

Eden Youth Sports Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2025

General Meeting Information

- Thursday, October 9th, Eden Youth Sports, 6:05 PM.
- Attendees: Hannah Speer, Nick Tetreault, Trevor Bidwell, Dan Lathrop, Kristina Brown.
- Purpose: To start the basketball season and discuss the end of the soccer season.
- The minutes from the last meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

Soccer Discussion

- Size three balls and medals have been ordered for the younger team.
- Goalie jersey has been acquired.
- Plaques for the sixth graders were approved at the last meeting, but it's unclear if any action has been taken.
 - Dan has the responsibility to handle the plaques.
- Once the balls and awards are received, an awards ceremony will be scheduled for the younger kids on the following Tuesday or Thursday.
 - Certificates will be printed and a team photo will be taken.
- Coaches awards:
 - Suggestion to have kids sign a soccer ball or a picture frame with a border as a gift for the coaches.
 - Nick motioned to purchase picture frames with borders for the kids to sign as coaches' gifts. Dan seconded, the motion was approved.

Tournament Conflict

- Conflict between the Johnson tournament and the "under the lights" event.
- The Johnson tournament is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, while "under the lights" is scheduled for Saturday night.
- Eden has a game at 5:30 against Hyde Park at the "under the lights" event, and a game in Johnson at 5:00 on the same day.
- Suggestion to back out of one tournament.
- All Saints has already backed out of the "under the lights" event.
- It is suggested to email Hyde Park and back out of the "under the lights" event.
- Double check with Johnson to ensure they still have enough teams participating in their tournament.

Basketball Uniform Inventory

- 15 jerseys and 14 shorts were counted at the shed inventory.
- 18 total were purchased.
- Hannah motioned to buy up to 40 new unisex jerseys ranging in sizes small to adult XL. Nick seconded, motion passed.

Whistles and Ref shirts

- Hannah motioned to purchase referee shirts and whistles. Dan seconded, motion passed.

Specifics of the Order

- Referee shirts: two adult mediums and two adult extra larges.
- Up to 20 whistles.

Basketball Motion

- Nick motioned to order 10 Spalding basketballs, size 28.5.
- Hannah seconded, motion passed.

Coaching Candidates

- Elise Small emailed expressing interest in coaching 5/6th grade girls basketball team.
- Riann Fortin also expressed interest in coaching the fifth/sixth grade girls.
- Kelly is interested in coaching the fifth/sixth grade girls.
 - Kelly voiced that if she wasn't given the opportunity to coach the team again, she probably wouldn't coach for Eden again.

Coaching Discussion and Interviews

- Reach out to all three coaching candidates for interviews.
- Discuss potential roles, including third/fourth grade teams.
- Consider that some kids may be above skill level and want to play up.
 - Need to support the coach's decision if they decline a request for a second grader to play up

Registration and Meetings

- Registration closes on October 31st.
- A meeting should be scheduled for the following Thursday to discuss registrations, uniforms, and equipment purchases.
 - This meeting will also be used to set up coach interviews.
 - Interviews would be in the first week of November.

Practice Schedule

- Practices will likely start after Thanksgiving.
 - This will allow for the first two weeks of December to be used for practice.
- Starting practices earlier might lead to burnout, as the season is long (almost until the end of February).
 - Four to six practices before the first game is sufficient.

Hannah motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm, Nick seconded, motion passed.