

Hopkins Royals Boys Basketball Association

February Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center

Meeting Attendance:

Bobby Ciatti
Andrea Rauser

Byron Hill
Tony Corwin
Jean Stout
Joan Frenz

Stacie Saunders
Tim Omdahl
Conrad Chin
Amara Chesson

1. Call to Order/Minutes/Agenda Review

- a. Meeting was called to order at 7:01.
- b. The Minutes of the January 2016 Board meeting were reviewed and approved.
- c. Guest/Prospective Board Member

Gregg Schaffer was introduced. He has a 6th grade player and is interested in joining the Board as the Sponsorship Director. Nomination was accepted and Gregg voted onto the Board.

2. Reports/Critical Discussions

a. Treasurer Update

- i. \$61,772 in bank at end of January
- ii. \$2640 in outstanding outgoing checks that have not been cashed
- iii. The Month to Month was reviewed –
Bobby introduced a new platform that attempts to set forth budgeted, actual and variance in a coherent manner.
- iv. Timberwolves Suite for 3/2 game against Wizards
A suite, with 16 tickets and food was donated to HRBBA. We will publicize via Facebook and solicit bids.

b. Hopkins Tournament Review

- i. North

1. Successes –

Things went smooth and were uneventful (with exception of parent/player incident discussed below). Set up and breakdown at the end of the day both went quickly.

2. Opportunities –

We need to do better job keeping people from sneaking in. This is difficult given the number of doors to the building. Also there were some people trying to get in using the stamp from the previous day.

There was one issue with a parent trying to sneak out of his shift.

It was suggested that we have something at the Director's table explaining how to deal with complaints about the referees and how to respond.

There were also some equipment issues leading to a discussion of whether to purchase a spare clock.

It would also be a good idea to have a cheat sheet regarding when to stop the clock as not everyone knows the rules and how to do things.

Should we look into a dibs system where parents pick their shifts, subject to some restrictions?

ii. High School

1. Successes – Things went smoothly – concessions went well.

2. Opportunities –

Although concession sales were good, we need to reconsider the set up and using the booth. It was very tight with 4 volunteers, but we need that many to take money, cut pizza and make walking tacos. Also problematic was that the freezer for ice cream and pizza ovens were in the hallway, making the flow difficult. We also need to think about how to better time pizza deliveries as too much was delivered in the am and then too little in the evening.

iii. Parent Player Incident

Bobby reported to the full Board the circumstances surrounding the incident at North involving an assault by a parent upon a player on an opposing 5th Grade team. The Board and volunteers acted quickly to break things up and diffuse the situation. The referees also were helpful in dealing with the incident. Minnetonka police responded to the

incident, and the parent was arrested. Query whether we should request to the Minnetonka Board that this parent not attend next year.

- iv. 2017 Dates – The tournament will be moved back a weekend to 1/21-1/22

c. Team Parent Coordinator Update

- i. FMSC – A success. We had over 100 participants over the two sessions
- ii. State Tournament – We are now registered. Each team needs to put together age and grade verifications. Stacie is working on getting together what we still need.

d. Hopkins Youth Basketball Night

- i. Friday, February 19 at HHS (Game is at 7 against Eden Prairie)
- ii. Players and coaches attend free and are encouraged to wear their HRBBA gear.
- iii. Promotion/Communications –
The event has been posted. We will ask Brad to help with the social media. Joan will be checking to see whether there is some activity we can do such as making a tunnel.

e. End of Season Party Planning

- i. Tuesday, March 15: 6:30 at HHS
- ii. Conrad is designing shirts to give to the 8th Grade players
- iii. Refreshments – Amara will order some cakes from Costco and we will get water as well
- iv. Decorations – Joan has napkins and forks

f. Rochester

- i. Saturday Night
 1. Ballroom 1 and 2 at the Marriot are reserved from 5 p.m. to 12 a.m. for an all-organization gathering. Signage directing families to the ballroom will be provided
 2. 110 pizzas have been ordered to be served buffet style. Additionally, there will be salad and fruit available and soda will be provided.
 3. The Saturday night gathering will be promoted via social media and email. We would like to get everyone over there.

ii. Room Update

Andrea and Jean reported that when they called to reserve a room at the Kahler they were told that the hotel was completely booked and all rooms in the HRBBA block were sold. Should we consider blocking more rooms next year.

g. Coaching Update

i. Hopkins went 30-6 at Anoka, winning 7 championships and taking 2 second place trophies.

ii. HRBBA is 202-117 for the season (27 firsts, 14 seconds, 15 thirds). There are only two teams that are without some type of trophy.

iii. Mid-season Survey

Stacie compiled the responses from the mid-season survey. The compilation was reviewed and briefly discussed among the Board.

iv. Year-end Survey

1. Questions to include –

Bobby circulated a list of suggested questions. We are limited to 10 and it was generally agreed that some of the questions were similar enough that they can be combined.

2. Collection period – the survey will be live as soon as the season is done March 14-18. We need to get the Coaches' evaluations out while the season is ongoing.

3. Communication plan – there is a service available through Survey Monkey that for \$20 will collect and organize the data. This expense was approved.

v. Letter to Former 4Blue Coach – The Board discussed the wording of a letter to the Former 4 Blue Coach apologizing for the manner in which the coaching change was communicated. Bobby was authorized to sign on behalf of the Board.

h. Registration/Uniforms Update – Nothing to report. Conrad will start meeting with the vendor this month to plan for the 2016-17 season

i. Schedule Update

i. We continue to have issues with Thursday practice times and available space.

- ii. 2016 Tryouts – Tryouts will take place as usual in September. Either the weekend of the 17th or 24th. Regardless, there will always be conflicts with football.

There was discussion regarding whether it would be necessary to have 4th and 5th graders at tryouts if there is to be “extended tryouts.” The general consensus was that we needed to have them there, but not necessarily for both days. Also discussed was whether it was necessary to have the tryouts for the other grades be so long.

We expect to have three 8th grade teams next year. Since gym space is at a premium, we will likely have to constrict one of the other grades. Bobby believes that we may be able to get by with two 6th grade teams next year. We expect to have only two fourth grade teams.

j. Development Update

(no report)

k. Upcoming Events

- i. State Tournament Seeding Meetings 2/16-2/17 (Coaches attend)
- ii. Youth Basketball Night 2/19
- iii. Wayzata Tournament - 2/20-2/21 – Brackets are out
- iv. Border Battle (7 Blue) – 2/27-2/28
- v. Rochester Tournament – 3/5-3/6
- vi. MYAS Grade State Tournament 3/12-3/13
- vii. End of Season Party 3/14

l. Open Positions

- i. Event Coordinator
- ii. Andrea requested that the issue of transitioning board members be put on the next agenda. Byron confirmed that he would be leaving at the end of the season. Tony encouraged all Board members to start recruiting now for open or opening positions while the season is still going.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03. Next meeting March 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m.