 5 teams (largest ever). In-house numbers are about the same as previous seasons.

Baseball

Season is over, planning 2025. Clinics in November and January.

Volleyball

Fall travel is going well. Lots tried out and lots had to be cut due to space. JO registration will be opening soon. Eagan has invite-only tryouts for JO so receiving lots of emails from Eagan about the tryouts. There is a challenge about who to pick with only 9 teams due to space. There was a potential space but the rent is astronomical and with that would come the manpower that is not available. Now that boys are a sanctioned sport, there will be even more issues with space.

Softball

Fusion is in the middle of fall, 187 athletes. Under the Lights Tournament just was held and brought in a significant amount of money. There are 6 teams going to Des Moines to play in a tournament next month. After the season ends the clinics will start.



Cross County Skiing

The program is currently working on 2025 budget.

Lacrosse

Teams have increased, likely not do an end of season tournament due to kids doing other sports. Survey will be sent out soon. Planning for the winter and 2025 season as well. Working with EVHS on clinics to help out as well as recruit, 6U and girls. Want to get younger girls to come up through the ranks with us instead of going through Eagan. There is a potential coop with VAA, it went well this year. Now it needs to be decided if the partnership should continue in the future, can support having 1-2 teams per level which is sustainable whereas VAA cannot sustain it. Need 15 on a team (10 to play). Would like to have a higher level of competition and would like to funnel it up to the high school. Need a decision from the board on how to move forward with lacrosse.

Soccer

Great numbers for the fall, as we struggle with coach appreciation, we will now do Amazon gift cards. Soccer is going to meet with VAA to have a potential partnership with them again. We now have four 6-9 girls-only teams. The girls do not really enjoy playing with the boys at the middle school level. As there are only 3 weeks between seasons, soccer might have only one longer season. There are conflicts with hockey tryouts. EVHS had an EVAA night again this year, with a higher number of attendees this year.

6. Main Board Updates

There were none offered with only 3 Board members present.

7. Tech & Admin Updates

None offered.

8. Storage Unit Opportunity

VAA's new storage building will be 1,500 square feet. EVAA needs to determine if it can work for all sports at the October meeting. **A better description of the building and location to be provided with plans by Jason Petti at October meeting.**

9. Approval By Laws

This could not be done as we had no Quorum. **Approval should be made at October meeting.**

10. Discuss Sponsorship Ideas & Guidelines

The document Peter had created and sent to all was briefly discussed. Jude recommend aguidlines be provided on size and placement of logos. **Peter to amend document.**

11. Any Other Business

South Metro online EVAA apparel.

The sample uses the high school logo and not the EVAA logo. **Peter to get this amended.**

Incident Report

Discussed a template that has been developed by the Soccer Board for reporting incidents with Guidelines. This was sent out by Peter. The EVAA board doesn't need to be involved in most but have provided a guideline and process to the programs, but the Board needs to be informed via the Safety Director in case there are implications for other sports.



Volleyball need space

Is there potential for space at the building on Johnny Cake where rent is \$87,000/month.

ACTION ITEMS

- Mark to run reports on all sports to see residents x sports (e.g. how many residents are in each sport)
- If sports want to reach out to other cities for fields, they may contact Nick if they need contact information Director@avfusion.org – Mary to add this as a contact.
- Dave will provide feedback on the requirement of having board members be required at meetings – send to Peter to amend bylaws.
- Peter to update the sponsorship guidelines.
- Peter to have Craig update the spirit wear with the EVAA logo (not the EVHS logo) and then send out to the board for their approval.
- Review and approve items by email (Mary)
 - Minutes
 - Bylaws
- Storage – will vote on at next meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved at 8:34 p.m.



Appendix 1

AGENDA ITEM	LEAD	TIME (MINS)
1. Welcome / Sign-in	Peter	2
2. Review and Approve August Minutes	Mary	2
3. Review Action List	Mary	10
4. Facilities Overview	Nick Thompson	15
5. Program Highlights	PD's	10
6. Main Board Updates	BOD	5
7. Tech & Admin Update	Mark	5
8. Storage Unit Opportunity	Peter	10
9. Approve By Laws	Peter	10
10. Discuss Sponsorship Ideas & Guidelines	Peter	10
11. Any Other Business	Peter	5
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