

ARMSTRONG COOPER BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 10th- 7pm – 9pm

Frankies

Website: <http://armstrongyouthbasketball.com>

***No Attendance**

Voting Members

Bryan Kuempel- Treasurer

Jason Lundrigan: Outgoing Travel Scheduler

James Redelsheimer: House Scheduler

***Marc Saddler: Girls Tournament Registrar**

Dave Everson: Boys Tournament Registrar

***Todd Proctor: Web Designer**

Teresa Reiner: Girls Marketing

Dave Campbell: Boys House Commissioner

Michael Olson: Girls House Commissioner

Dan Priem – Boys Equipment

***Michele Bloom – Girls Equipment**

Vita Wilson- Girls Tournament Director-

***Mike Skram – Boys Tournament Director**

Tim Brower – Incoming Traveling Scheduler

Executive Team

Sherry Madson: President

Bart Inniger: Boys Travel Commissioner

Collis Barber: Girls Travel Commissioner

Matt Parsons: Girls Travel Commissioner

Call to Order and Introduction of Attendees:

Meeting called to Order : 7:05 pm

Adjourned at 9:00 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Positions- Boys House Commissioner, Webmaster, Girls Registrar- Updates? (Dave said that he would like to switch to girls registrar and find a boys registrar. Teresa to post this on Facebook
5000K Shot Shirt – Any pictures for the website? Will get some and put them on the website (Teresa)
Secretary position to be determined for record keeping (Collis)

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer Report: Bryan

- Financial update – Both tournament were a huge success. Cash flow is about where it was at last year.
- Change of Bank – Add Collis/Remove Sherry- To be done in the next month or so

President's Notes

- Reminder: Miss 3 consecutive Board Meetings – No voting power
 - This has been approved. All approve but one as the board should be at each of the meetings.

- Address that 2 coaches are allowed on the bench with 1 book. The coaches need to pass the trusted coaches alliance. – Vote to make sure this is incorporated this year- (AI) Add into the bylaws. Approved for the 2 trusted coach alliance approved- + one book
- House/Travel Banquet – Success – Cost \$189.25. The House girls really enjoyed the acknowledgement. Teresa is looking for pictures of the banquet to put on the website. If anyone has any please let her know.
- Reminder that no one will be allowed to be affiliated to our league during the Spring and Summer – Crystal and 281 are in agreement. (Insurance does not cover spring and summer)
- Hotels booked for next out of town tournament? St. Cloud (yes per Bart the same has been booked for the boys.) and Rochester (nothing yet has been reserved)
- Transition from Sherry to Collis as President- Voted and approved
- Names new executive Committee: Collis, Matt, and James
- 5000K discussions. This to be changed to 10K shots versus 5K made shots and to start as soon as we can get this posted on the website.
- Collis/Mike to figure out a time for the coaches appreciated get together. Date and Time TBD
- Executive Team to get together one last time before Bart and Sherry's departure for a brain dump.

Travel Team/Season Update:(Bart/Collis/Matt):

Collis/Matt:

- Matt will be the solo Commissioner now

Bart:

- Transition to James R- Voted and approved.

House Team/Season Update: (Dave/Mike):

Mike :

Agenda item: Looking to expand girls house 1st - 8th Grade next year. Am examining the OMBGA League for grades 6-8, and the Minnetonka Basketball League for grades 1-5. Would like to provide info to the board on both leagues, and get board feedback as I continue to explore.

Agenda item: The more Dave and I work together on Boys and Girls House (and since both girls and boys work side-by-side for much of the planning, scheduling, ordering, trophies, coach recruitment, etc.) it seems the Board should explore re-organizing House...keeping Boys and Girls offerings the same. Offering Girls and Boys House 1st - 8th grade. (I haven't vetted this with Boys House Commissioner Dave yet, he may not agree.)

Agenda item: If we expand both Boys and Girls to 1st-8th grade, and because elementary grade games have different gyms and rules than middle school gyms and games, it seems to me the House Board positions would operate more cleanly if we divided House not by Boys and Girls, but by School Level - that is, a Commissioner for Elementary House Basketball 1st-5th grade and Commissioner for Middle School House Basketball 6th-8th grades. (I haven't vetted this with Boys House Commissioner Dave yet, he may not agree.)

Agenda item: Because there are many additional duties that House Commissioners have as distinct from Travel (set up and schedule every game ourselves, hire every ref ourselves, order and distribute uniform and trophies, on top of having 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade teams in addition to the 4th-8th grade circuit) it seems each House Commissioner should have an Asst. Commissioner to split the work with. With Dave's workload, I don't know if another human being will ever take on the GIGANTIC Boys Commissioner role

without splitting that load. For me, on the Girls side, same concern as we expand through 8th grade. (I haven't vetted this with Boys House Commissioner Dave yet, he may not agree.)

So:

Elementary House Basketball Commissioner

Elementary House Basketball Asst. Commissioner (proposed addition to Board)

Middle School House Basketball Commissioner

- *Middle School House Basketball Asst. Commissioner (proposed addition to Board)*
- *Mike has a shadow to follow him next year.*

Survey Monkey to be sent out to the families for feedback. Will give them a 2- week window

Overall A/C is very competitive and low cost for families to play basketball. They get a good price for all the time spent in the gym.

Talked about the NW Suburban League and possibly forming teams.

Sammy- expressed interest in being hired again for next year. Great feedback from the girls and the parents. Mike mentioned that he will be possibly looking for 2 hired mentors.

Next Steps:

1. All to review the options for the expanded House League for both the girls and the boys. Come with comments.
2. Vote on the expansion
3. Vote on the additional board members if needed.
4. Bryan to come up with the financials for 50% and 100% reimbursement options

Dave:

Replacement status? Dave has some leads but it will be determined on the structure of the house league.

Player Development: (Matt/Collis):

- CoreHoops League (Collis)- Mike to actually talk to them.
- Dave E brought up how it would be nice to have practice plans for coaches.
- Option to invite coaches to other coaches practices and possibly assign a mentor to help out newbie coaches.
- MN School of basketball – Matt is open to suggestions. Remember that we can have suggestions for what we want the teams to learn and focus on.
- Need more marketing for playing basketball.
- Bart to supply the AAU league information so that we can advertise.
- Another good suggestion for a coach's corner showing offense and defense.

Equipment: (Dan):

- TABLE: Discuss regarding changing the policy we've had supplying travelling basketballs, possibly reducing what the board supplies to 2 game balls per travelling team & making players responsible for their own practice ball. Many kids bring their own ball anyway because coaches like to run drills requiring every kid to have a ball & sharing between players slows things down or they just prefer their own. In my experience, anyone playing on a spring team is already required to bring their own ball to practice so in many cases there won't be any added equipment

- requirement for families.
- This change would also reduce the burden on our coaches who have to haul around the extra balls & keep track of them all season long. Also reduces our storage & inventory hassles a bit J.
- Maybe the board could do a bulk purchase & pass along the savings to individuals, possibly subsidize scholarship players, etc. (Sherry just reminded that when she did sell balls at 50% off many didn't take advantage of the low cost balls)
- Do we want to lend out our equipment to the teams that are putting together spring leagues? Voted and passed that we would allow a "Minimum Ball bag" to be loaned out under the assumption that if anything was lost it would be replaced.
- Next year to think about how to address the no check for volunteers. Teresa – wants to ask about the ACH accounts. How do we address the collecting of the checks?
 - There is one that didn't put their check in and they didn't do the volunteer time. Can we red flag the family for next year. (Ai) next year.

Web design (Todd):

** Need a shadow for this position, as next year will be last.

Marketing: (Teresa)-

No Agenda Items.

Scheduling – (Jason/James):

Vote in Tim Brower to replace Jason. Voted and approved

Jason to ping Patty and Dan about the girls and boys tournaments for 2016/2017 after the next meeting to verify the following:

- Girls Tournament November 19th
- Boys Tournament February 4th and 5th

Tournament Registrar Update: (N/A)

- Replacement- Still looking
- Recommend Rochester versus St. Cloud \$425/team but free admission and better run. More competition
- May Board meeting: Verify date of the tournament and location size. 1 or 2 venues. Note the reason for the 2 venues was to have the availability to sponsor a C bracket.
- Dave E to talk to Marc about being the girls' registrar

Tournament Director Girls: (Vita)

No Agenda Items

Tournament Director Boys: (N/A): read at meeting

Suggestions for next year:

- 1) Making sure the boys are not scheduled the weekend of the girls tournament and vice versa
 - 2) NOT scheduling our boys tournament on the weekend of the Super Bowl
 - 3) Seeing if boys/girls programs can play in the same "out-of-town" tournament (i.e., St. Cloud).
- May Board Meeting: Verify the date of the tournament for 2017- Pros and cons to SuperBowl weekend and the weekend after is the Wayzata tournament which we can't go against.

Next Board Meeting

May 15th @ New Hope City Hall 7pm-9pm