

HOPKINS ROYALS BOYS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2017
Minnetonka Community Center / 7:00 – 9:00 PM



Meeting Attendance:

Dana Johnson
Andrea Rauser
Tim Hoffman
Tony Corwin

Jean Stout
Joan Frenz
Justin White
Lydia Kabaka
Tim Omdahl

Brad Lane
Gregg Schaefer
Amara Chesson
Stacie Saunders
Nicole Schachtman

Call to order/Minutes/Agenda Review:

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The December 2016 minutes were approved. Andrea will post them on the HRBBA website.

Reports/Critical Discussions:

Resignation: Discussion regarding the abrupt resignation of Bobby Ciatti the day before, January 10. Dana shared what precipitated the resignation. It was stressed that the resignation did not stem from anything improper or dishonest. Members of the Board were given an opportunity to voice their concerns and frustrations/disappointment over how other member of the Board handled the events leading to the resignation, Bobby's decision to resign on the eve of our tournament, and the absence of ongoing discussions amongst the whole Board.

We will discuss at our next meeting how to give recognition and acknowledge our appreciation for all the hard work Bobby has put in to building HRBBA as an organization over the past 5 years.

Dana will prepare an announcement and circulate for approval before sending out an email blast. As a postscript, an announcement was sent to the organization email list on Thursday, Jan. 12.

Treasurer's Report: There was no report as financials were not available for review.

Facilities Update: Jean reported on an encounter between one of our coaches and an assistant dance coach whose team practices in the gym immediately before the basketball practice. As a result, we have been advised that there may be some changes next year, but at this point we don't know what those changes will be or how they will affect us.

Due to limited gym space, we will not hold 4th grade practices on February 2.

Team Parent Coordinator: Stacie has sent out information to all team parents regarding the state tournament and the registration and verification requirements. The seeding meeting is coming up, and Stacie will let everyone know when that is. Typically, most of our coaches attend this meeting, rather than having one club representative there for all teams. Tim O. will help with registering the teams for state.

Event Coordinator: Nicole has reserved February 3 for the HRBBA Varsity Night. This is a special night as there will be a girls and boys varsity double header against an out-of-state team. Players in jerseys and coaches will get in free. We will need to get a list to Hopkins. Nicole will also be working on setting up some sort of activity and possibly a "meet and greet" with the players.

The Feed My Starving Children volunteer event is President's Day. We have 110 spots reserved from 6:00 to 7:30. Stacie will ask team parents to pull together lists of who will attend so that we can give FMSC an exact count. There will be no practices that night.

Jean will look in to getting a room for the first Monday after the state tournament for the end of season party. Amara and Conrad will work on shirts and pricing

Player Development: Joan and Brad have been going to the teams this week to introduce the FOCUS program and give them the bag tags. The kids were given a heads up that there will be an award at the end of the season to reward dedication and sportsmanship, as opposed to talent or skills.

The next FOCUS clinic is Saturday Jan. 14. There is space still available. It may help if the coaches were to encourage the kids to go. We need some help with set up, signage, and check in. Stacie and Gregg volunteered to help.

The Board was given an update on a player needing a waiver to play in the state tournament. His "home organization" lodged a complaint with the MYAS saying that he did not have the waiver that we thought he had. The issue has been resolved. One of his parents lives in the district and he has been cleared by MYAS. In the future we will ask to see an actual copy of the waiver before allowing a non-resident player to participate in tournaments.

Looking ahead, we are going to be preparing player evaluations for the coaches to fill out and to help the kids know what they need to work on over the summer.

Coaching Update: We had 79 responses to the mid-season survey. This is a really good response rate. Most of the responses were positive. The responses will be discussed at next month's meeting.

HRBBA Tournament: The remainder of the meeting was directed toward tournament planning with the following reports:

1. **Volunteers:** We are looking good in terms of volunteers. We have 19 high school volunteers and all shifts are full. Amara received help from one of the high school parents who coordinates volunteers. However, we are still light on rovers, and Andrea expressed concern that the concessions at the high school is extremely understaffed.
2. **Tournament Coordinator:** This year we have a record number of teams, so we are allocating only one hour between games. We have updated tournament rules to help keep things moving, including implementing run times for the entire second half and not just the last quarter. Also, the refs will be advised of the need to move things along.
3. **Trophies:** We are going to have all trophies and no medals. There may not be third place games in some brackets, and the third and fourth place teams will both get a trophy. These are where we have two brackets for the same grade and playing level. The winner of each bracket will move on to an overall championship, and the loser will get a third place trophy.
4. **Brackets:** Tim O. will reach out to Conrad to print the brackets. Otherwise we can use Staples.
5. **Supplies:** Jean will prepare score sheets for each site and get them into folders. It would be good to have copies of the rules at each court as well. Jean would also like clip boards. Joan will take care of court supplies.
6. **Referees:** Referees are lined up. Tim O. is working with them, and Tim H. will have a payment check ready on site. We will provide the referee room with a cooler and bottled water.
7. **EMTs:** Tim O. is finalizing EMTs. He will ask them about bringing ice.
8. **Concessions:** Andrea gave an update on concessions. Figuring out donated items has been a challenge due to the district's new rule that we cannot sell products with artificial dyes, which eliminates Gatorade. We should expect the concessions receipts to be down considerably this year.

Also Costco will not pull phone orders of less than \$500, so we will need to pull the water and pickles off the shelves ourselves. Tim H., Tony, Gregg and Stacie will go to Costco on Friday and pick up the items. Andrea will provide numbers and delivery times and will also work with Tim O and Dana on a pizza delivery

schedule to give to Gregg. This year pizza will be ordered from Papa Johns. The fourth donated item will be Ben & Jerry's ice cream cups.

Vouchers will be available but not given out unless someone asks as the HS kids are instead getting some sort of volunteer credit.

9. Signage: This has been taken care of by Joan
10. Set Up: Due to events at both sites, we will not be able to do any set up on Friday. Our permit has been extended to 6:00 a.m. on Saturday. It is vitally important that everyone be there at 6:00 to set up. We will have laptops at each site. We need coolers. Justin will take care of board treats/refreshments, including coffee.
11. Admissions: Time will get change by Tuesday. He has all the supplies on the list. Tim O. will put together a coach's sign in sheet. The volunteer check in and shift change procedures were discussed.
12. Site coverage was discussed and finalized. Stacie and Gregg will be switching sites, with Stacie moving to North and Gregg to HHS. Concessions leads for HHS are Andrea with help from Amara, and Nicole and Lydia at North. Overall Site Directors are Dana and Joan (North) and Tim and Brad (high school).

Meeting adjourned at 8:59. Next meeting February 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., Minnetonka Community Center.