

**Eagan Traveling Soccer  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes January, 11<sup>th</sup> 2009**

President Pat Oberembt opened the meeting at 7:08 pm. In addition to me, the following members were in attendance: Mark Feil, Shaji Varghese, Mark Lasswell, Bill Douglas, Terri Abbott, Kate O'Brien, Brent Elert, Mike Anderson, Skip Newton, Ward Knutson, Duane Jurgens, Dave Anderson, Mike Mulrooney and Karen Froyum.

After board review, Mike M **motioned** to approve the December minutes as written. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill and unanimously passed.

New Treasurer, Terri Abbott, gave her report. She asked for board approval for the following payments:

- 1) to the Eagan Foundation for the Angela Olson Scholarship. She asked for approval of up to \$600, which is what they requested. She will double-check the amount to insure it shouldn't instead be \$500.
- 2) payment #6 to the Irish Dome on our tenant contract = \$5744.

Terri had received a statement from MYSA that did not look accurate, though she knows that we owe them for the past Fall team registration fees. She asked approval to pay for those specific fees due, while Ward was assigned to look into the inaccuracy issues, tied to a U12C3 fine.

- 3) the payment for registration fees to MYSA = \$603.

Duane made a **motion** to approve these three payments, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Brent. The motion passed with full approval.

**U9 – U11 Tryouts:**

We then began talks in reference to the upcoming U9 – U11 tryouts. Brent printed up a handout titled ETS Team Formation Process, which Pat asked that we have printed up to use as a reference for the 1/25 Parent Meeting and to also have on-hand at the actual tryouts. Duane volunteered to contact the EHS NHS students and ask for their assistance at tryouts.

The upcoming U9 – U11 Parent Meeting was discussed, and the board members lined up the last minute details.

Kate reminded us that the EAA In-Person Registration Night was going to be occurring on January 20<sup>th</sup>. ETS will have a table and provide representation there. She would ask

EAA to have the on-line registration close on February 11<sup>th</sup>. We could then re-open a couple days later, if needed for latecomers.

Skip had plans to set up the coach interviews with Colleen. Duane asked that we set up some kind of process for ranking the candidates. Kate was asked to print up the list of potentials and get to Skip by Friday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Kate gave her Registrar's Report. She informed us that the Girl's U17C3 team had been disbanded, as they could not produce enough numbers to make the team viable. Several of the girls had been re-assigned.

#### **New Business:**

Brent made a **motion** and asked for full scholarship funds for two players of ETS who are in a family with a medical emergency situation. Mike M 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed with no opposition.

#### **Director Reports:**

Shaji **motioned** to appoint AJ Varghese as the new Referee Assigner, as a non-voting member of the board. Jeanne 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed with none opposed.

Shaji let the board know that he felt that the current on-line referee assigning system is too primitive, as much is still done manually. The current owner is not interested in developing his product. Shaji suggested that we go with a new system, which charges \$3/game. It will amount to approximately \$1200 - \$1500/year. We paid about \$750 last year. Mike Anderson asked that we table this discussion until next month when he would have more information on the new website project.

Shaji informed us that we have three ref clinics approved for Eagan. It was felt that we should charge a \$10 registration fee to attend these clinics.

Shaji **motioned** that we charge a \$10 registration fee for the Grade 9, and the Grade 8/9 ref clinics. Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all members were in favor.

Shaji then distributed a handout suggesting a new referee pay increase for 2009. He discussed Eagan's position in reference to our surrounding communities pay scales and

assigned dollar numbers for Eagan that were somewhere in the mid-range area. With roughly 300 games last year that had three refs, the total dollar increase would be around \$1000.

Shaji made the **motion**, which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark F, to approve the new referee pay increase. There was discussion raised which referenced the referee mentor position in all this. It was felt that this is still an important area that needed to be continued for now, but that it should be reviewed on an annual basis. Shaji would continue on as the mentor assignor, as the Director of Referees. The ref pay scale increase was fully approved by all board members.

Mike Anderson, Web Director, informed us that he had spoken with EAA in reference to our new website proposal and that EAA asked us to wait on going forward until they had a chance to review their options, as they too have decided to look into a new website. It was felt that it might be in our best interest to consider combining our mutual need in this area with EAA. He would be meeting with EAA the next week to discuss options. It was felt that we need to move forward with this as soon as could be possible.

Dave is procuring bids on new equipment needed. He said he would have dollar amounts needed, ready for review by the February meeting.

Mike M reminded the board of the time and effort put forth by Colleen, in reference to our new training proposal. He wants to make sure that we continue to focus and address the issues needed quickly, in order to ensure that this proposal goes through for this upcoming season. Skip said that he would hold a meeting for the sub-committee to prioritize the current issues and bring those up at the February meeting.

Pat received an application form from MYSA for a grant to improve our current fields! He wants to know how much new nets would cost, as he would like to put that into the grant. We on the board decided that we would agree to a “fund match” option with MYSA for this grant.

Mike M **motioned** to adjourn the meeting. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skip and passed with unanimous approval!

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Elert  
ETS Secretary

