

**HOPKINS ROYALS BOYS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**December 14, 2016**  
**Minnetonka Community Center / 7:00 – 9:00 PM**



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Meeting Attendance:

Bobby Ciatti  
Dana Johnson  
Andrea Rauser  
Tim Hoffman

Jean Stout  
Joan Frenz  
Tony Corwin  
Justin White

Brad Lane  
Tim Omdahl  
Amara Chesson  
Stacie Saunders

**Call to order/Minutes/Agenda Review:**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Guests:** We had two guests attend the meeting tonight. First, Lydia Kabaka reaffirmed her interest in joining the Board and taking over the Secretary position at the end of the season. Nicole Schachtman also attended. She has two boys in the program, one playing 7 White, and the other playing 5 Silver. Nicole would like to join the Board and take on the open Event Coordinator position.

A motion was made to approve Lydia as an at-large member of the Board (with voting privileges) to assume the position of Secretary at the end of the season, and Nicole as a member of the Board in the position of Event Coordinator. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Welcome Lydia and Nicole.

**Approval of Minutes:** The November 2016 minutes were approved. Andrea reported that all minutes for 2016 have now been posted to the HRBBA website, and that the November minutes will be posted shortly.

**Reports/Critical Discussions:**

**Rochester:** We have 120 rooms reserved at the Grand Kahler at a rate of \$104/night. The reservation deadline is February 1. Dana will send an email blast reminding our families of the deadline. We were not able to get a group space as we have in past years and cannot have a group meal at this time.

**Spiritwear:** Conrad sent a report that there are some orders on back order. He is working with the vendor on this. He feels communication could have been better. Stacie reported that the distribution went smoothly, but it would be helpful if the vendor included a packing slip with the orders so that we weren't guessing whether everything was complete.

**Season Update:** Bobby gave a quick rundown of the teams' win-loss records and successes so far this year. HRBBA is 76-48 overall with one team (6 Blue) undefeated.

**Treasurer's Update:** We had \$61,225.03 in the bank at the end of November. We have some significant outgoing expenses (coaching stipends, uniforms, tournament expenses) but these will be balanced to some degree by the incoming Southwest League registrations and the final registration installments.

**Fundraising/Sponsorship:** Gregg is working to finalize a rubric of sponsorship opportunities and what we would like to get for each type of sponsorship. Eg. Court sponsor, bracket sponsor, etc.

Gregg did speak with 43 Hoops regarding their proposal. We had some concerns that the courts would not be available very much and that the offer is subject to availability. There was also a question regarding the duration of the agreement. Per 43 Hoops, it would just be through the season. They were not looking at off season marketing. Gregg recommends that we move forward with it. A motion to approve the sponsorship was made, seconded and passed.

**FOCUS Clinic Recap:** We had good attendance. The clinic was full for the older kids; and we had 14 from the younger grades, but we have fewer younger teams and there was a tournament. Parrish gave an inspirational speech and introduced the FOCUS concept. The coaches were Parrish, Mario Jordan, Chris Kamrath, and Dan Vandervieren, who formerly was on Novak's coaching staff. The kids were engaged and well behaved. We had positive feedback from parents who were present.

We will hold another FOCUS clinic on January 14 at Eisenhower. Because there are only two courts, the format will be changed somewhat, but we will try to keep the 8/1 ratio. Justin feels that the coach needs to keep control of their full courts. The preference is to have one coach doing full court on one side, and two coaches working half courts on the other side.

**FOCUS Awards:** Joan reported that a lot of people have been asking about the FOCUS program. All teams now have the little poster. We will still plan to give out an award to one player from each team, to be voted on by the teammates. We will work on ballot ideas. When Joan goes around to the teams to tell them about this, she will hand out the bag tags. Joan would like someone to design t-shirts for the actual award. Amara can't do the design, but will get quotes from a screen printer.

**HRBBA Varsity Night:** Joan would like to get this on the calendar. She has the contact information. It's a matter of picking a home game when we don't have a tournament or practice.

**End of Season Party:** We will give out shirts to 8th graders as in the past. Joan would like to have a slideshow and will contact the 8th grade parents for pictures. Nicole and Stacie will work on this.

**Bylaws, Policies and Guidelines:** Dana has noticed inconsistencies and will be redlining our Bylaws, etc. This is a heads up that she will be circulating these for discussion after the tournament.

**Coaching Update:** Winter Survey - Stacie and Dana reviewed the questions from last year and circulated the questions with suggested edits. The intent of the mid-year survey is to gather feedback on the coaches and identify any problems that we haven't noticed or heard about through other means. Each of the questions has room for comments. The various questions were discussed and approved.

MLK Tournament – The 6 Blue Team has been invited to the MKL Invitational tournament. Last year we approved that the Board would pay for one prominent invitational tournament per season. In this case, Bobby explained how the invitation came about, clarifying that the invite was made to him, without regard to who is coaching. Stacie moved that we approve the team's entry into the tournament and pay the tournament fee. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Facilities Update:** Winter Break Open Gym – Jean has secured permits for December 27 and 29 from 7:00 to 9:00 at North. Justin will work to get coach coverage. Participants will be asked to bring their own balls.

January Schedule - The January schedule is almost done. We will have some struggles with gym space that will require some joint practices. There will be no practice on MLK Day.

Tanglen Times - Regarding the 8:00 Tanglen times, sometimes practices need to be at 8:00 and sometimes not. Once we took the 8:00 time, it was blocked for us. Changing the time is a laborious process. Unfortunately, if the district blocks out the time and says we can't use it, we really can't.

**Tournament Update:** We will have one more meeting before the tournament.

Site Coverage at HHS – Jean, Stacie (rover), Brad (site director), Amara, Andrea, Tim O. (site director), Bobby (site director)

Site Coverage at North – Joan (site director), Dana (site director), Tony (rover), Gregg, Conrad, Tim H. (rover), Justin, Nicole, Lydia

Concessions leads – Andrea at HHS, with help from Amara, Stacie and Jean; Nicole and Lydia at North

Trophies – We will need 560 awards (280 trophies, 280 medals). Tim O. is recommending that we spend about \$8.00 per trophy. A \$3,500 budget for awards was approved. We will have a nice picture area/backdrop. Dana's request that we budget \$200 for banners to be used year after year was approved.

EMTs and referees are set.

Brackets – We will be sending off to Tourneyville soon. They should be ready to post a couple of weeks before the tournament.

Volunteers - Shifts are posted. If anyone gets any questions from people not being able to fill their shifts, refer them to Amara. We need high school players to score games. Justin will talk to Novak about getting the scorers. There will be games where we will need to have parents from the "home team" run the clock. Andrea expressed concern that we may be too light on concessions, particularly at the high school.

Signs - Tim has all the signs from the high school, and Joan has all the ones for North.

Court supplies - We need to make sure we have enough to clip boards for all courts. Tim has them. Score sheets will come from Tourneyville.

Admissions - Tim knows everything from last year. Bobby reminded that the volunteers are only free on the day they actually volunteer, not the whole tournament. We will discuss the shift change procedure next month.

Concessions – Andrea provided an update on concessions. She and Tim met with Hopkins catering and were advised of new policies, including a ban on Gatorade and a new commission charged on donated items. A smaller group will look at options for donated items and report back.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

**Addendum:**

On December 18, Bobby was contacted by a former player who wants to join the 8 Blue team. Bobby approached the coaching and player development directors for guidance on what he should do as his team is short on players due to injury and attendance. Additional board members who had previously deliberated on options when 8 Blue lost a player were brought in to offer additional perspectives. The subcommittee was in agreement against allowing the player, who had the opportunity to try out and opted not to, to now join the 8A team. The matter was then presented to the full board for discussion following which a motion was made as follows:

HRBBA should not offer \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity to try out for, or be placed on a team with HRBBA at this time and the original sub-committee (Tony, Joan, Justin, Tim O and Dana) shall review the 8A player injury situation the week practices resume (after winter break) and provide a recommendation to the board.

The motion, made electronically passed with 11 votes in favor and 3 abstentions.