



Backcourt Club Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2009

Attendance: Brenda Esnough-Buhse, Curt Cordt, Gary Fabel, Jay Bares, Jon High, Lana Fabel, Ron Spier, Scot Larson, Steve Olson, Steve Senger, Tim Dahl, Derrick Brannan, Nicole Wishart, Tammy Johnson, Chris Johnson, Brad Fiske, Aaron Evans, Jeff Brandes, Tracy Colson-Brandes, Paul Freer, Allison Weber, Dave Weber, Paul Miller, Jeff Willert, Randy Wattermiller, Dannell Hartung

- **Board resignation**

- Ellie Ortmann – stepping down effectively immediately.
- Will add 1 additional board member to be elected. This will be a 1 year term.

- **Approval of December & January minutes**

- Motion to approve both December and January
- December minutes approved as is.
- January minutes approved as is.

- **Treasures reports**

- Current balance: \$16,411.70
- Payments
 - Sonju memorial game items
- Income to arrive
 - Player fees
 - Tourney fees
 - Program ads
- Motion to approve report
- Treasurer approved as is

- **Coach Guida report**

- Tom Bauman available for Nick
- BAC will be ready all Score Board consoles repaired for 2/15.
- Current Budget reductions
 - 6 activities on chopping block
 - Board is reviewing all possibilities

- This is a tough situation to be face with
- Some districts are looking at cutting the number of games per year

• Old Business

- Breakdown tourney recap
 - Dec 6 and 7th
 - Total income: \$3,454.43
 - Income split with the Girls club
 - Net income for boys program:\$1,713.61
 - Discussion ongoing: Girls may be donating their income from this tourney to the High School to help with the current budget cuts
 - Other clubs are also donating money to the school: Wrestling donated money for wrestling mats.
 - Breakdown would like us to host this tourney again next year.
- Feb. '09 tourney update (Tim D.)
 - Brackets are full with 46 teams
 - Brackets are all posted to the web as of 2/8/09
 - School opens at 7:30am
 - Games start at 8:00
 - Last games are at 5:20 (5 gyms)
 - Setup will be Saturday 2/13 after Jr. Bison Basketball. Best time would be about 1:15pm.
 - Still have openings for volunteers
 - About 15 shifts are still open
 - 4 required volunteer shifts still need to be completed
 - Most current schedule has been posted
 - Volunteers must be 7th grade or older
 - Should we approach church groups for help
 - National Honor Society kids also
- Travelling Update (Coaches)
 - 4th Grade Purple – Tom R
 - Progressing well as a team. Westonka couple of weeks ago – 1st place.
 - 4th Grade White – Tim Gabrelcik
 - We participated in the MYAS Park Center tourney a couple of weekends ago. There was not a whole lot of competition. We actually ended up playing Wayzata 3rd grade team for the championship; there coach said they've held their own in other 4th grade tourneys up to this point. Nice team, pretty quick. Our boys played very well against them and the other teams in the tourney. We won the Championship. Fast forward we played in Braham this past weekend. It was refreshing to play some new teams. All 3 teams we played I thought were

good teams with lots of potential. The championship was very exciting and went down to the last few seconds. The good guys also won this, we are very proud of the boys! We will see you this Sunday in Buffalo!

- 5th Grade Purple – Steve Olson/Jeff Willert
 - Good morning everyone!! I hope you are all as proud of our boys as I am this morning. We had two great tournaments!! We were very close to two first place finishes. Second place in both tournaments is something to be very proud of. This group of boys played well. They hustled, played good defense and executed the plays fairly well. Coach Steve and I know there is still room for improvement, but progress is being made weekly. We are starting to see that in the games now
 - 3rd in STMA.
 - Delano – 2nd place
 - Princeton – 2nd place
- 5th Grade White – Rob Nudell
 - 2nd in STMA
 - Delano (2/7) lost in sudden death double overtime. 4th place
 - Princeton: 4th place.
 - Lost one player w/ broken foot.
- 6th Grade Purple
 - Champlin Park – 2nd
 - STMA - 2nd
 - Big Lake - 2nd
 - Edina – Tourney with the “big kids”. Went 4 and 1. Received consolation.
- 7th Grade Purple – Brett Rhodes
 - Big Lake – 1st place
- 8th Grade Purple – Steve Senger
 - Have been playing some tough teams
 - Kids are working hard
- 8th Grade White – Ben Clifton/Gary Fabel
 - Improved a lot over the year
 - Kids are having fun
- Overall comments from parents
 - 8P: only 7 players on a team. Gets hard when kids are sick or unavailable.
 - **Recommendation** would be to make sure we have more than 7.
 - 8W: Going well. Been having some dinners before the games.
 - 4th: Kids are getting along well. Thank you to the coaches. Would like to add 1 or 2 additional tournaments

- We may need to look at making 4th Grade A and B tourneys. There are more 4th grade teams playing now.
- Spirit Coordinators update (Dannell)
 - Made paper jerseys to put on Visitor wall
 - Name that section contest: The Hoops Herd. Winning name submitted by Mitch Valli.
 - Idea: using this name if we go to Sections, state... Sell T-shirts, etc.
- Purchasing a backup scoreboard (Jon H.)
 - Looking at purchasing 1 as a spare.
 - Table top unit: \$500
 - There may be a school that has a used item available
 - Gary will check with Ben Clifton (Osseo). Sometimes have equipment for sale.
 - School does not have anything at this time.
 - Jon will try to "borrow" one as a spare for this weekend.
 - Catholic Church may have one available.
- Update on State Tourney Sign Ups (Scott)
 - Registrations complete
 - 2 possible: MSF and MYAS
 - MYAS: All 8 teams attending
 - MSF: 6, 7 and 8P attending
 - Seeding meetings coming in next couple of weeks

• **New Business**

- Fan appreciation night coming - March 6, 2009. (Lana and Dannell)
 - Looking for ideas of what we can do
 - "Stuff" from local businesses?
 - Can we get OK to allow Jr. Bison Basketball kids into the game free.
 - Motion to set aside \$500 for budget items
 - Motion carried
- AAU requests (Nationals)
 - Request from Coach Brett Rhodes for Aaron Duske, Zach Hartung, Brett Kettenacker
 - Letters from each kid also
 - Our by-laws set aside \$2000 per year, with a cap of \$500 per child.
 - Each child must play varsity basketball.
 - Playing upper Midwest teams

- We should get info to Nick to let kids know of this program. Set a deadline for request to BBC. We need to know exact numbers of who will be requesting money. Tim Dahl will contact Nick.
- Donation request All Night Grad Party
 - Last year we donated \$100.00
 - Motion to donate \$100
 - Motion Carried.
- Board Elections
 - 3 – 3 year openings
 - 1 – 1 year opening (replacing Ellie Ortmann)
 - Motion to vote for 3 positions tonight and have a special election for the 1 year term vacated by Ellie Ortmann at the March meeting. Must notify Jay Bares by March 4th of intent to run.
 - Discussion: This would allow someone to that only wants a 1 year position that did not indicate there interest as it was a 3 year commitment. This will be a Member at Large.
 - Motion carried.
 - End date for those going off board will be End of Feb.
 - Running this year:
 - Jeff Willert
 - Nicole Wishart
 - Tammy Johnson
 - Derrick Brannan
 - Brad Fiske
 - Vote for up to 3 people
 - Elected members:
 - Jeff Willert
 - Tammy Johnson
 - Nicole Wishart
 - New positions as elected by NEW and OLD board members.
 - President: Scott Larson
 - Vice President: Jon High
 - Treasurer: Tammy Johnson
 - Secretary: Brenda Esnough-Buhse
 - Director of Program Development: Nicole Wishart
 - Equipment manager: Jeff Willert
- Other Items
 - Issue with 8P team. Short 1 child. Will have to play with 6 kids.

- Would like to have 7th grade player play this weekend. This child has played previously with the OK of the board on a 1 time basis.
- The 7th grade player did make his coach aware of his playing on the 8th grade team.
- This should have been a discussion between coaches.
- Parent question: Why not pull an 8th grade player instead of a 7th grade player.
 - Did not want to disrupt the 8th grade team. Did not want hurt feelings on the 8th grade team.
- This has caused issues during girls tourneys with other clubs.
- There was concern with the 7th grade parents regarding possible injuries prior to the upcoming state tourneys.
- Motion to re-vote on allowing 7th grade player to play on the 8th grade team for another tournament.
 - Motion carried.
 - 5 : Yes
 - 1 : No
 - 2 : Abstain
- Motion: Let player play with 8th grade team for upcoming weekend only, February 15, 2009.
 - 7th Grade coach must be notified – to be done by Jon High
 - 5 : Yes
 - 3 : Abstain
 - Motion Carried.
- Future policy: Need to have a defined policy on how to allow players switch between teams to help fill in on various weekends.

• Adjournment

- 9:55pm

NOTE: These minutes will be posted to
<http://www.bisonhoops.com/meetings.htm>

Board Members

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Next meeting: Monday March 9, 2009, **7:00pm** in the teachers lounge at the Buffalo High School.