**Eden Youth Sports Committee**

**Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2025**

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* Meeting opened October 2nd at 6:00pm.
* Attendees: Hannah Speer, Trevor Bidwell, Justin Niles, Erin Niles, Nick Tetreault, Tabita Niles, Dan Lathrop, Kristina Brown.
* Hannah motioned to approve last meetings minutes. Dan seconded. Motion was passed.

**Community Input**

* Erin suggested advertising for coaches in the outlying community before selecting coaches.
	+ They would like to see if there are other people out there that would like a chance to coach basketball in Eden.
	+ They mentioned their daughter chose not to play soccer due to the soccer coach.
* Hannah mentioned Hyde Park sends information to other towns in Lamoille County looking for coaches, refs, and volunteers.
	+ They think it's a good idea to send it out to other towns to maybe get other people involved and also remind people that Eden does have a sports program.
* Erin mentioned she knew someone who was interested in coaching basketball this year but was nervous about being a first-time coach.
* Nick will work with the new school principal to distribute registration forms to students.
	+ He wants to put a flyer into all the kids folders so all the parents get them. It was mentioned that Hannah attempted this for soccer and for some reason not all kids got the flyer in their folders at school.
* Ms. Haley is willing to coach basketball for the little kids.
* Fundraising during games was discussed.

**Concessions**

* Money raised from concessions can go towards the specific cause the group is working for (e.g., sixth-grade trip, youth sports).
* Concessions could be an opportunity for a small community like Eden to bring in funds for equipment updates.
* Need to plan concessions better instead of "winging it".
* Someone in the group can volunteer to run concessions.
* Coaches and their teams could be elected to manage concessions during games.
* A percentage of the earnings could go towards an end-of-year party or specific needs like backboards or nets.

**Information Board**

* Looking into putting an information board for the school and sports on the side of the school or its own post.
* If EYSC pays for the initial cost, would the school run it forever? Including maintenance.
* It would be another way of communication besides Facebook.

**Soccer Update**

* Received an email about the Morrisville tournament on Sunday the 12th, asking for a $50 donation.
	+ Unsure if the $50 is the total fee or just a donation on top of a larger fee.
* Hyde Park Youth Sports is doing a two-day "under the lights" event.
* Dan motioned to approve participation in the "under the lights" event if it's less than a couple hundred dollars and the coaches are on board. Nick seconded. Motion was passed.

**Coaches**

* Consider asking coaches to attend meetings as part of their commitment.
* Need to come up with a coaching clinic where coaches can talk to other coaches.
* Allison from Morrisville can provide guidance on how to talk with kids and coach positively.
* Lamoille High School does a basketball coaching clinic.

**Registration Payments**

* Melissa has the payments received so far.
* Haley also has forms and payments.
* After collecting all payments, a reminder will be sent to those who haven't paid.
* A reminder will be given to parents about registration fees and what they cover.

**End of Season Awards (Soccer)**

* Certificates are available on a laptop and can be printed once the roster is provided.
* Last year, soccer balls were given to the younger kids.
* Consider soccer balls again this year for the little ones (size three).
* There are 23 younger kids, so 23 soccer balls are needed.

**Soccer Ball Order**

* Hannah motioned to purchase size 3 soccer balls for the little team if it's under $200; Nick seconded, the motion was passed.

**Sixth Grade Awards**

* Last year, sixth-grade awards were given for basketball.
* They should do it for soccer and baseball too.
* There are around seven or eight sixth graders for soccer.
* Nick motioned to get plaques for the sixth graders, Hannah seconded it, motion passed.
* Hannah motioned to get Medals for all soccer kids. Nick seconded, motion was passed.
* The cost of 8 plaques was $167.52.

**Soccer Uniforms and Equipment**

* Extra shorts were ordered and are in the coach's hands.
* An adult medium goalie shirt was ordered.
* Hannah motioned to approve the orders for gloves, shorts.
* The basketball shorts are the same as the soccer shorts for the ¾ team

**Porta-let**

* Dan motioned to approve the porta-let. Nick seconded, motion passed.

**Basketball Uniforms**

* Schedule a date to do inventory of the basketball stuff in the shed.
* Inventory should be done before the next meeting.

**Basketball Registration**

* Nick volunteered to head the registration for basketball.
	+ They will type up a letter, bring it to the school, create a Google Doc, and make group messages for the parents, create a QR code
* They will reach out to Katie French for the Lamoille county meeting and will attend the coaches meetings.
	+ Other members are welcome to attend.

**Refereeing and Coaching Soccer**

* Need young people to coach or ref soccer games.
* Need to find out how Hyde Park and Lamoille find high school kids to ref.

**Referee Payment**

* Past payments were $25 per game, but there was discussion of raising it to $35.
	+ Nick motioned to stick with $25 per official per sport, Dan seconded motion passed.

**Tyler Gillespie Payment Issue**

* Tyler Gillespie contacted the town clerk and assistant town clerk about getting payment from last year.
* He needs to come to a meeting to discuss it.
	+ He allegedly said not to worry about payment last year, like a favor.
* In the future, get something in writing if someone declines payment to avoid issues later.

**Basketball Registration**

* Registration should start soon and close on October 31st.
* Against strict deadlines, but need a deadline for uniform orders.
	+ Flyers will be handed out Monday.
* Hand out basketball flyers during soccer to reach more people.

**Gym Time and Accessibility**

* To use the gym, an email needs to be sent to Chris to get a form.
	+ The signed form goes to Lamoille, and they will program a key or give permissions to Pat to program a key.
* Coaches will need to get keys for their practice times.

**Basketball Agenda**

* The last item on the basketball agenda was the Lamoille County Basketball Commission.
* Once the date is set, anyone interested is welcome to attend the meetings.

**Sports Committee**

* Nick is a new member.
* Melissa asked the committee to reorganize.
* The current members can keep their positions, and Nick will become assistant coordinator.
* Discussion about roles and responsibilities within the committee. Nothing changed.

**Roles and Responsibilities**

* Hannah suggested a possible schedule for agenda creation, rotating it among members since Trevor, the secretary, doesn’t have a computer. Nothing came of this discussion.
* It was mentioned that while roles are assigned, everyone should help each other.

**Shed Keys**

* The committee discussed making copies of the shed keys.
* There are already two keys on the keychain, so only two more are needed.
* The plan is to make three keys and inform Melissa about it.

**Filling the Vacant Position**

* The committee discussed filling the vacant position.
* A parent expressed interest in the past, but no letter has been received.
* The committee plans to promote the open position at the little kids' meeting/practice.

**Next Meeting**

* October 31st is the deadline for registration.
* The committee aims to schedule the next meeting for the Thursday after the deadline.
* The purpose of the meeting is to finalize numbers, order uniforms, and acquire necessary equipment.
* The committee will communicate via group chat if needed, but the meeting will still occur to review important information.

**Uniforms**

* If anyone has information on who did the uniforms before, the information will be used to get new uniforms.
* Michelle Pelletier at Hyde Park is a good resource for uniform vendors.
	+ She helped with names last year.
	+ She also goes to the commission meetings.

**Stack Sports**

* The board wants to get Stack Sports set up.
	+ It was previously thought that the person with the Social Security number had to be in charge of the bank account/finances.
	+ Kristina says that is not the case.
* The Select Board may want to approve who is put in the platform.
* Nick offered to put their Social Security number in the platform.

**Adjournment**

* Nick motioned to adjourn, Dan seconded.
* All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm