



# ***Backcourt Club Meeting Minutes***

## ***August 11, 2008***

**Attendance:** Ellie Ortmann, Brenda Esnough-Buhse, Jon High, Scott Larson, Tim Ortmann, Rob Nudell, Jeff Willert, Steve Olson, Ron Spier, Tim Dahl

### **Approval of July minutes**

- Minutes approved with the following amendments:
  - Jeff Olson was listed as attending the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting – it was Steve Olson who was in attendance at the meeting.
  - The Bison Backcourt Club was referred to as BCC – it should be BBC.
- There was (1) opposed.

### **Treasures report**

- Current Balance: \$17,536.20
- Report approved as is.

### **Coach Guida report**

- No Updates

### **Old Business**

- Try Out Dates
  - Gary contacted Comm Ed about activity center availability
    - 9/23 is not available due to Volleyball.
    - 9/18 & 9/21 are available.
    - Do we go with these two dates as tryouts and not have a night for open shooting?

- Gary will check w/ Comm Ed to see if 9/16 is available for open shooting.
  - Ellie will check with Coach Guida about availability on these dates.
  - Remember tryouts will take place over (2) required nights.
  - Will jerseys be used for the tryouts? If so, will they be sent home with players the first night and brought back the second night to avoid chaos?
- Try Out Flyers
  - Flyers reviewed and revised.
  - Teams will be posted on Sat., Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> on [www.bisonhoops.com](http://www.bisonhoops.com).
- Chair Request
  - Nothing new to report.
- Medic at tournaments
  - Will report on this in Sept.

## **New Business**

- Try Out Flyer Disbursement
  - Brenda will take this over – getting all contact info from Lana.
    - Will contact Comm Ed regarding disbursement the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school.
    - Will get pre-approval, printed and correlated according to their disbursement guidelines.
    - Will need finalized dates and times.
- Advertising for Tryouts
  - We will not pay for ads this year.
  - Ron will cover the submission to the Wright County Journal Press in the school news section.
  - Brenda will cover all other advertisement placement.
  - Brenda will check with Bernick's to see if we can get (4) banners at no charge (2 Buffalo, 1 Montrose, 1 Hanover).
    - Will need to check with the city offices about permits for posting the banners.

- Tip Off Meeting
  - October 13, 2008
  - Time and location to be confirmed
  
- Review Annual Forms
  - Player General Info Sheet
  - BBC Info Sheet
  - Waiver Form
  - Coaches App
    - Forms reviewed and revisions noted.
    - Should the Code of Conduct form be handed out at tryouts?
    - Waiting on the confirmation of facility availability before finalizing forms.
    - Coaches application was not reviewed.
    - Volunteer hours increased from 6 to 8 per family (2 – 4 hour shifts).
      - Short on volunteers last season
      - How can participation from the high school parents be increased?
        - Will need more volunteers if hosting the Breakdown Tournament
  
- Tryouts by Coach Guida
  - There were inquiries on the plan for evaluations Coach Guida would be using
  - There was discussion that the various age groups would require variances in the tryout format
    - Jon will contact Nick and request an overview of his tryout plan
    - Jon will communicate the expectations and timeline of the BBC to Nick
  - The board will meet on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm to assemble team formations.
    - Results to be posted on the website [www.bisonhoops.com](http://www.bisonhoops.com).
  
- July BBC Meeting Concerns
  - Concern was expressed that there were items voted on at the July meeting with missing board members. Originally there was not going to be a July meeting. This changed when the June

meeting was cancelled due to numerous board members' schedule conflicts.

- The player fees increase was questioned
  - It was suggested to raise the tournament fee instead of the player fee.
- The decision to not have coaches sign up for their team's tournaments was of great concern.
  - Both pros and cons that have been expressed at previous meetings were discussed.
  - It was felt that items don't need to be voted on when brought up but could be carried over to the next meeting.
  - These items will be discussed at the next meeting.
  - It was suggestion that an agenda distribution prior to monthly meetings would help avoid this type of situation and improve over-all communication
- Meeting Agenda
  - It was proposed that the meeting agenda be distributed to board members prior to monthly meetings to aid in the preparation for the upcoming BBC meetings.
  - Board members could submit items for the agenda at a pre-determined monthly deadline.
  - Agendas could be distributed to board members prior to monthly meetings
  - Perhaps post the agenda on the website?
  - Non-board members could contact board members with concerns they would like added to the agenda to be addressed at the monthly meetings.
  - Could items not appearing on the agenda be addressed at meetings?
  - Further discussion is needed on details
  - It is preferred that board members receive the agenda with the meeting reminder prior to the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - Will need to check with Jay to see if this will work with his schedule.

- Bank Account Balance
  - There was question on why our club has such a large bank account balance – since it is a non-profit. Why is the money not being spent?
  - The BCC bank account does not exceed the maximum amount allowed for non-profits.
  - Will discuss the bank account balance further at the next meeting.
- Team formation for up-coming season
  - It was suggested that players stay on the same team with the same coach as last season. This would give both the team and players continuity.
    - It was discussed how this would affect the A and B teams.
    - The A & B team approach was discussed – what age is it appropriate?
  - Extent of input from coaches of previous year in team formation process?
- By laws
  - It was noted that not all board members do not currently have a copy of the current by laws. It was suggested that that Jay be contacted to distribute these.
  - It was suggested that the by laws be reviewed and made more generalized.
- Meeting location
  - In light of the new fee the BBC is now being charged to hold their meetings in the BHS teacher lounge – it was suggested that maybe alternate locations be looked into.
    - There is no charge for use of the meeting room at the Buffalo Airport.
- Interim Meeting
  - Due to the various items relating to up-coming tryouts that are still out-standing – there will need to be a meeting prior to the next scheduled meeting of Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.
    - Ellie will check with Gary on date, time and location.

## Adjournment

- 9:15

**NOTE:** These minutes will be posted to  
<http://www.bisonhoops.com/meetings.htm>

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Next meeting: Monday September 8, 2008, **7:00pm** in the teachers lounge at the Buffalo High School.