

**APPLETON NORTH GIRLS' BASKETBALL CLUB**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**  
**ANHS-Room 1082**  
**7:00 PM**

**ANGBC MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of the Appleton North Girls Basketball Club is to offer an amateur youth girls basketball program through a volunteer base. The program will represent the Appleton North Area School District and be used to benefit the K-12 Girls Basketball program within the district.

**The Objectives of the Appleton North Girls Basketball Club**

- Cultivate individual skills and team play.
- Conduct programs that enhance and strengthen participation and competition for amateur athletes.
- Develop each player physically, mentally, and spiritually through exposure to higher-level competition. · Work with other sports organizations to benefit amateur athletes in the Appleton North Area School District. · Promote the philosophy, style of play, and ideals of the Appleton North High School Girls Basketball Program. · Cultivate a financial base to aid the K-12 grade basketball program which will be used to upgrade opportunities, facilities, and equipment for all levels of play.

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call 7:05PM**

Present: Nicole Thompson, Amanda Werfal, Sara Brinkman, Matt Cooper, Jenny Hegner, Nate LeDuc, Rebecca Nicolaison, Tammy Weyenberg, Curtis Riedy, Jana Cartier  
Absent: Brandon Reichenberger, Jenny Hegner, Brad Klitzke

**Agenda Items:**

- Financial Report (Matt)
  - Checking: \$19,100.12
  - Savings: \$9,462.09
- Welcome Tammy Weyenberg as an official Board Member – Board voted-in 9/18/23
- Bryan Westfahl (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Curtis Riedy (5<sup>th</sup> grade), and Jana Cartier (5<sup>th</sup> grade) expressed interest in possibly joining the Board. Welcome!
  - Bryan Westfahl expressed interest but will focus on coaching and is no longer interested in joining the board
  - Board is still searching for a board member representing 4th grade
  - Jana and Curtis were encouraged to email the Club expressing their interest to join the board if they were interested in joining
- Registration Update
  - Total Number Registered: **78**
    - 3rd- 8, 4th- 13, 5th- 13, 6th- 16, 7th- 15, 8th- 13
    - 19 New Club Athletes
      - Club predicted 12 new athletes and got 19
      - Club may need to buy the HS more basketballs but Brandon will let us know
    - Registration down from last year (previously 87), but we did not have to cut price to encourage younger members
    - Registration will stay open but close after 1st practice
    - Shooting Shirts have been ordered – ETA October 31<sup>st</sup>
    - Screen print option \$18/shirt delivered in time for HOV tournament and the club will not take a loss on them
  - Number of Volunteer Buyout: 7
- Home Tournament Update: February 3-4, 2024
  - Total Number Registered: **32**
    - 3rd- 5, 4th- 7 (full), 5th- 6, 6th- 4, 7th- 6 (full), 8th- 4

- Coaches Meeting on 10/1/23 was a Success – Leagues & Tournaments are booked for all teams.
  - 6th and 7th grade B waiting on BADL schedule but registered for 7 tournaments
- All Coaches Background Checks have been run and cleared.
  - Practice Schedule has been released
  - Practice starts Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> for all grades.
- High School Update (Brandon)
  - Little Dribblers on 9/23 & 9/30 was successful
    - 44 Registered (26 Boys, 18 Girls)
    - Next year: register & pay online. Some registered but didn't attend therefore we ordered a shirt for them and didn't get paid.
    - Alyssa from Rise Up Academy is coming December 27<sup>th</sup> to do a Clinic with the High School and would like to do something with the Youth as well from 2:00-3:30 PM. Thoughts?
      - Action Item: Proposing to ask her to extend time and pay her \$500 to do 1 hour for 6-8 and 1 hour for 3-5th vs 1.5 hours
    - Discussion and agreed that Club will pay this and not charge participants
      - Action Item: Nicole will ask Brandon for access to school during Christmas Break
    - Club is having challenges securing gym space from the district and is working with Connie Newling - Facilities Director from Appleton North who schedules gym time for the entire district
    - Concerns from parents re: late gym announcements for practice schedule.
    - Connie says it is not possible and we are looking into how to move up on the priority list to get better gym access.
    - Connie emailed list of challenges to the board including need to wait for other schools to get their space in before it is announced and other groups having priority on gym space including Boy and Girl Scouts. She asked that scheduling requests and comments should go through her.
    - Board is working to understand the most effective way to work with Connie and the district to secure gym space so it can be communicated in a timely manner.
- Add Board Officer Role (Nate)
  - Secretary – create monthly Board Meeting Agenda and take Meeting Minutes
  - Discussion and Board agreed to add Board Officer Role
  - Anyone interested in taking this on?
  - Nate LeDuc volunteered to be secretary and board agreed to accept Nate as Board Secretary
- Strategy Discussion Topic (Nate)
  - Team make-up in multi-team situations – scenarios & options
  - Discussion and Board agreed for the need to develop policy around multi-team situations
- Anything else?
- Discussion ensued on why players were leaving our organization in 6-8th grade as enrollment has dropped this year vs last from 87 to 78
  - Theories were discussed and the board agreed that there was a need to learn more about the reasons why people were leaving.
  - Agreement that we should contact parents that had kids leave and use surveys and other methods to understand how parents and players feel about the experience. Nate LeDuc agreed to create a survey and contact parents. Amanda Weurfel will get a list of those who have left the program from recent years to Nate LeDuc
  - It was noted that we do not have a Freshman Girls basketball team due to low numbers at that level
  - Goal of working towards boosting numbers to be able to have a freshman Appleton North HS Girls Basketball team in the future was discussed.

- Action Items to take away for next meeting:
  - Topic for next meeting: Create policy for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade team composition
  - Board Members to bring ideas for policy for us to discuss and vote on
  - Pull policies on boys and other clubs to compare team composition
  - Amanda to pull list of girls who left
  - Nate will develop exit survey to reach out to people who have left program to develop exit interviews / surveys after he gets list from Amanda of girls who left
  - Nicole to get HS girls to come to practices from time to time
  - Nicole to tt Invite new AD Jere Kobuske to future club meeting

Meeting adjourned: 9:10PM

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 PM