



Bison Backcourt Club
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2009

- **Attendance:**

Scott Larson, Tammy Johnson, Brenda Esnough-Buhse, Nichole Wishart, Ron Spier, Jeff Willert, Ted Zrust, Coach Guida, Dave Bean, Lana Fabel, Chris Fredrick, Tim Gabrelcik, Steve Olson, Ellie Ortmann, Tim Ortmann, Tom Rabusch, Dave Weber, Allison Weber, Philip Wishart

- **Approval of August Minutes**

- Motion to approve August minutes
 - August minutes approved as is

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Current balance: \$17,739.55
- Reviewed various financial items
 - Received 2005 check from Klein Bank
 - Payment already received - Nichole will follow up
 - Reviewed outstanding checks
 - Tammy will follow up with HLWW School and Colton Haight
- Motion to approve Treasurer's report
 - Treasurer's report approved

- **Coach Guida's Report**

- Reviewed payment traditionally given to Varsity program players for help during BBC tournaments
 - Players are given \$10.00 and 2 food tickets
 - It was suggested that money is not necessary, food tickets are adequate
- Preparing for upcoming tryouts and coaches meeting

- **Old Business**

- BBC Tournament Update
 - Tim was not available - will discuss at October meeting
- Programs for Varsity Games
 - Nichole spoke with Royal Printing
 - Unable to adjust pricing on programs
 - Discussed past relationship
 - Reviewed pricing received from Dave Bean
 - \$1,519.00
 - Motion to use Synergy Graphics to print the Varsity programs
 - Motion carried
 - Discussed high school and traveling team pictures timeline
 - Discussed sponsorship ads
 - So far only 1 No from last year's sponsors
 - Some sponsors have gone to the \$125.00 ad
 - Estimate of \$1,800 in sponsorships
- Tryouts update
 - Advertising
 - Signs from Bernick's
 - Up at BCMS baseball field fences
 - Up in Montrose and Hanover

- Following up with City of Buffalo
- Ad in the paper
- Blast email to all families in the program last year
- It was suggested to hand out flyers at the Jr. Bison football games over the weekend
 - Scott to check with Todd Lunning at Comm Ed
 - Ron to print additional flyers
- Brenda will mail flyers to St. Francis and Salem Lutheran schools
- Tim Gabrelcik will get info for local home-school co-op and forward to the board so they can be contacted with tryout information
- Policy Manual
 - Committee met and went through policy and procedure handbook rough draft
 - Discussed placement of player fees information in handbook– as they may be revised from year to year
 - Perhaps addendum or schedule
 - Could also apply to the volunteer hours requirement
 - Discussed playing time
 - Suggestion of adding a qualifier
 - “Under assumption of attendance and effort”
 - Team liaison can evaluate any playing time issue
 - Discussed new Team Liaison
 - New Coaches Code of Conduct
 - Discussed staff for tryouts
 - Varsity staff, Middle School staff, Collegiate staff
 - Gained essential information last year
 - Confirmed closed-door tryouts
 - Team Formation Meeting Attendees
 - Board and Coach Guida only
 - Brief overview of tryouts by Coach Guida
 - Money saved by not hiring an outside service goes directly to the Varsity program
 - Discussed height disbursement in team formation
 - Phil Wishart shared tryout evaluation experience
 - Discussed Spring and Fall teams
 - Suggestion of a short 3-4 week program to let non-traveling players in the community see what traveling ball is about
 - 1 team for each grade
 - Will revisit topic at a future meeting
 - Discussed Code of Conduct consequences
 - Motion to accept the handbook with the exception of the Spring and Fall Teams section
 - Motion Carried
- Breakdown Tournament
 - Flyers printed
 - Not in the official MYAS tournament book
 - Will be working with the Girls program
 - Girls program will be taking the lead this year

- **New Business**

- Request to re-visit philosophies on team formation
 - Review of last year's rotating format
 - Until we know what numbers we have to work with– we don't know what we need to address
 - Email requesting feedback on the rotating format was sent to teams last year
 - Last year's 6th graders were in favor
 - Last year's 7th graders were in favor of cutting to 8 or 10
 - Suggestion of 7th and 8th grade A and combine 7th and 8th grade C team
 - Have combined grades in the past – did not work well
 - MYAS tournaments for C teams
 - Will have further discussions on team formation at future meetings
 - Monticello was working on a local tournament for C tournaments
- Volunteer Coordinator Replacement
 - Brief overview of responsibilities
 - Discussion of possibly offering lower fees for volunteer coordinator and concession managers
 - Will leave fees in place
 - Tammy Johnson is the new volunteer coordinator
- October BBC meeting
 - The traditional date of the 2nd Monday of the month conflicts with the Tip Off Meeting
 - Rescheduled to Monday, October 19th.
- Team Pictures
 - Reviewed High-Action Photography information
 - Reviewed LB Photography information
 - Motion to continue with LB Photography
 - Motion carried
- A thank you card was received from Eric Olson for the Pat Sonju scholarship he received
- Revised apparel order form has been received
 - Brenda will distribute to Board Members via email
- New uniforms have been ordered

- **Adjournment at 9:45 pm**

Next meeting:

~~Monday, November 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm~~
Monday, October 19, 2009

Meetings take place in the staff lounge at the Buffalo High School.