



HRBBA Board Meeting Notes

Aug. 20, 2023

- **Attendance:**
 - **Members Present:** Matt Dalle, Nate Laible, Tony Amelse, Jeff Radel, Chris Long, Eric Hudson, Todd Kraft, Amanda MacPhail, Andrew Wright
 - **Members Absent:** Tedd Mendes, Leif Swenson, Sean Smith, Amanda Kriz, (Rob J. has stepped down from the board)

- Motion to approve June Board Minutes. Motion passes.

- **President Report**
 - Eric investigating fundraising opportunities with T-Wolves, Twins, etc. in concessions. We will open the opportunity to all HRBBA families to fund our scholarship program.
 - Motion to remove the line “3rd graders may try out for a 4th grade team” from Guideline #2 since we now have a 3rd grade team. Motion passes.
 - Motion to not allow 2nd graders to try out for the 3rd grade team to allow for the pilot program to provide a higher-level travel experience for 3rd graders only. Motion passes.
 - Matt and Todd will do a parent meeting during the first few minutes of try-outs. Jeff will request Media Center (w/ PA system) and will cancel half of gym reservation.
 - We may hold an alternate date for try-outs. Families should reach out to Matt if they can't make either date.

- **Treasurer Report**
 - In an effort to continue to fund nearly 50% of all player fees and additional 25% for families who qualify for free and reduced lunch (about 15% of players), we increased the following fees to account for increased tourney registration fees, officials and facility fees:
 - HRBBA player registration fee
 - Royal Rumble tourney fee
 - SW League registration fee + adjusted scholarship discount to 50%
 - Even with these adjustments, we still have a gap we need to close with fundraising dollars.
 - Matt M. reaching out to local businesses for uniform sponsorship (Schuller's, Wild Boar and Hopkins Luther Honda have all paid so far with the goal of finding two or more sponsors). Nate to reach out to Nnaji Family Foundation. Amanda pursuing Team Snap, LTD Give Back event and Scheels (trophy sponsorship).

- **Uniform/Spirit Wear Report**
 - Amanda, Tedd and Sam H. meeting with uniform vendor this month. All players will get new uniforms this year in addition to shooting shirt.
 - 3rd graders will get reversible jerseys that they return at the end of the season and shooting shirt that they will keep.

- **Registration Director Report**
 - 35 registrations so far. 154 last year.
 - Will collect volunteer deposit checks instead of online payment due to change in SportsEngine system.
 - Andrew is point person for all eligibility questions. Matt will sign forms if players meet the Player Transfer or Residency Exception guidelines.

- **Marketing/Communications Report**
 - Next year: Need to communicate in GV flyer with youth orgs...missed deadline this year.
 - Chris handed out yard signs to place at all Hopkins Schools plus ISLA, Good Shepherd, Maetzold and Guilliams.
 - Nate will run a Facebook ad and send weekly blast emails.
 - Amanda will work with Deb Pauly at Hopkins Schools to include registration flyer in digital backpacks.
 - Amanda will work with parents at each school to post promo to parent Facebook groups.
 - Todd will design promo.

- **Royal Rumble Tournament Report**
 - 113 teams registered now (LY 130 total), which is ahead of last year at this time. Looking to get to 160. Added WMS as a site in addition to HHS, NMS and Tanglen. Amanda to ask Hopkins Nutrition to support WMS.
 - Tony will open up a 3rd grade bracket. Hopkins 3rd grade teams will play and we will ask MYAS West Metro kids to consider.

- **Coaching + Equipment Report**
 - Chris will purchase 3rd grade basketballs
 - We will not hand out practice jerseys this year
 - coaches by grade level
 - Next Open Gym: Sept. 2, 9-11 a.m., NMS AS (pending approval)
 - Chris will ask Sean Smith if he can run open gyms weekly through September

- **External Tournament Report**
 - Todd needs confirmation from Tim that we can start paying for early tournaments.
 - Matt will hand over checks to Tim from tourney participants.
 - 3rd grade teams will not play in Jan. 20 League Play Day. They will play in Hopkins tourney and one additional tourney TBD (ideally in 3rd grade bracket). They will likely be balanced teams (although may need to identify as A/B/C in MYAS League Play).