



## HRBBA Board Meeting Minutes

Oct. 15, 2023

- **Meeting Attendance:**
  - **Members present:** Tony Amelse, Todd Kraft, Matt Dalle, Maggie Niska, Eric Hudson, Sean Smith, Jeff Radel, Dan Semelhack, Amanda Kriz, Dani Hanson, Andrew Wright, Amanda MacPhail, Leif Swenson, Chris Long
  - **Members absent:** Tedd Mendes, Tim Hoffman, Nate Laible
  
- **President Report (Matt)**
  - Motion to approve September board minutes; motion passes.
  - Elks Lodge President Scott King presented info about the Elks National Hoop Shoot Competition. Will send flyers and dates to Amanda and Maggie to advertise to HRBBA and HGBA players.
  - Motion to approve Dan Semelhack for At Large position; motion passes
  - Motion to approve Matt for continuance as President with no player in program; motion passes
  - Tryout Debrief:
    - 179 players registered; 154 confirmed participants. Higher numbers of scholarship players compared to last year.
    - SportsEngine payment process change was a big challenge (couldn't use credit card holds for volunteer checks this year)
    - Eligibility confirmation really time consuming this year. All transfer waivers are signed and approved by MYAS.
    - Evaluation committee and Executive Board held a special vote to allow two transfer 3rd graders to join our 3rd grade program to avoid cutting Hopkins 3rd graders.
    - Next year:
      - Figure out timeline and cost in July and open registration in early August to allow more time for eligibility confirmation.
      - Do tryouts in mid-September to give us more time for uniforms (3-4 week delivery)
      - Consider registering for 4 teams instead of 3 to allow flexibility on team sizes.
      - Separate 3rd and 4th graders into two evaluation slots given high interest.
      - Give 30 mins for uniform try on (allowed 45-60 mins this year which was too much)
      - Consider a drill for bigs (e.g., Mikan drill)
  - Discussion: Waive Dibs requirement for 1 assistant coach per team (in addition to 1 head coach and board members). Tony will do math to determine if we have enough families to cover needed volunteer shifts for clock and concessions and we will vote at November board meeting. We will set up a separate system for HRBBA alum volunteers to run tasks like sweepers.
  - Need to move the Go Daddy account point person away from Matt - Matt will ask Leif to take this over

- Sportsengine manual enter of practices is super time consuming. Leif putting pressure. Very challenging and some human error chances.
- MDB opportunity for cut players - Leif to post this on the site
- **Treasurer Report**
  - Nov. 1: Second payment due for families on payment plan
  - Budget update and progress on addressing the gap (Timberwolves, etc.) - Matt to follow up with T Wolves
  - Fundraising update (Amanda)
    - Uniform sponsorship total: \$4000 (Elks Lodge, Schuller's, Luther Hopkins Honda, Wild Boar, Pella, Tradition LLC, Minnehaha Falls Family Dental, Scheels)
    - Social Media sponsorship: \$250 Ovation Orthodontics
    - Other sponsorship total: \$100 (Bear Cave Brewing)
    - HRBBA Night at LTD Brewing: Monday, Jan. 22 (\$250-750 expected)
    - Team Snap (not looking promising)
- **Uniform/Spirit Wear Report (Tedd)**
  - Coach shirts, uniforms & shooting shirts to be delivered by Nov. 1 in time for first tournament.
  - Spirit Store still in progress
- **Royal Rumble Tournament Report**
  - Registration update - 127 teams (1 away from goal), more full than last year in every bracket.
  - Entry fee increase plus additional teams = \$8700 gross revenue (officials and facility rental might affect this)
  - Tony will match payments to teams registered
  - Sites used: HHS/RAC, NMS, WMS, Tanglen
  - Dividing up days by grades; trying to get older kids on bigger/nicer courts; RAC ends at 4 p.m.
  - Good feedback on starting at 9 a.m. last year, however will maybe start at 8 a.m. if we need to
  - HRBBA alums do sweeping and we will not post these shifts to Dibs
  - Hopkins Nutrition has posted our request for NMS, HHS/RAC and WMS. Waiting for confirmation.
  - Awards: \$4200 budget (Sara will investigate rings, shirts, medals, trophies, etc.)
- **Coaching + Equipment Report**
  - Coaching clinic attendance was low due to Twins game
  - 3 paid coaches (8B Bobby Ciatti, 7B Brandon Harston, Edwin O'Bannon)
  - Background checks for coaches and board members - everybody needs to do this before taking the court with the kids
- **External Tournament Report**
  - Contract for hotel in Rochester is signed.
  - Schedule is finalized. Rochester is registered. First half of season has been paid and Todd will start paying for them.
  - Todd withdrew extra 8th grade team. Todd to talk to Tim to make limits higher to register our teams.
  - 3rd League MYAS registration: Todd to pay for this \$1300/team
  - Todd to find a 3rd grade tournament that works with schedule
- **Facilities Report**

- Jeff will schedule open gyms on open Saturdays
  - RAC has availability—more expensive but Maggie suggested asking facilities again about cost...might be able to match fees for other sites.
  - Younger kids (3rd and 4th) might be a better split practice model to help with noise/focus; older kids could share courts when needed
- **Player Development Report**
    - UST Basketball Partnership (Eric to investigate)
  - Events: HRBBA Night; Maggie will reach out to the parents

*Motion to adjourn; motion passes 8:44 p.m.*

### **Elks National Hoop Shoot Competition**

The Elks would like to "partner" with your basketball association for participation in the Elks National Hoop Shoot competition. The Elks Hoop Shoot program is a free throw contest that begins at the local lodge level. We hold a local contest with age divisions of 8/9, 10/11, and 12/13 year olds for both boys and girls. The winners of each age division at our local lodge contest then compete at our Metro District contest (usually hosted somewhere in the Twin Cities). The winners of the Metro District contest move on to the State contest in Hutchinson, MN. Travel and hotel are covered by the Elks as there is a banquet Saturday night at the lodge for contestants and their families. Winners at State go on to the Regional Competition in Iowa and Winners at the Regional competition go on to compete in Springfield, Massachusetts and winners of the National competition have their names enshrined in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. Travel stipends are provided to the families for State, Regional, and National competition levels.