

HOLLIS BROOKLINE BASKETBALL CLUB MEETING

August 28, 2017

Attending:

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

Unavailable: Janet Lussier, Secretary

Community Alicia Costa, Steven Stark, Brian LaPointe, Melissa Sturges, Josh Sturges

Location: Brookline Safety Complex

I. Budget Review - Draft

- a. Men's League is back on. Jenn to add to insurance. Discussion centered around needing full payment from Men's League (LY - \$263 collected, insurance cost more).
- b. Background Check discussion – Discussed frequency of background check for coaches/volunteers. Tori said other leagues she checked with do every other year. Dave proposes every year background check, Ryan seconded.
- c. Equipment – Dave needs to complete a current inventory list. He collected all basketballs LY except one team. He would like to replace 28.5" and 29.5" basketballs if need be.
 - Need inventory for scorebooks, first aid kits, ice packs, whistles
 - Dave has the spare (blood) jerseys for Travel this year & will get them to coaches
- d. Insurance – has been renewed until 9/24/2018 – Jenn to add Men's League & send Dave school specific COI's
- e. Life Support/ System (AED Maintenance) @ CSDA – Seems like a perpetual charge to the basketball league. Jenn to have discussion with CSDA about having them budget for it when the renewal bill comes in. HBBC will pay this year.
- f. The following line items are dependent on registration and will be updated after registration closes:
 - Uniforms/Coaches Shirts
 - MSBL Registration Fee (Tim to find out about costs at meeting)
 - Paypal & Ref Fees
- g. Tournament Fees – Discussed increasing draft budget # to \$1,500 due to expected participation. Everyone agreed.
- h. Website/Domain – Website is renewed until 8/21/2018, Domain is renewed for 5 years until 8/6/2022.

II. Flyer

- a. Reviewed final draft on Dave's Laptop – Dave received feedback from all Board members (some via email) regarding flyer.
- b. Discussed following Dates (on Flyer):
 - Sept 24th – Open Registration
 - Open Gym Period (4 nights per week): 9/25 – 10/12
 - Instructional/Rec Registration: keep open through end of Dec
 - a. Rec Assessments: Week of 10/31

- b. Rec season Starts 11/13
 - Travel Pre-register: 9/24-10/15 (for open gym)
 - Travel Tryouts: 10/16 – 10/20
 - a. Middle School tryouts are after HBBC tryouts

Note: Bedford Gymboree is early. If you need uniforms, order early

III. Instructional Update

- a. Tori would like to offer a combined 1st/2nd grade girls group separate from 1st/2nd boys (boys will stay 1st only, 2nd only). All members agreed.

IV. Recreation Update

- a. Kristy met with other towns on 3/29/2017 and discussed the following:
 - 3rd/4th grade - Other towns (Amherst, Milford) prefer a 3v3 or 4v4 model due to kids getting more ball touches and it works well with their small gym space. Wilton undecided but leaning towards smaller model, HB could be the lone 5v5 (tabled).
 - Is Coach Soucy open to inviting Coaches from these towns to the Coaches Clinic? – Jenn to follow up
 - Email today from Chris Mazzeo – Rec meeting 9/12 @ 7pm – Dave and/or Kristy to respond/attend.

V. Travel Update

- a. Tim sent email in April (details below) after the last MSBL meeting about rule changes, etc. See him with questions.
 - *General update:*
 - *MSBL plans to have a mandatory meeting and clinic for coaches in November of next year.*
 - *2017/2018 season will start on 12/2. Break for holidays on 12/23. Restart on 1/6. Playoffs will run from 3/7 through 3/18.*
 - *Possibility of just doing a one-day playoff jamboree for grades 3 and 4. The feeling was that two weeks of double elimination may be too much basketball for that age.*

New Rules for 2017/2018 season:

- *Players must have uniforms top and bottom. I guess some teams did not have uniforms this past year.*
- *Press allowed in D2 grade 5/6 and 7/8 in last 2 minutes of each half. If there is a D2 'A' division then press only allowed in that division. 'B' divisions and lower would have no press.*
- *In divisions where only half-court defense is allowed. Delay of game warnings and technical fouls will be assessed for teams harassing rebounder or deflecting outlet passes to prevent fast breaks. The consensus was that some teams used this technique to stop game and set up defense.*
- *Fan ejection process change: Referees will pause game and speak to coaches regarding any unruly fans. Coaches will be responsible for speaking to fans. A second pause in game will result in the coaches having to eject player.*
 - *5 game suspension for a fan being ejected from game and a phone call with MSBL board member. No longer need to attend a MSBL board meeting.*

- b. Tim to find out when next MSBL Meeting is (nothing on website) and will attend (if he is not traveling, then he needs a fill-in).
- c. Rule discussion regarding dual grade rule/play up rule. Reiterated HBBC position that players stay in their two-grade group and not play, except for cases where 2nd graders can play up in 3rd/4th grade group as they don't have a Travel option at their 2nd grade level.

VI. Gym Time

- a. Dave scheduled all gym time with schools
- b. Cannot get MPR for Tuesday nights – conflict for the school (Revised: MPR available after Thanksgiving)
- c. RMMS – Discussed that we may not have a full 3-hour slot Mon-Fri because of After School Program (the downstairs room used last year is being repurposed for classroom space).
 - After school program runs until 6pm
 - 8:45pm may be a hard stop time at RMMS
 - Last year we had two 90-minute sessions, discussion occurred and we decided to switch to two 75-minute sessions with a buffer period between 6-6:15 for After School Program to vacate
- d. The Board agrees changing our 3rd/4th Rec model (would have teams of 8 or 9, not 10) will put a strain on gym time

VII. Hoop Repair at HUES

- a. Basketball hoop still broken, we need a company to fix
- b. Dave to send “any interest” email to our core group if they have experience with this type of work (Revised: Head custodian will contract out the work for responsibility/liability purposes and will coordinate with Club about expense)
- c. Search internet for basketball repair/installation person

VIII. Coaches

- a. Ryan to draft/send email for Coaches interest for all grades/levels and have Board review before sending (this week)
- b. Return by ~9/5
- c. ~9/14 – Send a pitch request to Travel Coaches, return by ~9/18
- d. Need to set up Coaches meeting (~10/2 or ~10/9)

IX. Recap Summer League @ NSA

- a. Ryan Kelley coached two 7th/8th grade girls teams
- b. Steven Stark/Dave Leclerc coached one 5th/6th grade girls teams
- c. Cormac Cullen coached two 5th/6th grade boys teams
- d. Derek Taylor coached one 5th grade boys team
- e. Carleton Dufoe coached one 7th/8th boys team (some 9th graders, preapproved by NSA)

X. Skills & Drills

- a. Steven Stark would like this to happen again and has volunteered to help run/staff. Would like to see some organization around skill level, age group, etc.
- b. Alicia Costa volunteered to help

- c. LY Friday nights started 12/16/16 (ran until Feb Break)
- d. Skip Maloney was in charge – Dave will check with Skip on interest level
- e. May be able to do Friday nights at both HUES and HBMS (HBMS available after 11/24). Could break up by age or gender. Dave suggested 12/1/17 - 2/23/17, an increase of two weeks over LY.

XI. Rec Position

- a. No takers yet – this is a critical role that requires this person be willing to meet with other towns to coordinate efforts. Dave to send another email to HBBC community.

XII. Future Meetings

- a. Jenn to send a matrix of available dates to schedule Sept meeting. Dave suggested holding off schedule Oct – June meetings until practice schedules are in place. The Board agreed.