

HOLLIS BROOKLINE BASKETBALL CLUB MEETING

January 16, 2017

Attending:

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

Community Alicia Costa, Dave Guay

Location: Brookline Safety Complex

I. Travel Program

As Travel Director, Tim Stack reported that the scoreboard at HUES should be serviced due to an intermittent connection that occasionally disrupts games. Tim will follow up with the vendor and HUES staff to get it fixed. In the meantime, the portable scoreboard from CSDA will be stored in the ball cage at HUES.

Tim also reviewed the pros and cons of the change in the timing of tryouts for grades 7 – 9. The biggest challenges were that HBBC was not in alignment with MSBL for the timing of team creation and competing in the Bedford tournament was difficult as teams were not formed much in advance of the tournament. The biggest benefit in delaying travel tryouts was that the players were able to choose if they wanted to play after learning whether or not they made the middle school teams. The Board agreed to keep a similar schedule next season, while emphasizing that Travel tryouts would not be on the same day as middle school tryouts.

Tim reported that there have been a few coordinator issues in the Girls 3/4 Division I, as well as, with the Boys 5/6 Division III. Tim has sent an email to MSBL in an effort to get problems resolved.

The Board discussed that MSBL has a zero tolerance policy for poor parent and player conduct. Referees have been instructed to dismiss any person at a game that is being disruptive in any way. The Board reviewed our policies and procedures for addressing any problems throughout the season. The Board will communicate any reported issues to MSBL and next steps to any persons involved. The head coach is also responsible for addressing the persons involved in the situation. The Board reiterated the importance of coaches sending the Codes of Conduct and MSBL rules out to all families at the beginning of the season.

The Board also discussed concerns that have been expressed relating to referees and the potential for player injury when foul calls are not made quickly for both teams in the game. Ryan Kelley, Director of Coaching, will send an email requesting referee feedback from all coaches. The Board will determine how to communicate with MSBL based on feedback responses. Additionally, the Board needs to create a process for any parent or player to register complaints relating to MSBL.

Next season, it will be important to create binders for coaches that include numerous documents to be available at each game. For example, facility locations and related facility rules, coaches contact information (both home and mobile), Codes of Conduct, rules, schedules, etc.).

II. Budget

Jenn Razzaboni, as Treasurer, reviewed the expenses against the budget. Clearly, we were able to stay within our projected numbers and the Board agreed that for the first year combining Brookline and Hollis programs, the numbers were remarkably accurate. The Brookline Basketball Club initially lent funds to HBBC to get started (i.e., payment for new insurance policy, etc.). Now, there is enough money from registration fees to reimburse BBC but the Board voted to keep \$5,879.71 in the HBBC account until the end of the season. At that point, Jenn will move the

money back to BBC. Note Local Pro Sports was very generous donating basketballs to our program and Walmart generously donated basketballs and first aid kits. Thank you Local Pro and Walmart!

A few equipment issues have arisen that may incur expenses. Tim will ask Hollis Recreation if they will help get one of the hoops fixed at HUES. The RMMS hoop issues are not yet resolved, but teams can begin using it again. Hoops at the MPR move and need to be adjusted. Dave will contact the middle school to work with the custodial staff to insert the appropriate pins on days HBBC uses the gym.

III. Recreation Program

Recreation Director, Kristy Trombley, discussed the Recreation program assessments. Assessments were earlier this year than they had been in the past for either program. There were many late registrations, which may have been an unintended consequence. With that said, HBBC was able to field several teams in each category, including two all-girl 3/4 teams.

Kristy reported that Milford did join the league for most divisions. We now have Milford, Wilton and Amherst to play throughout the season. Rules need to be confirmed for all towns, (i.e., a mercy rule or not), to ensure fair play for all teams.

The Board will need to develop a process for when a player moves into town after assessments. For example, if someone has been playing travel for another town but misses our travel deadline, we need to have clear guidelines in helping the player have the best experience somewhere in the HBBC program in a timely manner.

Kristy and Dave will be working with the other towns to host a league jamboree for all levels at the end of the season, the weekend of February 18/19. The Board agreed to help fund medals for first and second place finishers in all divisions. The Board assumes all towns will share in the cost.

Next year, we will need to have more support for conducting the assessments. Recreation assessments should be set up and executed similar to the travel assessments. We will have Recreation assessments the first week of November again next year.

At the beginning of next season, we will hold a separate meeting for all Recreation coaches to provide them with all the necessary information to be prepared at the beginning of their season..

IV. Instructional

Tori Thomas, Instructional Director, reported that over sixty children participated in the Instructional program this year. The Board agreed to purchase medals for all participants. Kristy will coordinate with the vendor.

V. Hosting Playoffs

The Board agreed that we would like to host a part of the MSBL playoffs, similar to how BBC hosted last year at CSDA. Jenn and Dave will project the related expenses to host at CSDA and HBMS. Dave will follow up to determine if MSBL will reimburse the Club and, if so, determine how much of the expenses the stipend will cover. In the meantime, Dave will book the schools without paying the fee until we get an answer from MSBL.

VI. Fundraising

Kristy will run a 50/50 raffle during the Recreation jamboree. Additional details will be discussed through email.

The Board also discussed running concessions if we are selected to host playoffs to assist in the Club's fundraising efforts.

VII. Additional Opportunities

Dave reported that the Friday night optional skills & drills clinics have been very well attended and very successful. The clinics will end Friday, February 17th, just before the weekend of the Jamboree.

The Board will work with Corey Hassan to develop a schedule for his skills and drills program in the offseason.

Summer basketball camps will likely be similar to this season and will be posted to the HBBC website.

VIII. Coaches for Cancer Event

Dave Guay discussed the Coaches for Cancer events being held at half time of the JV and Varsity games on February 3rd (boys games), and February 10th (girls games). The Board agreed this is a great event to support and coaches will work with Dave G. to determine which teams will be able to play at each half time. All ticket sales go to Coaches for Cancer.

IX. Photographer

Veronica has generously offered to work with HBBC to take player/team photos. She will be able to offer two days for teams to schedule their photo session.

X. Next Meeting Agenda

The next Board meeting will be Monday, February 20th at 7:00pm at the Brookline Safety Complex. The agenda will include the following:

- Budget update – Jenn
- Inventory update: purchasing, donations, allocation
- Travel update - Tim
- Recreation update - Kristy
- Instructional update
- Coaching director update
- Hosting playoffs