

**ESJMBA AGM 2026  
MONDAY JUNE 1, 2026**

**Meeting commenced at 7:05 pm**

**Attendance**

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| Mike Roy        | Mike White     | Jenna Robichaud  |
| Greg Pattman    | Ashley Speight | Matt Fairweather |
| Randy Thurlow   | Aaron Hatfield | Ben Purriton     |
| Katie Mullin    | Jillisa Millet | Jaimu Adigun     |
| Christina Nason |                |                  |

**President's Report- Mike Roy**

- **Overview of season**
  - **Successes and challenges:**
    - Successes- continued growth, improved referee training and evaluation, expanded programming (rep programs), new basketballs
    - Challenges- gym bookings, finding volunteers, maintaining relationships with schools
      - Forest Hills School- not able to store equipment at this facility
      - Use of north end gyms was discussed but accessibility was felt to be an issue for some families.
      - **ACTION:** Mike White will filter registrations by postal code to determine where members are located throughout the city.
      - Non-profit organizations do not pay to use the schools. We only pay for the custodial services required.
      - Competing for gym times with other organizations.
      - Loch Lomand- Concerns from rep program regarding safety (e.g. no padding behind the nets).

**BNB updates – referee challenges, gym supervisor role, etc. -Mike Roy**

- **Referee Retention-** ongoing challenge
- **Gym supervisor role**
  - Requirement from BNB
  - What is the expectation of the gym supervisor? Gym supervisors are not expected to intervene, unless it is safe to do so. The expectation is that the supervisor documents and reports any incidents.
- **Expectations for school use**
  - School doors must be locked during games and practices.
  - Kids running and playing throughout the schools is a concern.

**Numbers: break down registration by division, growth, etc. -Mike White**

- Inclusive- similar numbers
- U7 registrations have seen a decrease:
  - Port City runs a U5 program that may be having an impact on ESJMBA U7 numbers.
  - U5 is a challenging age group to run.
  - **ACTION:** Approach middle school aged kids to volunteer to help with the U7 program.
  - Reintroduced U7 to Spring League.

- U9- Drop in the boy's registration, but the girls have remained the same.
- U11- girls had a drop, but many of these members moved to the U14 age group. U11 boys saw growth.
- U14 girls and boys had growth
- Overall, growth (~1%)
- Discussed the lacrosse approach to recruitment- Visiting schools and demonstrating the sport in gym classes has resulted in significant growth of this program.

#### **Rep Program Update- Aaron Hatfield & Matt Fairweather**

- Fall program went smoothly aside from the concerns regarding the safety of the Loch Lomond gym (e.g. lack of padding on the wall and holes in the floor for volleyball nets that were not covered)
- Lakewood Heights would be a preferable place to Loch Lomond School.
- Charge \$200 per player
- Significant fundraising allowed the cost of the tournament fees to be covered.
- Parent participation was excellent and allowed for a successful season.
- Electrician's Union donated ten basketballs to the Thunder U11 team.
- Surplus of ~\$1000. The purchase of a new score clock is being considered with the remaining funds.
- Emphasis placed on respect, having fun, and sportsmanship
- Spring U12 rep team. This will become the U13 rep team in the fall season.
  - Seven games played in total
  - Positive feedback received from other organizations
- Next step: Introduction of a girl's rep team.

#### **Interlocking- Mike Roy & Mike White**

- Lack of interlocking for the U9 girls' teams impacted the players development in the fall program because there were only two teams.
- **ACTION**: Ensure age groups with only two teams are included in interlocking early in the season. Do not wait until after Christmas for these age groups.
- Interlocking may not be necessary for all age groups if there are enough players

#### **Elevate (Inclusive) Update- Mike Roy**

- Third year running the adaptive program

#### **Treasurer's Report- Greg Pattman**

- See Treasurer's report
- Invested in new equipment this year (e.g., nets for U7, purchase of ~120 new basketballs to be rolled out in the fall)
- Increases in gym rentals (~\$3000). This year we had to pay for gym rentals for the Spring U7 program that was held on Saturdays.
- U11 Thunder- All funds were handled through the ESJMBA bank account

#### **Coaches Resources**

- Discussed the need to have resources for coaches (e.g., practice plans, expectations)
- BNB has resources available on their website
- **ACTION**: Put together resources to distribute to coaches at the beginning of the season.

- **ACTION:** Ask Jim Palmer to conduct a session for coaches to provide guidance on skills, drills and coaching techniques prior to the start of the season.

#### **Unfinished Business-**

- New Basketball purchase follow-up (small ball for u7)
  - **ACTION:** Purchase ~12 new basketballs for the U7 age group

#### **Constitution-**

- **Overview**
  - Guide for how the league operates. Quick overview of the document.
  - President and VP roles are three-year terms.
  - Constitution will be reviewed yearly at the AGM.
- **Questions/Comments/Amendments**
  - Protocol for how injuries are documented is required.
    - **ACTION:** Jenna to create a form for coaches for documenting injuries.
- **Vote-** All in favor, none opposed

#### **Board Roles and Changes-**

- **Highlight members leaving:**
  - Jackie Smith (Scheduling Coordinator), Greg Pattman (Treasurer), and Tim Tobin (Equipment Manager)
- **Explain vacant roles & call for new members:**
  - Treasurer- Mike White will move to treasurer of ESJMBA
  - VP- Ashley Speight nominated by Mike White for VP
  - Competitive Coordinator- Aaron Hatfield
  - Members at large- Matt Fairweather, Ben Purriton, Katie Mullen & Kerrie Cosman

#### **New business-**

- **Jerseys**
  - Currently purchase t-shirts that players keep at the end of the year.
  - Discussed switching to jerseys that would be reused each year.
    - Risk of jerseys being damaged or lost.
- **Storage Unit rental inquiry**
  - **ACTION:** Investigate the cost and feasibility of renting a storage unit that is in a central location.
- **Season (Fall and Spring) – potential changes**
  - It is felt that the Spring league is not functioning as well as the winter season.
  - Discussed considering making one season for the house league that runs until the end of April instead of running a winter and spring season separately.
  - There would likely be a cost associated with this given that historically we have not paid for gyms during Spring league.
  - The rep teams will have to continue to run the winter and Spring seasons separately.

#### **Open discussion-**

- Aaron Hatfield- In the constitution, costs above \$250 require board approval. It was confirmed that the purchase of supplies for fundraisers for the rep team (e.g. canteen supplies) or paying tournament fees does not need to be run by the board.

- Randy Thurlow- Requested collaboration between the two rep teams when it comes to finances and accountability.
  - **ACTION:** Discuss and develop a plan for the management of the rep team finances.
- Ben- Can rep players play in the house league? Technically, yes, but this could result in a large skill differential.
- **ACTION:** Consider a “local travel team” for the girls to introduce the rep program.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

| <b>Action</b>                                                                                                                                   | <b>Responsible Individual(s)</b>                      | <b>Status</b> |
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| Filter registrations by postal code to determine where members are located throughout the city.                                                 | <b>Mike White</b>                                     |               |
| Approach middle school aged kids to volunteer to help with the U7 age group.                                                                    | <b>Mike Roy</b>                                       |               |
| Ensure age groups with only two teams are included in interlocking early in the season. Do not wait until after Christmas for these age groups. | <b>Mike White, Mike Roy, &amp; Ashley Speight</b>     |               |
| Put together resources to distribute to coaches at the beginning of the season.                                                                 | <b>Mike Roy &amp; Ashley Speight</b>                  |               |
| Ask Jim Palmer to conduct a session for coaches to provide guidance on skills, drills and coaching techniques prior to the start of the season  | <b>Mike Roy</b>                                       |               |
| Purchase ~12 new basketballs for the U7 age group                                                                                               | <b>Ashley Speight</b>                                 |               |
| Create a form for coaches for documenting injuries                                                                                              | <b>Jenna Robichaud</b>                                |               |
| Investigate the cost and feasibility of renting a storage unit that is in a central location.                                                   | <b>Mike White</b>                                     |               |
| Discuss and develop a plan for the management of the rep team finances.                                                                         | <b>Aaron Hatfield, Randy Thurlow &amp; Mike White</b> |               |
| Consider a “local travel team” for the girls to introduce the rep program                                                                       | <b>Board</b>                                          |               |