

HOPKINS ROYALS BOYS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 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

Gregg Schaefer
Amara Chesson
Stacie Saunders
Nicole Schachtman

Call to order/Guest/Minutes:

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

Guest: This month we welcomed Head Hopkins Varsity Basketball Coach Ken Novak, Jr. Our discussions centered on ways in which HRBBA can partner with the high school program and develop our players.

Coach Novak raised issues with court size. He feels they are too big, kids don't get spacing, and consequently kids can't make good and quick decisions under pressure. Smaller courts force crowding and kids get used to it and having defenders in their face. Coach Novak feels the number one thing in basketball is spatial awareness. This is something to consider when we have to have teams share gym space, which may not be such a negative after all.

Coach Novak also feels that youth coaches sometimes mix up concepts, and teams become one-man teams. These kids don't develop because they don't move the ball and have no contextual interference.

Coach Novak would work on vision and movement before working on skills. The coaches need to teach versus just coach.

Approval of Minutes: The January 2017 minutes were approved. Andrea will post them on the HRBBA website. Andrea raised the question of whether, given Bobby's recent resignation, the preparation of each month's agenda should rest with the Board Secretary, at least until we have a president in place.

Reports/Critical Discussions:

Open Positions: The Board had some follow up discussions related to Bobby's resignation. First, we need an additional signer on the bank account and a second set of eyes on the bank accounts for checks and balances. Joan moves to add Tim Omdahl to the bank accounts. This was seconded and passed. Tim H. will work with Tim O to get things changed.

Appreciation gift - There was brainstorming about what to get Bobby as an appreciation gift that we will present to him at the end of season banquet on March 14.

Recruitment - Dana received one inquiry regarding the President's position, but rather than jump, the general feeling was whether we should wait until the end of the season to allow others to come out and then make decisions. Further, there was discussion about whether the position was one for which recruitment should come from the existing board given the number of responsibilities that the President oversees. We may also be considering whether to have term limits

In addition to the President position, we continue to look for a Facilities Director, Registration, Assistant Tournament, and Marketing/Social Media Director. Additionally, Conrad announced his intention to step down at the end of the season, which opens the Uniform/Spirit Wear Coordinator position.

Treasurer's Report: We had \$61,000, in the bank at the end of the year, and the current balance is \$68,000. We still owe for the facilities check (about \$7-10,000). Tournament revenue is discussed below. Using Tanglen to handle overflow next year would cost about \$7,000 and one EMT. We don't have the concessions check yet, and have miscellaneous checks to deposit.

Tournament Recap: General – Overall, the tournament was a success. We had roughly \$47,000 in revenue. There were minimal complaints that were limited primarily to misunderstandings with the brackets. From North's perspective, it was the best year yet, although games went late.

Volunteers - we had one no call, no show who then came to watch her son's game. We will cash the check. Amara will look into possibly using a sign-up genius to allow parents to pick their spots next year.

Miscellaneous - We need a stack of towels for things that spill on the court. It would be helpful to have maps of the campus and the court locations.

Admissions - \$41,491 less \$6,000 for change that we started with.

Concessions – We made roughly \$8k in concessions sales. Concession sales was very brisk. Surprisingly, we had almost no complaints regarding the lack of Gatorade, and received more complaints about not having soda. The Hopkins catering department was much more responsive this year and very easy to work with. Donated items were water (which we nearly sold out of), Ben & Jerry's, Pizza and pickles. Pizza was supplied by Papa John's, which was also very easy to work with. Andrea will make sure that Nicole and Lydia have the concession reports for 2015-2017.

Facilities - Melissa had a few concerns - bouncing basketballs on the track, not having admissions in the upper level of Lindbergh, keeping things on schedule. Jean would also suggest that we secure Tanglen. We discussed that it would be completely infeasible to eliminate admissions in the upper level.

2018 Tournament - Early weekends in January typically have been denied over the past few years. MLK weekend was a problem. We will try for the same weekend next year. January 20-21.

Facilities Update: Jean received an email in January from Melissa stating that we would not be able to use the main gym if we can't keep kids out of the gymnastic equipment room (Gym W). We need to instruct our own players not to go in there.

We have the cafe reserved from 5:30 to 9:30 on March 14. 6:30 start.

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

Team Parent Coordinator: Tim O will get the hard copies of sign up forms for 4th grade for MYAS State. An email has been sent to the coaches regarding the seeding meeting.

Uniform Coordinator: We have two sets of shirts (8th grade and FOCUS) that need to be ordered for the end of year party. The designs are done, but how do we determine the size? We will use the uniform sizing for the 8th grade shirts, and for focus, we'll get a bunch of sizes and just take the date off. We need a 15-day time frame.

We also need to talk about the ballots and how they will work. The kids will need to vote before Rochester, the week of Feb. 27-28. Joan will send the coaches another email reminding them that we will be voting and to reinforce the program.

Event Coordinator: A spreadsheet for FMSC signup has been sent out to the parents. It's due Monday. Hopefully, we will have sign ups over the weekend.

We will email coordinate the end of season party, which is set for Tuesday March 15.

FOLLOW UP: A subcommittee consisting of Nicole, Joan, Dana, Amara and Andrea met to plan the basic structure of the party and gave Nicole authority to implement the

specifics. Nicole also looked in to a club dinner at Rochester and confirmed that this was not feasible. In light of that, we decided to instead offer a meal at the end of year party and a motion was made to authorize Nicole to spend up to \$1,800 (which was what the 2016 Rochester pizza party cost) on the end of year banquet/party. The motion was seconded and passed on a unanimous vote.

Player Development: FOCUS - we are going to offer the February clinic as an open training. That way, we don't need to ask for money. This clinic, which is set for February 18 will be for Fourth grade only.

Coaching Update: Parent reviews were sent out to the board. Tony and Justin met with the coaches, and also did a mid-season check-up with the coaches to let them know the general tenor of the results. Due to time constraints, we were unable to have a more in depth discussion of the survey results.

8A follow up - We had a meeting with concerned parents and board members. While there were discussions about what could be done to help the team, we have not been able to implement. Tony reported about a decision made to move a player from 8A down to 8B and the basis for the decision. The decision has been reported to the parents.

FOLLOW UP – Since the February board meeting, another issue has come up with an 8A player sustaining a season ending injury. This brings the number of players down to six, and issues of players not showing up for practices continues. A player who started the season with the team, but left when he was selected for the 9th grade team contacted Bobby about returning once the 9th grade season was over (just before Rochester). Andrea reviewed MSHL rules regarding in season/end of season play, and Tim Omdahl inquired with MYAS whether the player was eligible and could be added to the roster. MYAS reported that the player could be added in an injury situation. The decision was made to offer the player the opportunity to finish out the season with HRBBA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10. Next meeting, March 8, 2017 7:00 at the Minnetonka Community Center.