

## HOLLIS BROOKLINE BASKETBALL CLUB MEETING

September 17, 2017

Attending:

Board Ryan Kelley, David Leclerc, Janet Lussier, Jennifer Razzaboni, Tim Stack, Tori Thomas

Community Todd Anderson, Brian Follensbee

Location: Brookline Ambulance Community Center

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### I. Open Gym / Coach Coverage / Policies

The Board discussed the upcoming Open Gym that will run for boys and girls grades 3 - 9 beginning the week of September 25<sup>th</sup>. All Open Gym times will use 10 foot rims regardless of age group. Coaches will run each session providing a loose structure for the gym time. A log of attendance and signed waivers will also be maintained. Reminder – this is not a drop off event. Each player must have an adult onsite who is responsible for their attendance. The website now has a FAQ section outlining Open Gym policies.

Open Gym is advertised for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade players. However, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be allowed to participate in Open Gym. Second graders could be considered to play on a 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> grade recreational team; however, the player would also need to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Instructional division. HBBC feels that the additional touches on the ball and fundamental instruction that are taught through the Instructional league would significantly benefit a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader who wants to play up with a 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> team.

Currently, there is a shortage of coach availability to cover all time slots for Open Gym throughout the three-week timeframe. Dave will send another request asking for volunteers. In the meantime, the Board established a process for cancellation in case coverage is not available. Sunday nights, Dave will email the upcoming weekly schedule to the distribution list, including noting any slots that are at risk of being cancelled due to lack of coverage. If coaches are not available, Open Gym for those time periods will be officially cancelled 24 hours before the event. Though the Board hopes to avoid cancellations, the Board strongly feels that it is important to provide families with enough time to plan accordingly.

### II. Travel Program

Ryan Kelley, Coaching Director, reported that he has received Travel Head Coach interest for both boys and girls in each age bracket. Numbers will dictate the number of teams at each grade level. Pre-registration for tryouts will assist with this effort. The Board is hoping to identify coaches prior to tryouts.

Registration for Travel opens September 24<sup>th</sup>. Travel registration for 3 – 6 graders should be completed by October 16<sup>th</sup>. Tryouts for 3 – 6 graders are from October 16<sup>th</sup> through October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Travel registration for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be open from September 24<sup>th</sup> through November 14<sup>th</sup>. Tryouts will be the week of November 13<sup>th</sup>. The later tryout dates for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade accommodate families trying out for the Middle School teams. Coaches interested in working with one of the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade teams should submit their information to the Coaching Director by October 29<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a meeting for Travel Coaches on Monday, October 9th for grades 3-6 specifically. Topics to be addressed include Code of Conduct, policies, guidelines, MSBL rules, and determining practice/game schedules. Jenn will contact the Fire Department to inquire about reserving the space for the meeting. A coaches meeting for the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade teams and Rec/Instructional will be at a later date.

### **III. Recreation Program**

The Board is still trying to fill the Recreation Director position. Dave will send another email to the distribution list outlining the position. The Recreation Program has been such a huge success benefiting so many of our children. The Board hopes someone will soon be interested in working with us to continue to grow the program.

Dave attended a meeting with our Souhegan Valley Basketball partners. Amherst and Milford attended the meeting; Wilton was unable to be there. Dave shared the HBBC fall flyer that was distributed in all our HB elementary schools. HBBC reported to the group that we would like to begin the basketball season earlier than last year's start of December 16<sup>th</sup>. An earlier start date would allow the recreation teams to play eight games for the season plus an additional weekend for the season-ending jamboree. Other towns will consider the possibility in their schedules.

Milford requested that towns consider a 3v3 format for grades 3/4. Amherst proposed a compromise moving to a 4v4 format for grades 3-6, allowing more touches on the ball and more space on the shorter courts when running cross court rather than full court. Milford decided that they are not able to change from their 3v3 format. The HBBC Board decided that we do not have the gym space required to accommodate converting the entire program to a 4v4 format as it would result in an increase in the number of teams. As a result, it is likely that nothing will change from last year's format or interleague participation. However, the Board would like to offer the possibility of HB participation in the 3v3 league if some HBBC players are interested in additional opportunities to play.

Unfortunately, with the departure of HBHS Coach Soucy and other time commitments for Friday night skills and drills coaches, it is likely that we will not be able to offer the Friday night sessions.

### **IV. Budget**

Jenn Razzaboni, as Treasurer, reported that she has contacted CSDA to discuss transferring the AED expense to the school. She will request a meeting with the CSDA principal, Mr. Dobe, in time for consideration in the next school budget.

Dave has received nine of the eleven extra jerseys used for Travel teams. We will follow up to have an extra jersey available for distribution to each travel team at the beginning of the season.

Though we have enough scorebooks for Travel, Dave will purchase additional scorebooks to cover Club requirements, (i.e., a book at CSDA).

We have three large medical kits and six small kits. Dave will make sure that the medical kit at CSDA is fully stocked. Jenn will order 13 additional medium size kits, as well as, additional ice packs. Medical kits and ice packs will be available for distribution at the coaches meeting.

Dave reviewed his spreadsheet of the basketball inventory. He will work with a vendor for discounted pricing to cover the needs of the Club. Basketballs deemed not sufficient for the HBBC program due to wear will be removed and donated to our community schools. Depending on pricing, Dave will also report back to the Board about the possibility of purchasing a limited number of basketballs available for sale to players as a small fundraiser for the Club.

We have a few t-shirts left over from last year's Instructional program. Tori recommended purchasing a few extra shirts in each size to cover the needs of the Instructional League.

### **V. Next Meeting Agenda**

The next Board meeting will be determined and announced on the website soon.