

ACYBA Board Meeting Minuets

Date: May 13, 2020

Location: Virtual Meeting

Start Time: 7:00p

Board Members Present:

President – Puma Rennie
Treasurer - Bryan Kuempel
Girls Travel Comm. – Angela Fondow
Boys Travel Comm. – Mike Frie
House Comm. – Lilian Chumba
Player/Coach Development - Mike Seiffert
Equipment – Shawn Fondow
Boys Tournament Director – Mike Skram
Girls Tournament Director – John Crawford
Travel Scheduling – Matt Smelser
House Scheduling – John Crawford

Non-Board Members Present

None

Members Not Present

Website Coordinator – Chris Hunt
Player/Coach Development - Rafe Ronning
Marketing Coordinator – Tiffani Heggestad
Equipment – Dante Rabb

MEETING MINUTES

1. ACYBA Policy Review (Puma)

- Highlighted document includes a number of items that need to be reviewed.
- no need to vote on dropping Cooper Girls Travel issue; they are doing it.
- need to make slight revisions to policy, but separate girls eligibility paragraph.
- Board members should submit proposed revisions of the highlighted sections to Puma, if they would like to see something changed; discuss and vote at next meeting

2. Off-Season Training (Mike Seiffert)

- Not much happening; Rafe asked Matt to reserve 4 Sundays in August at Crystal Community Center for programs before school starts
- on-line sessions? Via Zoom? Other Associations are doing that;
- Monthly skills blasts to families? Posts on website/FaceBook?
- Chris Hunt is coordinating website – Mike /Rafe use him to help blast out things
 - Shawn can help with web questions, but Chris is familiar w/ site

3. Marketing / Fundraising (Tiffani, gave info to Puma)

- Working with Noodles/Panda Express, from last season
- not really going to small businesses for sponsorships now; tough economy

- May want to try to send out save the date flyers for registration and travel evals
 - Peachtree is program w/ school; can be very expensive
- Should we get new yard signs? Skram gave Tiffani info on potential vendor;

4. House League (Lillian)

- Not much new to update; working on schedule with benefit of one year under belt
- will look for new source for middle school uniform shorts (see through)

5. Travel – Girls (Angie) / Boys (Mike F)

- Uniforms: need new girls uniform design (no “Cooper”); boys are also 5 seasons old;
 - Board agreed new designs for both are warranted
 - keep overall price in mind; willing to look at new vendors
- new coaches bags, too; we rec’d samples from Rick last season; look into it
- Working on tournament schedules; Boys tentative includes 1 no gate fee (OMGBA)
 - “Gate Fees”: long discussion about push for “No Gate Fee” at many tournaments in the area; email was circulated before meeting;
 - Angie and Puma attended MYAS conference call on the issue; pros/cons on both sides
 - would be approx. \$140/player more for our families; also no guarantee we can put together full schedule of “no gate fee” tournaments; would probably mean playing many of the same teams over and over; but, mainly increased fees to families at this time would not be a good development;
 - VOTE: Board unanimously voted to make no change to the gate admission for the tournaments we host for 2020-2021 season but remains open to address in the future if it makes sense
 - Overnight Tourney: long discussion about out-of-town tournaments; pros and cons to many different options, including: none at all, back to Rochester early; Rochester late; other metro area that is further away; St. Cloud in Feb; issues with hotel availability, venues,
 - VOTE: Board unanimously voted we should try to offer one, later in the season, and to have both boys and girls play in St. Cloud Quarry Classic at the end of Feb; it’s close enough that people can drive if they are uncomfortable with staying at hotel; both boys and girls in same tournament; later in season, hopefully less chance of cancellation
 - # of Teams: Could be reduction in # of players due to economic and health issues; probably only 4 or 5 girls teams; 8 or 9 boys teams; fewer teams would mean lower costs for practice time and tournament registrations

6. COVID-19 Cancellations

- we need to be prepared to give refunds to families if portions of the season or tournaments are cancelled. We should try to start as normal with registrations and

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team formation, but if gym time or tournaments are cancelled, we should be able to give some refunds. We should put general language in the registration information that says whole or partial refunds may be available if cancellations due to world events.

7. Girls Tourney Date

- John confirmed with District and AHS that first weekend in December is available at the HS and will plan on girl's tournament that weekend. Better to move after new year to potentially lessen chances of cancellation? That's unpredictable and maybe better to keep the tournaments spaced out (boys in Feb) so maybe both are not wiped out.

8. Uniforms/Gear

- Shawn will work with Dante to try to get ideas of design and cost for next meeting
- need to set up time for return of coaches bags from last season

9. Next Meeting

- Puma will circulate potential dates, is early/Mid-June

Adjourn:

Time: 8:50p