

# HOLLIS BROOKLINE BASKETBALL CLUB MEETING

May 4, 2019

Attending:

Board Ryan Kelley, Brian LaPointe, David Leclerc, Janet Lussier, Jennifer Razzaboni, Steve Stark, Tori Thomas

Community Todd Anderson, Alicia Costa, Brian Follensbee

Location: Brookline Safety Complex

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## I. Budget

Jenn Razzaboni, Treasurer, and Dave Leclerc, Board President, reviewed the budget to actual numbers for the 2018/2019 season, (see attached). The 2018/2019 season had a similar number of participants as compared to the 2016/2017 year; however, the Club received slightly less income than budgeted. The main reason was due to the change in the distribution of players between our Recreation Program and our Travel Program. More players decided to play in the Recreation League rather than the Travel League. More specifically, the Club added one new Recreation team, however, lost three Travel teams.

We also incurred fewer expenses than projected. The referee fees were down, we did not require any significant repairs, MSBL registration expenses were less due to fewer Travel teams, and we did not need to purchase new equipment.

Overall, we ended the 2018/2019 with a slight surplus. As a result, the Board agreed to keep the budget and registration fees the same for the 2019/2020 season.

## II. Instructional Program

Tori Thomas, Instructional Director, reported positive results for the season. The feedback from parents and coaches was positive. It was recommended that next season we distribute medals the second to last week of the season so that more participants receive them. Attendance numbers tend to decrease towards the end of the season. We will also take inventory of t-shirts before placing the order for 2019/2020.

## III. Recreation Program

Brian LaPointe, Recreation Director and Souhegan Valley Basketball (SVB) representative, and Dave Leclerc reported that the pre-season jamboree was successful in making assessments to divide players into competitive teams. However, many players signed up after team assignments had been communicated. Thank you to all the parents who were very flexible as the coaches made adjustments to teams to accommodate the late registrations. The Board discussed the possibility of re-evaluating the number of participants just before the season begins to determine if additional teams would be beneficial so that players have plenty of playing time. The Board will also consider all avenues to communicate registration deadlines in an effort to reduce late registrations.

The SVB improved the level of referees in the Recreation division with some towns deciding to utilize Gary Walsh's referee pool. However, the Board discussed some issues with officials that were challenging through the season. The Recreation/Travel Coordinators will develop a process to provide feedback and/or awareness to our Board President and Gary Walsh. Feedback should be for both positive and negative situations. Generally, most coaches were pleased with referees throughout the season at all levels.

#### **IV. Travel Program**

The Board discussed the significant shift of players moving from the Travel Program to the Recreation Program. In an effort to increase the Travel program numbers and provide the best basketball experience at the appropriate competitive level, we will discuss identifying players who may have the skills to play Travel basketball but may not have considered the opportunity. These discussions will occur at the August and September meetings, as well as, at Open Gym and the Coaches meetings. It was suggested to create a chart of the differences between Travel and Recreation teams that could be available during Open Gym. It was also suggested that Jenn create a survey asking Travel and Recreation families questions about how we could help increase Travel team participation.

#### **V. Miscellaneous**

The Board discussed how we could help the Hollis Brookline basketball program increase varsity game attendance. Some ideas included HBBC teams playing games during half time at the home games, suggesting coaches communicate regularly with their respective teams when home games are on the schedule, and perhaps attend a game as a team.

The Board should further discuss possibly forming a 501(c)(3). Bo Morrissey can assist with this process.

#### **VI. Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be September 8, 2019, 7:00pm – 9:00pm at the Brookline Safety Complex.

#### **Executive Session**

The Board convened an Executive session. Related minutes will be kept by the HBBC President.