

Meeting Minutes

Zimmerman Youth Basketball Meeting Minutes		
10.14.2018	Meeting opened at 7:00 pm and adjourned at 8:20 pm	Livonia Township City Hall
Meeting called by	Sara Yonak Zimmerman Youth Basketball Board President	
Type of meeting	Monthly Board Meeting October 2018	
Secretary	Cory Whiting	
Attendees	Sara Yonak, JR Wilson, Nichole Gow, Jake Crawford, Lori Giffen, Cory Whiting, Chris Cox, Kim Williams, Heather Stay and Mitch Freeman	
President		
	Sara Yonak	
Discussion	<p>Motion to approve September 2018 meeting minutes by JR Wilson, seconded by Jake Crawford, approved.</p> <p>Trusted Coaches – purchased \$200 in background checks. Memberships left over went to boys' travel and girls' house. When final numbers for boys' house are in, Sara will purchase the rest. There are 6 Board members that need to do background checks – will ask Dawson or go through SportsEngine.</p> <p>Kristy has rostered girls and boys travel and girls house. Want to encourage coaches to use SportsEngine tools to communicate with parents, etc. Would like directions printed out for coaches on how to use SportsEngine tools effectively.</p>	
Vice President		
	JR Wilson	
Discussion	<p>Scholarships – he has done 3; one each for boys travel, boys' house and girls travel.</p> <p>Nate Christensen did a coaches clinic last week that was well attended – much better than it has been in the past. Nate stressed that it matters more on the development of the player than the win. Practices should not be just about drills. He created an outline that coaches and reference for their practices.</p>	

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Boys Travel Director	
	JR Wilson
Discussion	<p>There are 59 players and 6 teams. Last year we had 85 players and 9 teams. 9 players had to be cut, 1 player withdrew and 1 player lived in Elk River and was ineligible to play. There are no 3rd grades on the 4th grade team. Try-outs went smooth.</p> <p>Tournament costs: \$8,810 for the tournaments and \$1,860 for the State tournament.</p> <p>JR will reach out to Nate Christensen about boys Youth Nights.</p>
Treasurer	
	Nichole Gow
Discussion	<p>Motion to pass September 2018 Treasurer report by JR Wilson, seconded by Kim Williams, approved.</p> <p>Discussion on why we are paying \$700 more for uniforms than we did last year. We did order a few extra girls uniforms and a few boys' uniforms.</p> <p>We were charged \$40 for shorts but only charged parents \$25. JR was told they would be the same as last year so told everyone \$25. Need to follow-up with Geared It Up to find out why the price difference and why different from last year.</p> <p>Kim S said uniforms should be here the 2nd week in November.</p> <p>JR asked if there is anything we are waiting on a bill for to pay? No</p> <p>Sara said that we have already paid for the girls' house jerseys.</p> <p>Coaches shirts are also more than what we paid for last year. We agreed on a \$25 budget for each shirt and believe that Kim S would stick to that budget. Kim S said that she is hoping to hear about coaches shirts on Monday.</p>

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Girls Travel Director	
	Jake Crawford
Discussion	<p>They have 4 teams. Have room on 3 of the teams to add additional players. If uniforms became a problem, we could reach out to someone that is no longer playing to see about using their uniform.</p> <p>7th grade has 14 girls. Discussed adding a couple of additional tournaments and splitting the girls up for each of the tournaments so they would get equal tournament time. This would depend on the available tournaments and coaches availability.</p>
Girls House Director	
	Jamie Erdman
Discussion	<p>We have 2 teams at 1st and 2nd; 3 teams at 3rd and 4th and no teams at 5th and 6th. Need to look into why we are losing players after the 4th grade level and figure out how to retain them. Girls' house has to stay at a fall sport, but it was agreed that they should be playing during the basketball season like everyone else.</p>
Boys House Director	
	Chris Cox
Discussion	<p>Currently have 100 kids and all of the coaches picked. Last year we had 119. Believe we have lost 7 to 7th/8th grade. We have 14 6th graders and 40 1st and 2nd graders registered.</p> <p>Has everything ready for evaluation night.</p> <p>Discussed how to handle late registrations. There is a history of 5-6 kids registering late every year. Agreed to open up registration for one more week. It will close on October 21st and no other registrations will be allowed.</p> <p>Chris will send Kim S the information for jerseys now so that they can get them ordered and have that out of the way.</p> <p>Chris is updating the handbook and taking out all of the Elk River information.</p> <p>Tournaments – there is an option for a year-end tournament for the 3rd and 4th graders that isn't really at the end of the year. Chris is opting to probably not do that tournament. The 5th and 6th graders will get a year-end tournament – scheduled for February 9th.</p> <p>Got Coach Deck samples. They are decks of cards that have tips, etc. for coaches on running a successful practice. Chris said an experienced coach could use the Deck and run an effective practice. They are around \$18 a deck. Agreed to order enough for all of the boys' house coaches. They will be part of their equipment packs, will be required to turn them back in at the end of the season and we will be able to use them next year.</p> <p>Chris is going to hold a coaches meeting before our next Board meeting.</p>

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Equipment Director	
	Heather Stay
Discussion	
Uniform/Apparel Coordinator	
	Kim Spence
Discussion	
Sponsorship/Fundraising Coordinator	
	Kim Williams
Discussion	
Volunteer/Concessions Coordinator	
	Lori Giffen
Discussion	
Tournament Director	
	Jill Zeleznikar-Reinking
Discussion	<p>There is a boys high school tournament the Saturday of our Holiday tournament. We would not be allowed to use the gyms for a five hour period of time that day. It was decided that we would move the boys' tournament on Saturday to Princeton who has already agreed to let us rent the High School and Middle School for that day. Some of the 8th graders won't be able to play that day because of the high school games so it was decided that we would move the 8th grade games to Sunday.</p> <p>Further discussion about having to set up and tear down concessions, etc. would be time consuming so we agreed to see if the Princeton schools would also be available on Sunday and we would hold the girls tournament there as well.</p> <p>Sara would like to be very upfront with the parents and would like to send out a letter to them explaining the details of why we are moving to Princeton to help eliminate people being upset that they have to travel up there for the tournament.</p> <p>Discussed that we need to make sure that we have a trainer for the weekend. We did have one scheduled for last year and they just didn't show up. Hoping to avoid that from happening again this year.</p> <p>Also discussed that we are not charging enough for our tournament. It is much less than the other tournaments and we should discuss raising the price. Most MYAS tournaments are over \$300; Buffalo charges \$250.</p> <p>We also offer an Early Bird that most tournaments don't offer and should also discuss eliminating that.</p>

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Communications Director	
	Cory Whiting
Discussion	
Open Agenda/Secretary	
	Kristi Johnson
Discussion	Practices are set to start after MEA. Girls' pictures have been moved to the Zimmerman Elementary school.
Conclusion	Next Meeting: November 18, 2018 6:00 pm
Notes:	

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