

Hopkins Royals Boys Basketball Association

March Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Minnetonka Community Center

Meeting Attendance:

Bobby Ciatti
Tim Hoffman
Dana Johnson
Stacie Saunders

Tony Corwin
Jean Stout
Joan Frenz
Brad Lane

Tim Omdahl
Conrad Chin
Amara Chesson

1. Call to Order/Minutes/Agenda Review

- a. Meeting was called to order at 7:05.
- b. The Minutes of the April 2016 Board meeting were reviewed and approved.
- c. Guest - None

2. Reports/Critical Discussions

a. Treasurer Update

- i. \$31,439 in bank at end of April
- ii. \$2640 in outstanding outgoing checks that have not been cashed
- iii. The Month to Month was briefly reviewed
- iv. Tax Update – We will need to submit taxes this year to maintain tax exempt status. The due date is May 16, but as our fiscal year end is the end of May, we will request an extension. The deadline to file is in October.
- v. Workman’s Comp Claim Update – There was a claim made on the policy. We’ve submitted the required information. A state investigator is reviewing it and will make a decision on the claim.

- b. **Uniform Update** – Conrad presented uniform options from 4 potential vendors (Champro, Alleson, Badger, Under Armor.) We discussed focusing on options that are in line with our current cost of \$70-\$75 per uniform.

1. We reviewed a number of styles and price points. Champro was a favorite among the majority for both style and price. Conrad will bring a sample uniform to the next meeting. He will also bring a sample coach shirt.
2. We discussed briefly the idea of re-using uniforms from year to year. Concern expressed that it would be time consuming to facilitate return and inventory of used uniforms, as well as the space to house them in the off-season.
3. We discussed the option to dye our own shooting shirts in order to create a unique look for the HRBBA brand. Conrad will look into this option further.

c. Tournament update

- i. Flyer for 2017 Tournament (to be held on 1/20-1/22/2017) will be sent to local business partners.

d. Schedule Update

- i. Pre-tryouts Informational Meeting: target date 9/6 or 9/7 at 7pm
- ii. Pre-tryouts Open Gym: dependent on gym space and will be held for 2 weeks prior to tryouts on Tuesday and Thursday with one Sunday option. We discussed whether or not to divide the kids by age and have a younger group earlier in the evening followed by the older group. This could be achieved using a 3 hour block of time split into 2 periods.
- iii. Tryouts: 9/17-9/18/16 at Eisenhower
- iv. First Night of Practice: target 10/10/16 start date - Discussion on number of practices per week 2 or 3. The league is committed to 3 practices per week, but if necessary 2 is acceptable in certain weeks.
- v. Tipoff Night: Target 10/17/16 in old gym at high school – We discussed interest in changing the format of tipoff night to increase event attendance and generate excitement about the start of the season. Discussion to be continued at a future meeting.
- vi. Picture Night: Date will be set at June meeting. We need a volunteer to coordinate picture night.
- vii. Volunteer Event: We need a volunteer to coordinate it with Feed My Starving Children.

e. Coaching Update

- i. Offseason coach evaluation & search – several coaches declined having an exit interview.
- ii. Coaching director(s) Position – no new interest
 1. Tony and Bobby have a list of coaches that may be a good fit and will start talking to them in June/July. They are targeting July to have offers out to prospective coaches.
 2. Coach Tools – Tony has put together sample practice plans, benchmarking goals, and resources to increase the consistency of practice experiences across the organization. The goal is to provide coaches with more tools to be successful.
- iii. Hopkins 3 on 3 – We should promote it on website.

e. Registration Fees Discussion – We have not raised fees in 8 years and need to seriously consider it due to the increased costs (gym time, insurance, etc.) that we are experiencing. In addition, our fees are well below those charged by neighboring associations.

It was suggested that we could potentially hire a 5th grade paid coach if we have more revenue.

We discussed the option to offer installment plans to help people adjust to the increased fees. There was a strong preference to manage any installment plan program through the Sport Ngin website.

We also discussed the possible effect of higher fees on scholarship requests and ensuring that scholarships are provided on a need basis.

f. Tryouts Discussion – To improve pre-tryout messaging, we discussed adding language around number of teams that the organization will field in the given year. We also discussed making the disclosure that kids might not make a team bigger and bolder so that people are prepared for the real possibility.

We discussed communicating the timing of when teams are made more clearly for 4th and 5th grade. We also discussed options for ensuring tryouts are complete and teams are announced prior to tip off night.

We discussed the role of evaluators in tryouts and the role of the on-court administrators. It was offered as a suggestion that since the decision to “play a player up” is agreed on by the President and Coaching Directors that a proxy should fill in for the President if the decision involves the President’s team.

g. Marketing and Social Media (none)

h. Open Positions

i. Event Coordinator

ii. Coaching Director

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Next meeting June 8, 2016, 7:00 p.m.