

The mission of the Eagan Athletic Association is to provide quality sports opportunities to the youth of our members.

Eagan Athletic Association – Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 23, 2010
Eagan Room, Eagan City Hall

<u>President – Dave Unmacht</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Director of Traveling Softball –</u>	
<u>Vice President – Dan Mott</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Dana Anderson-Glass</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Treasurer – Kate Boyle</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Director of Lacrosse -</u>	
<u>Secretary – Kurt Urdahl</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Jan and Kurt Johnson</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Administrative Assistant –</u>		<u>Co-Directors of Track</u>	
<u>Anne Kane</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Annette & Michael Linder</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>Director of Fundraising –</u>		<u>Co – Directors of Volleyball -</u>	
<u>Dan Klekner</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Beth Koenig and Lisa Blee</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>Director of Coaches –</u>		<u>Director of Fall Volleyball -</u>	
<u>Tim Baker</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Kathy Gillen-Melville</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Director of Equipment –</u>		<u>Director of Football -</u>	
<u>Ed Kees</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Dean Kraus</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>Director of Technology-</u>		<u>Director of In House Baseball -</u>	
<u>Tim Jolliffe</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Mike Hassett</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>Director of Traveling Baseball –</u>		<u>Director of In House Basketball -</u>	
<u>Lynn Estes</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Eric & Kim Anderson</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>Director of Traveling Basketball –</u>		<u>Director of In House Fall Soccer -</u>	
<u>Beth and Greg Koenig</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Cindy Sullivan</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>Director of Traveling Soccer –</u>		<u>Director of In House Spring Soccer -</u>	
<u>Pat Oberembt</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Trenne Fields</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>Eagan Parks & Rec Dept –</u>		<u>Director of In House Softball -</u>	
<u>Jonathan Moore</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Mike Ferraro</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>Director of Publicity –</u>		<u>Director of Wrestling -</u>	
<u>Brad Ruitter</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Chad Gage</u>	<u>Present</u>
		<u>Director of Kickball -</u>	
		<u>Bonnie Bley</u>	<u>Present</u>

Visitors: Diane DeMartelaere

Meeting started: 8:04

Election of new fall In House Soccer Director Diane DeMartelaere

Motion made to move by Pat Overembt, seconded by Lynn Estes, motion carried. Diane DeMartelaere is elected as the new In House Soccer Director.

September minutes: reviewed, motion made to move Lynn Estes, seconded by Mike Ferraro, Motion carried. September minutes approved.

Aug financials: Kate Boyle provided an overview of the August financials. She noted that in September she will be allocating scholarships - close to \$5500 is what we will see next month. Lynn Estes made a motion to approve, Mike Ferraro seconded, motion carried. August Financial approved.

Budgets:

- **Wrestling – Chad Gage**

- Hoping participation numbers will go up after a down year last year. Hoping to have 40-45 kids in the program this year.
- Budget remained the same as last year, as did fees.
- Budget projected on 36 participants

Move to approve wrestling budget by Dan Mott, seconded by Lynn Estes, motion carried. Wrestling budget approved.

- **In House BB (Kim Anderson)**

- Participation fee is staying the same, which gives her a little bit of budget for equipment

Move to approve by Michael Linder, seconded by Bonnie Bley. Motion Carried. In House Basketball budget approved.

Coaches Certification, Dan Mott:

The focus of the program is coach development, providing more of a developmental and psychological perspective to coaching youth. The instructor, Nicole, teaches classes on this subject at the University of Minnesota. We have done one program previously, which was not well attended, with 8 coaches participating. It's a good program, but we need better numbers to make it worthwhile. It needs to be an expectation that coaches get this certification.

Dan provided an email for review on how we could deliver the training as an expectation to coaches, or prospective coaches in EAA. Dan stated we need to expect people to do it, track who has done it, and have a process by which we follow up with those who don't.

The length of the program is 1.5 hours. Dan would like to see a registration process as part of the program, which will help to commit people to attending, and also will help determine if there are enough participants to justify a given session. Sport directors would need to be relied

upon to push this program to their coaches. The cost is about \$1000 per session and ideally we would have a minimum of 40 coaches at a session.

Dan suggested that the expectation be set for coaches to get certification if they are coaching youth age 14 and under. The intent is that coaches would be able to take the certification in their sports offseason.

We are having a certification session on November 9th at 7PM. The facility is set up to handle about 100 people.

Conceptually, Dan feels an email should go to all of EAA about the program, followed by an email to directors of previous year's coaches. There would be a link in the email that takes participants to the registration landing page. Dan will work with Anne Kane to get the logistics figured out and then will send out the email blast.

Shed Survey:

- Lynn Estes and Trenne Fields sent the space requirement survey to all sport directors. As of this meeting, they have heard back from 6 directors. Many more responses are needed to effectively look at our storage needs. Request that directors complete the survey.
- If we build on a city site, EAA would build the shed, the city of Eagan would donate the land. EAA would gift the shed to the city and they would carry insurance and other maintenance costs. The city would lease the shed back to EAA. The same would apply if a shed were built on a school site.
- Also looking at other possibilities, like leasing from existing buildings or structures.
- Survey compliance will help to drive decision around needing climate control, plumbing and other factors and allow for options to be presented.
- Lynn hopes to have completed in next two weeks, which will allow for a review of their findings at the next board meeting
- Dave Unmacht made a request that all directors do their best to fill out surveys in the short term.

Director Updates:

Mike Ferraro, In House Softball: Looking to find a successor, as director nominations are October, elections taking place in November.

Lynn Estes, Traveling Baseball: The travel baseball season is over, will be conducting the post season coaches meeting in the near future.

Kate Boyle, Treasurer: Next month the admin budget will be delivered, Anne and Kate working on a best practices document around team formation, they have posted documents on the website around frequently asked questions and how to use the site.

Dave Unmacht, President: It will be good to review the admin budget and discuss changes. We may have some tough challenges to face. Solid attendance at the next meeting would be good. Will add agenda item about director nominations, would also like to talk about open administration and leadership roles. Dave also wants to discuss succession planning in next meeting. Dean Kraus is helping the city of Eagan and schools with food shelf on Friday at the Eagan game - if the larger group can help do something around a sport event to collect food, Dave will coordinate getting a trailer.

Kim Anderson, In House Basketball: Just starting in house first and 3rd grade - registration is closed. Have about 500 kids this year, which is more than expected. Having a coach's clinic on October 9th and the season starts October, 25th.

Chad Gage, Wrestling: Getting ready for season

Trenne Fields, In House Spring Soccer: It is the off season, and will promote coaching certification program to her coaches. She will continue to work on the storage project.

Beth Koenig, Traveling Basketball: Just finished tryouts over the last two weekends, and have nearly 300 players in the program this year, which is up 30 participants - 3 teams. Tryouts went pretty smoothly this year. Roster formation was a good process. People didn't want to wait to hear what team they made, but overall things went very well.

Lisa Blee, Co – director of Volleyball: Hoping (along with Beth Koenig) to get voted out of director role. They have identified a replacement.

Brad Ruiter, Director of Publicity: Reminded everyone that he's available for idea sharing, or to help director.

Pat Oberembt, Director of Traveling Soccer: Have had a few parent issues. Season is underway and going well.

Cindy Sullivan, Director of In House Fall Soccer: Season is pretty much wrapped up, handling tournaments, which are running pretty smoothly. Cindy is leaving her director position, Diane is taking over.

Dean Kraus, Director of Football: Football is off to great start, with 540 kids in the program, due to middle school's dropping of football. Tonight was first rainout, but weather has been good. EAA night is Friday; kids get run on the field with their team at halftime. Oct 16th is the EAA Bowl, play at Hamline University's field on the 17th for the 7th and 8th grade. Equipment in pretty good shape, storage is his largest issue.

Michael Linder, Director of Track: Michael still looking for helpers with the track program. Michael informed the board that the Eagan track is being resurfaced by school district and city.

Bonnie Bley, Director of Kickball: Only had 50 kids register for kickball, but didn't have enough to put teams together because of the age spread, so it was cancelled for this year. Bonnie will come up with creative marketing ideas to generate more interest for next year to drive participation. She didn't lose many kids to other sports; most kids that didn't return were on the older side.

Anne Kane, Administrative Assistant: If anyone has anything for the newsletter, get it to her as soon as possible as tomorrow is deadline.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18PM

Next meeting is Oct 28th at 8PM.