

ACYBA Board Meeting Minutes
Date: 10/29/2017
Location: New Hope Park & Rec
Start Time: 7:00p

Board Members Present:

Collis Barber - President
Matt Parsons – Girls Travel Comm.
James Redelsheimer – Boys Travel Comm.
Stephanie Schmolze – Boys House Comm (interim Girls House Comm.)
Bryan Kuempel - Treasurer
Dave Everson – Boys Travel Registrar
Julie Peplinski – Girls Travel Registrar
Michele Bloom - Girls Equipment
Dan Priem – Boys Equipment
Dave Campbell – House Scheduling
Mike Skram – Boys Tournament Director (interim Girls Tournament Dir)

Members Not Present

Shawn Fondow – Website Coordinator
Tim Brower – Travel Scheduler
Teresa Reiner – Marketing Coordinator

MEETING AGENDA

- President Report (Collis)
 - Collis is in last year as President; due to personal reasons, has decided it is in his and his family's best interest to step away from his Board responsibilities at this time. He will remain coaching the Girls 8 Red team with Matt P., and will be available to help when necessary, including with tournament, etc. He apologized for doing it at this time, but feels necessary. The Board thanked him for his many years of volunteering with the ACYBA and welcomed him to remain involved in the program.
 - Prior to departure, Collis talked Mike Skram into taking over at the end of the season. Mike agreed to step into the role immediately, given Collis' decision. Collis recommended the transition to the Board.
 - Motion to transition President's role to Mike Skram; unanimous vote of all present.
 - MSkram comments: Just want to get through this season, keeping in mind is also coaching a team and coordinating both tournaments. One main focus will be on getting the Board organized by filling open Board positions and making sure roles are clearly identified.
- Treasurer Report (Bryan)
 - Overall cash ~ \$123,900
 - Available is \$108K, considering known upcoming expenses

- slightly up in cash, due to the way we're paying
- house registration #s may be down in total, but up in certain areas
 - could be difference in added cash at this time??
 - have not raised house fees for couple years
- after Girls' Tournament, we will have significant account balance

- House Report (Stephanie)
 - With open Girls House Commissioner position open, Stephanie has been doing both jobs; very much appreciated; she's willing to work with new person, if s/he takes girl's role on
 - Evaluations / Teams
 - registration closed on 10/8
 - lots of interest after cut-off; she's accepting all who want to play
 - split 7-8 grade boys teams into grade-level teams;
 - only 3 7th and 8th grade girls signed up; had to refund
 - had evals to try to get teams equal skill-wise, but many signed up later, so doing best she can;

 - Game schedules/ leagues
 - Girls 5/6: playing in OMGBA League
 - now have 7 & 8 boys playing in NW Suburban League; not just playing AC

 - Coach status
 - still have one boys 7th grade team w/out coach
 - several emails to parents, no luck; consider paying coach?
 - don't want to have 9 kids randomly placed on that team excluded;
 - discussion: have parents pay all/portion of coach compensation?; Board pay for coach? How much? \$1000 for travel coach in past; Steph has put a lot of pressure on the parents of the 9 kids on that team, but no luck; maybe put pressure on all 7th grade and see if anyone is willing to switch up teams and agree to coach...
 - ACTION: Stephanie will contact the 2 coaches on 1 7th team and see if they are willing to split up and each coach one team. Maybe we can work some practices in middle schools for them with 2 gyms and they can run some joint practices, etc. If that does not work, communicate to all parents of all 7th grade players to explain the situation, see if that creates some movement; then, if nothing, go to parents on team with no coach, and tell them no play if they don't volunteer to coach, unless they agree to pay for coach (Board would consider chipping in partial fee for coach, but maybe not ideal...)

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- K-2 update
 - 74 kids; up from about 60 last year
 - have trainers line up for boys and girls
 - Steph / Bryan will work to get trainers/coaches paid

- skills trainer –for girls house league?;
 - this was a thing 2 yrs ago; skills training for house players 3-6 grade
 - did not do that last year
 - table that idea until prep for next season;
 - [MMS note: perhaps pair w/ in-house travel training program]

- Scheduling Issues (Dave Campbell)
 - Nov 10 is deadline to get full schedule done, and return dates to district
 - District keeps wanting to push up date for us to finalize gym registrations
 - they wanted 10/30 as deadline, but we are not ready by then;
 - issues include fluctuating teams/numbers; hard for scheduling
 - we pushed house registration/evals up because of District
 - going into next year District wants to finalize a firm date moving forward from year to year
 - keep in mind for next season; may need to work something out....

- Timberwolves Connection for House:
 - Uniforms coming, from vendor in Minnetonka
 - Will sponsor coaches clinic w/ referee (in December?)
 - Will sponsor players clinic for each girls/boys (in January?)
 - players would get BOGO ticket offer for Wolves/Lynx

- Girls Travel Report (Matt P.)
 - Tryouts / teams ; done and set without much problem
 - one dual registration situation in 8th grade
 - 6Blue team drop down
 - no other issues he is aware of
 - Parent issues?
 - not at this time
 - Skills training – initial thoughts?
 - Ben doing a good job; lots of reps
 - girls responding well
 - might recommend doing all skills in-house next season
 - we have gym space, would be more economical
 - Matt/Bryan will work out logistics for paying Ben Vathing for services

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- Game Schedule status (Julie)
 - all scheduled - all fees paid; all good

- Practice Schedule status (Tim Brower) – not present
 - not aware of any issues; maybe same scheduling issues w/ District??

- [MMS Note: Concerned about decreasing numbers of players.
 - only 50 girls/6 teams this season
 - going forward, this is big issue, need to be proactive
 - issue in many associations, not just ACYBA]

- Boys Travel Report (James)
 - Tryouts / teams; done and teams assigned
 - record numbers tried out for boys (but only 7th grade cuts)
 - 6 of 10 cut went to house
 - very few issues with parents re: teams/selections
 - Coaches: selected, good roster of coaches
 - Paying Wacholz (part time; as asst)
 - Parent issues?
 - very few
 - Skills training – initial thoughts?
 - going well; Bart working with kids
 - maybe gaps for skill level, at least at 7th grade;
 - MMS spoke with Bart, he mentioned 90 min sessions might be long for kids
 - OK to develop/tweak as we go thru season
 - Use Bart however we see fit, he seems willing
 - be proactive, seek coach in-put, coaches should be attending

 - Tournament Schedule/status (Dave Everson)
 - we are set with where we're playing
 - all paid, except for state
 - 11 teams in boys' program

 - Practice Schedule status (Tim Brower) - not present; no issues presented

- Tournaments Report (Mike S.)
 - Girls Tournament: dates are 11/18-19/2017
 - Registered Teams (Julie) ~ approx. 74 teams total
 - 3 teams playing for free to fill out brackets
 - 7A problem:
 - one team has backed out at last minute, says not a 7B team

- should we give refund? No deadline on our registration form
- they are sending 2 other teams, we can work schedule
- probably best not to burn bridges; probably should refund
- all other divisions have at least 4 teams; most have 6; 2 w/ 8

- Planning status
 - Venue - based on #s, will fit all games into 5 courts at CHS/NHCG
 - Games – last games start at 9p Sat; 5:45 Sun
 - Entry fees: lots of places are \$7/day.
 - propose: \$12 adult / \$9 student/senior: weekend get bracelet
 - or \$7/\$5 daily w/ mark or stamp on hand
 - Concessions - 7th grade parents making great progress
 - Charity: extras and donations will go to 2nd Harvest Heartland
 - Awards – t-shirts ordered (Julie will help separate when arrive)
 - Vendors: have EMS, Security, Ref's confirmed
 - uniform vendor: has cancer awareness socks he will donate for us to sell
 - put at concessions? Admissions?
 - DIBS: with one location, it's easier, but w/ low #s in program, we're thin
 - right now, each player probably needs 4 volunteer hours
 - suggestion: 2 - 2hr shifts;
 - even then will be short about 12 hrs; maybe ask each team to pick another one up, either by coach, or another parent on team?
 - suggestion: get an NHS or HS kids to volunteer
 - probably not want to open to boys families – bigger boys tourney
 - Suggestion: get AHS girls team, support that group
 - assuming CHS girls will handle clocks
 - Michele may know CHS coaches to help confirm
 - no reason AHS program can't also be asked to help
 - MMS will reach out to Coach Easley

- Boys Tournament
 - Registered Teams (Dave Everson)
 - we have 111 of the 112 so far; no reason won't fill
 - Planning status: vendors confirmed; 7th grade parents identified for concess.

- Equipment Report (Michele and Dan)
 - status of uniforms
 - coming this week, likely; no issue like last year
 - need other equipment?
 - look good, purchased some other items, but in good shape

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- Coaches shirt/sweatshirts this year?
 - ACTION:
 - Dan will coordinate with James for boys order
 - Michele will coordinate with Matt for girls'
 - Michele will coordinate with Steph for house coaches

- 10K Shot shirts;
 - ACTION:
 - will order for delivery by 11/20 for Girls' Night with Falcons
 - only 1 girl (AHS)
 - MMS will contact Coach Easley to see if he'll recognize her
 - will order for delivery for 11/27 for Boys Night w. Falcons
 - record number of boys
 - MMS or James will speak with Coach Miller

- Marketing Report (Teresa) ; not present

- Website Report (Shawn) ; not present

- Open Board Positions Update
 - Currently Posted (spots opening after this season):
 - President
 - Mike Skram (voted)
 - Treasurer (Bryan would prefer another role)
 - potential: Cas Newbern?
 - Bryan will reach out to her to see if still interested
 - Girls House Comm. (Schmolze filling in now)
 - NEED
 - Girls Travel Comm.
 - Dave Everson (need formal vote)
 - House Scheduler
 - NEED
 - Girls Travel Registrar
 - Angie Fondow (need formal vote)
 - New spots (with current members taking new positions)
 - Girls Tournament Director (Skram filling in now)
 - Mike Frie (MMS- confirm this role; need formal vote)
 - Boys Tournament Director (Skram's position)
 - NEED
 - Boys Travel Registrar
 - NEED

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- if Bryan is no longer Treasurer, willing to take another position, is flexible
- MMS will invite Angie, Mike F and Cas Newbern to future meetings

- Long Term openings (beyond this/next year?)
 - for next meeting, all members identify how long want/intend on being in role
 - need parents w/ younger players involved
 - only 1 4th grade and 5th grade parent currently rep'd
 - need parent involvement from House players
 - few current members are house-only families
 - ACTION:
 - Will have Shawn send email to directly to house families & 4th/5th fams
 - Skram will draft something
 - Keep working to identify potential people to fill current/upcoming roles

- Around-the-horn
 - Any other issues not addressed; None
 - Any issues for consideration for next meeting(s); none

- Plan for next meeting
 - To Do's:
 - see ACTION items above;
 - Also, before meeting, get to Skram:
 - brief description of current role(s);
 - approximate time involvement with role; and
 - thoughts on how long want to be in current role
 - if interested in other roles if come available...
 - Date/Location
 - Plan on Sunday 12/3 starting at 7p, at New Hope, unless told otherwise

- Adjourn: 8:45p
Minutes by MMS