



***Bison Backcourt Club  
Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2009***

- **Attendance**

Scott Larson, Jon High, Tammy Johnson, Brenda Esnough-Buhse, Tim Dahl, Ron Spier, Jeff Willert, Nichole Wishart, Ted Zrust, Nick Guida, Gary Fabel, Lana Fabel, Steve Senger, Chris Fredrick, Tom Rabusch, Tim Gabrelcik

- **Approval of March Minutes**

- Motion to approve March minutes
- March minutes approved with noted changes
  - Change to "February minutes approved as is." – not March – under Approval of February Minutes

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Current Balance \$20,907.08
- Upcoming/Outstanding Items
  - Varsity Banquet
  - 2 checks yet to be received for program ads
  - Gym/Practice fees have yet to be paid
- Request to have year over year treasurer's reports for comparisons at future meetings
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's report.
- Treasurer's report approved as is.

- **Coach Guida's Report**

- Basketball Banquet
  - Sun, April 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm at BHS
- Looking ahead to next season
  - SD/MN border battle in Aberdeen weekend before Christmas at SDSU
    - Put on by the Breakdown
- Website with Varsity basketball information
  - Course Web
    - A presentation was given at the meeting and an informational handout was distributed
    - A central place for Coach Guida to share information with supporters
    - Registration forms for summer programs will be found on this website
    - A link will be added to the official BBC website, [www.bisonhoops.com](http://www.bisonhoops.com), with instructions and username/password to gain access

- **Old Business**

- Team Season Recap
  - **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Purple – Tom Rabusch**
    - Good year, 11 – 10 record
    - State Tournament
      - Vs. Minnetonka - competitive – beat by 20
      - Vs. Cottage Grove - lost by 1 - best game all season
      - Vs. Lakeville - 1<sup>st</sup> time zone - lost by 5 – 10 pts
    - Quick, enthusiastic, team

Players planning to return

Great year, improved a lot

- **4<sup>th</sup> Grade White – Tim Gabrelcik**

1<sup>st</sup> year in Buffalo, appreciate the program

Great year, 25-5 record

Fun, great boys

Good listeners, caught on quick

Undefeated against B-C teams

Lost to St. Cloud all 4 times,

Elk River A won, lost

State Tournament

Fun - 3 Inner-city Teams

- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Purple – Jeff Willert**

500 Season

Won a lot of close games

Good season, fun season

- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade White – Scott Larson**

20-16 record

State tournament

Tied for 5<sup>th</sup>

Lost in overtime by 1

Good season, improvement

- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Purple – Ron Spier / Tim Dahl**

Fun year, interesting

60 games – w/ 2 teams

19 tournaments

Unique year

Thanks for the opportunity

The unique situation this season allowed players to play at their appropriate level

8 players at a game – serious playing time for all players, allowed growth

NW to metro area playing area

State Tournament

Seeded no 13

Vs. Woodbury - Won

Vs. Bloomington - Won

Vs. Champlin Park - Lost

Vs. Blaine - Lost

Tied for 5<sup>th</sup> place in highest 6<sup>th</sup> grade bracket

New competition in metro tournaments

Gave all players the opportunity to play basketball

Great kids – really grew – figured it out, fun to watch

Hastings program planning to use our unique rotating model

- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Purple – Ted Zrust**

17-18 tournaments

Thank you to the coaches for making the rotating model work

Kids got playing time

A possible negative

Too many games between traveling/middle school programs - lost drive – worn out?

Brett did a great job with practices – various skill levels

- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Purple – Steve Senger**

Really good year

17-23 record

8 losses

1 in overtime

1 by 2 pts

1 by 3

Short team, play man to man

90% man to man – play big

State Tournament – 5A

Won first by 4

Lost 2<sup>nd</sup> in overtime

lost with half court shot

Exposure to what is out there – ready for 9<sup>th</sup> grade ball

▪ **8<sup>th</sup> Grade White – Gary Fabel**

Character building year

Record struggled

Different team at end then at beginning

Players worked hard, kept working, never gave up

State Tournament

1 – 2

Kids enjoyed year

○ End of Year Survey

- 52 responses
- Coaches will be contacted with their team-specific results
- Feedback
  - Most common – better uniforms
- Overall – everyone had a good year
- Suggestions
  - Extra jerseys – in case of blood on uniform
  - Alcohol wipes
  - Athletic tape / more wraps

○ Equipment Return

- Jeff and Ron will take in returned uniforms
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade had not been returned
- Brett Rhodes - using balls for spring league
- Steve Senger – 3 players using uniforms for spring league
- It was suggested that the BBC go through first aid kits – replenish

○ Review by-laws regarding AAU fund requests

- Extend offer to players younger than Varsity or focus on the high school level
  - Research and discuss further
  - AAU has changed since by-laws established
  - Coach Guida encourages diversity in athletics in off-season

○ Hoops Herd t-shirt recap

- Purchased 288 shirts
- 43 shirts left
- Launching of shirts into the crowd was a great hit
- Thank you received from Dannell Hartung

• **New Business**

○ Request from Eric Starr for funds to help with AAU expenses

- Motion to give Eric Starr \$165.00 for AAU expenses
- Motion carried.
  - Zack Hartung not playing due to injury

○ Inquiry if players can participate in the AAU in Osseo for NW suburbs teams

- Okay with the Bison Backcourt Club board
- It was suggested to hand out flyers for spring leagues at the end of the traveling season

- Alternative to AAU – MYAS
- There was discussion about offering \$10.00 discounts for in-house summer basketball camps or next year's registration for players in traveling program.
  - To be discussed at a later meeting
- There was a suggestion to offer some sort of recognition for players in the traveling program that are also on the honor roll
  - Recognition could include something such as a t-shirt.
    - To be discussed at a later meeting
- Request from Dannell Hartung for donation for Varsity Banquet
  - Banquet includes potluck, awards show, video
  - Funds to be used for extras
    - Coaches gifts
    - Other recognition gifts
    - Decorations
  - Motion to contribute \$250.00 towards the Varsity Banquet expenses
  - Motion carried
- Thank you card received from Brock Korbel for the support of the basketball program by the BBC
- A suggestion was made that the BBC should get a head start on the tournament schedule for the 2009-10 season to increase the team attendance at the BBC-hosted tournaments
  - Blast emails to teams in previous season's tournaments
  - A time frame for tournament plans needs to be set
- It was suggested that the BBC board schedule a workshop to work on various traveling program items
  - Go over tournament items
  - Go over by-laws
  - Tentative budget for next year
- There was an inquiry about possibly changing the day of the monthly BBC meeting over the summer months. After discussion, it was decided to leave the meeting day as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.
- It was reiterated that the BBC board had decided to utilize monthly meeting agenda's posted to [www.bisonhoops.com](http://www.bisonhoops.com) to inform BBC members of items for up-coming meetings.
  - Agenda items are due one week prior to each monthly meeting
  - A meeting agenda item request to be sent out club-wide each month
  - A meeting reminder with agenda to be sent out club-wide
- **Adjournment**
  - Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm

***Meetings are held in the teachers' lounge at the Buffalo High School.***