



Backcourt Club Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2008

Attendance: Gary Fabel, Lana Fabel, Brenda Esnough-Bushe, Ron Spier, Tim Dahl, Jay Bares, Jon High, Ellie Ortmann, Cindy Liska, Scott Larson, Jeff Willert, Dannell Hartung,

- **Approval of November minutes**

- Minutes approve as is.

- **Treasures reports**

- Current balance prior to Breakdown tourney
- Looks like school cost is higher than normal.
 - Does not look like the charge is consistent
- Taxes have been paid and public inspection papers are available.
- Report approved as is.

- **Coach Guida report**

- Boys varsity kids are coming along well
- Having the tie with Breakdown could be helpful to us in the future

- **Old Business**

- Nov. Tourney Recap
 - Good comments regarding trainer on site. Worth the money
 - Net Income: \$7,644.47
 - Concessions went very well
 - Will have extra trophies left over
 - Candy and Paper products are donated
 - Approximately \$4k less than same tournament last year
 - Look at the date of tournament
 - Make team contacts earlier in the season
 - Other thoughts?

- Breakdown tourney recap
 - Final totals are not in yet.
 - 55 teams over 2 days
 - Net Income: \$6,435.
 - Net Expense: \$4,131.
 - Net profit for our club. \$1,152. (total income split between girls and boys)
 - Breakdown received admissions and Team entry.
 - Used Varsity kids and parents for this tourney
 - Awards were Team Awards, not individual.
 - Brackets were not as well organized as ours normally are
 - There will be a meeting with Breakdown to review pros/cons.
 - Working with the girls club went well also.
 - Some of the kids were disappointed that they did not get paid.

- Apparel sales (Brenda)
 - Everyone has received their items
 - Picked up last 2 coaches shirts.
 - Not sure what our profit is this year yet.

- Varsity program (Lana)
 - Being prepared-Hopefully will be ready for this week.
 - Same design as this year
 - 3 ad's short this year

- Chairs for varsity \$900.
 - Revisited from last month
 - Do we want to donate money for the purchase of the new chairs
 - Motion to pay
 - Motion carried

- Halftime
 - Schedule is done
 - Will be in the program
 - Shooting contest
 - Some for food shelf donations
 - 4th Graders will play at one
 - Will have a Fan appreciation

• **New Business**

- Feb. '09 tourney update (Tim D.)
 - 25 teams signed up – Does not include our Boys teams.
 - Will send out an email to those that played in Nov reminding of Feb Tourney
 - Registrations still trickling in

- Traveling update (coaches)
 - 4th Grade Purple – (Tom Rabusch)
 - Tough draw in the first tourney (Wayzata, and Lakeville South) went 1-2 and took 3rd place. The two game we lost by a combined 99 points.
 - Good group of kids willing to work hard and learn, starting to understand team defense.
 - Primarily need to work on offensive spacing and passing.
 - Overall I like my team, I think the 4th grade white team is probably better than us, not a complaint just an observation.
 - One thing I think you should consider in splitting up teams, at least with the younger even split grades. Look at height as one of the factors. The white team is considerably taller than us.

 - 4th Grade White (Tim Gabrelcik & Troy Loomis)
 - I believe the boys have shown a lot of effort and take a considerable amount of pride in their play. So, I would say our hustle and competitiveness is definitely a strength. I wouldn't say we have real weaknesses. We just need to get fundamentally more sound as in dribbling the ball with confidence when guarded or in traffic, help defense, post moves, etc.
 - I really like their progress!
 - We are very quick and can give the opposition fits' with our ball hawking ability. We scrimmaged the 4-6th grade team from St. Francis Friday night and after a 24-24 halftime score, outscored them 19-4 in the 2nd half, as I think our quickness tired the other team out! We seemed to beat them to every loose ball and had several kids on the floor scrapping for loose balls. We certainly have

some room for improvement in all aspects of the game, and are working on these fundamentals.

- We've only been in one tourney the Buffalo tourney, and we won our pool.
 - We're having a ball, lots of smiles on the boys faces, thanks for all of your support!
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- 5th Grade Purple (Jeff Willert)
 - Did well in Buffalo. Lost 1st and won 2nd. Won champion by 30 for 1st place
 - Defense clicking and Offensive is beginning to take shape

 - 5th Grade White (Rob Nudell)
 - 6-3 over all
 - 3 tourneys: 2nd, 3rd, 3rd
 - Struggling offensively at this time.

 - 6th Grade Purple (Ron Spier)
 - 4 tourneys so far.
 - Buffalo: good tourney. Saw some good competition.
 - Played in Howard Lake in a 7th grade tourney
 - Also played 6th grade in Howard Lake. Having fun.
 - Seems to be working well having 13 kids and splitting them.
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 - 7th Grade Purple (Brett Rhodes)
 - The 8 player rotation is working well so far. It will be more difficult in Jan, Feb, Mar because they will have school ball.
 - Other...I really need more baskets for practice. Three of the hoops can only be used to shoot free throws or close shots. It's great we extra for that, but with 12 players we really need another basket or two for drills that can be done without running into other groups.

 - 8th Grade Purple (Steve Senger)
 - 2-1 in Buffalo 2nd place. 4-0 in Maple Grove 1st place. 3-1 in Breakdown this past weekend - 1st place.
 - Strength of our team, defense. We have put the boys up to the challenge of playing man to man for 28 minutes.

- Areas for improvements Of our team, a little bit of everything
 - Overall Comments Smaller roster size makes for a better 2 day tournament than a 1 day tournament format as to not play more than 2-3 games in a day.
 - Other- Boys and parents really like the pre tournament dinners we have on Friday nights before a tournament. Each family has an opportunity to have the boys all to themselves at their homes to get to know them better in an off court setting.
 - Buffalo tournament was ran very well and the referees were very capable. The Breakdown was very good competition but the referees were inexperienced and it was pretty frustrating.
- 8th Grade White (Gary Fabel)
 - 1 win over the weekend.
 - Kids stayed positive over the weekend
 - Have been working on defense
- Spirit Coordinators Request for \$125. (Dannell Hartung)
 - Paula Herda and Dannell Hartung want to decorate for Varsity games
 - Jersey cutouts, from foam board, for the gym for each varsity kid
 - Motion to approve \$125 donation
 - Motion Carried.
 - Concession worker (age) guidelines
 - Came up at our November tourney.
 - May need to have a official rule as to the age of the kids that can work.
 - Some kids are too young to be working there: making change, speed, etc
 - Age limit for Concessions workers is 7th grade and older.
 - Thoughts on purchasing a backup scoreboard
 - We have discussed from time to time
 - Last weekend, we have had some minor issues
 - Jon High will check on some options.
 - Board elections
 - Will be during the February BCC meeting, February 9,2009
 - There will be 3 open positions this year

- You must notify Jay Bares, jaybares@hotmail.com of your intent to run by February 9, 2009
- Need to determine the Actual Start date for new terms
- Pre February tournament meeting
 - Meet prior to our Feb meeting.
 - Will determine at our Jan meeting
- Equipment needs
 - Need some additional basketballs
 - Gary will talk to Tim Ortmann
- New equipment needs
 - Cookie maker
 - Will check on price.

• Adjournment

- 8:55pm

NOTE: These minutes will be posted to
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Next meeting: Monday January 12, 2009, **7:00pm** in the teachers lounge at the Buffalo High School.