

APPLETON NORTH GIRLS' BASKETBALL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, September 11, 2024

In Attendance: Nicole Thompson, Brad Klitzke, Matt Cooper, Nate LeDuc, Rebecca Nicolaison, Jenny Hegner, Keith Doxtator, Tammy Weyenberg

Absent: Jana Cartier, Brandon Reichenberger

Call to Order: 7:07 PM

- Unanimous vote to approve August 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report (Matt)
 - Checking: \$21,314.59
 - Savings: \$9,532.88
- Season Registration Update (Nicole)
 - Volunteer buyout numbers are up from previous years. Reason unknown.
 - Currently registered
 - 3rd grade: 10
 - 4th grade: 5 (coaches know 3 more)
 - 5th grade: 12
 - 6th grade: 10
 - 7th grade: 9 signed up for tryouts
 - 8th grade: 16 signed up for tryouts
 - Discussion that cuts could occur with 16 signed up for tryouts. Nicole Thompson mentioned that she does not know how many players the coaches will be cut down to, and it could be as low as 8 or 9. Matt Cooper pointed out that we have ideal team sizes for practice at a minimum of 10 players listed in the policy for the purpose of facilitating 5v5 competition in practice and we should consider absences and our ability to, at a minimum, still have 5v5 practice when absences occur noted in our policy. This was discussed at length during the creation of the policy this summer. Nicole mentioned that cut decisions will be made by coaches and she did not know what the outcome would be. Nate LeDuc stated that it is the role of the board to ensure the coaches made decisions in line with the policy the board created, particularly when it comes to Team Composition and what the policy states. The purpose of cuts is primarily to help in situations where we would need to field 2 teams when one of the teams created would not be able to be competitive and/or find a 2nd coaching staff.
- Parent/Player Slideshow Review & Meeting Details
 - Practice Times Still TBD
 - Plan to start week of October 14th (hopefully)
 - Discussion on possibly utilizing Wednesdays - intent was to avoid religion - there is an example of religion being held on days other than Wednesdays - discussion occurred - idea was to have coaches ask parents and players and see if there are conflicts. There are examples of some players having religion move to Sundays. We discussed taking a team by team approach to see where conflicts exist for the Wednesday open gym which is currently optional. Nicole also mentioned an idea of utilizing Wednesday open gym time to allow girls to play in a 3 on 3 / 4 on 4 style format that would also be optional. Conversation was had that adding some structure to open gym was beneficial to keep enthusiasm and skill building around it while also not making it a 3rd practice.
 - Nicole to update the remove "3 Things to NOT talk to your coaches about" portion from the slideshow and the Player Handbook
 - Player and Parent Handbooks will be handed out at the 1st Team Parent meeting with Coaches after the Season has begun. Week of October 28th. Coaches to collect them by November 1st.
 - Selling Window Decals for \$5 - Appleton North Lightning Basketball stickers were generously donated by Steve Davies at Blueprint Solutions. There is no cost and we were told we could sell them at any price point with full proceeds going to the club. Board agreed to sell them for \$5 each.
- Coaches Equipment Bags Stocked
 - Including:
 - Ball Pumps
 - Dry Erase Markers
 - Traction Mats
 - Pennies
 - First Aid Kits
 - Whistles
 - Ice packs
 - Whiteboard
 - Scorebooks
 - Coaches Website updated with many positive additions with tools for coaches to use and collaborate. Several board members liked the additional tools.

Adjournment: 9:03 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM