



Backcourt Club Meeting Minutes ***October 8, 2007***

Attendance: Gary Fabel, Lana Fabel, Ellie Ortmann, Tim Ortmann, Jon High, Ron Spier, Jeff Johnson, Brenda Esnough-Bushe, Jay Bares, Scott Larson, Amy High, Dean Jacobs, Cindy Liska, Brett Rhodes, Tim Dahl, Ellen Halvorson, Paul Iverson, Steve Olson, Steve Senger, Jeff Mattson

Approval Of Sept Minutes

- Approved as is.

Treasures Report

- Report Approved as is.
- Most items paid were for tryouts.
- Current Balance: \$12,881.43.

Coach Guida Report.

- Some teams playing in Fall League in Becker
- Coaches clinic can be done again
- Armstrong – Home Opener on Dec 8th
- ½ time activities again this year
 - Work with Bob Driver
 - Would be nice to be able to show the ½ time activities in the program
 - Couple of nights where Traveling kids can get in free with a jersey
 - Have some traveling kids play at ½ time.
- Parents night and Sr Night need to be scheduled
- Planning on Pre-season scrimmage w/ concessions but no post game meal.

Old Business

- Equipment return.
 - Did not go well this year. Will change the return format. On 10/15 all equipment will be distributed. At

end of the season, all equipment will be collected during a couple regularly scheduled sessions.

- We are ordering 1 set of Adult jerseys, 1 set of youth jerseys and a set of 28.5 basketballs.
- Web Site.
 - Will look at for next year.
 - Recommendation for next year. Post selected teams next year after tryouts.
 - Look at posting our tournament results this year
 - Look at some of the other clubs for format
- Varsity Program
 - No activity yet.

New Business

- Team Photo Proposal
 - Proposal from LB Photography as last year
 - Individual photos as well as team photos will be available.
 - 50% of kids ordered photos last year
 - LB Photography will contribute 20% back to the club again this year.
 - Schedule pictures during our 1st home tournament, Nov 17-18
 - Plan on proceeding again this year
- Levy info presentation
 - Requesting a donation to the levy committee
 - Motion to donate \$100.00
 - Motion carried.
- Timberwolves Clinic
 - If we want our kids to be introduced at the Target Center and meet some of the players. we have to guarantee 100 tickets.
 - They will also come out to us. Will not be any of the "real" coaches or players
 - Comment: Some school did it last year at the stadium and it did not go well.
- Tourney info for November (Need Numbers)
 - Teams registered for Boys
 - 4th grade - 2
 - 5th grade A - 1
 - 5th grade B - 4
 - 6th grade A – 1
 - 6th grade B – 3
 - 7th Grade A - 2
 - 7th Grade B - 2

- 8th grade A – 0
 - 8th grade B – 4
 - Teams registered for Girls
 - 4th grade – 0
 - 5th grade A – 0
 - 5th grade B – 1
 - 6th grade A – 0
 - 6th grade B – 1
 - 7th grade A – 1
 - 7th grade B – 2
 - 8th grade A - 3
 - 8th grade B - 1
 - No Zone defense for 4th and 5th grade
 - Ellie to send Jay updated copy of the Tournament Rules
- Tip off meeting 10/15/07 7:00pm Buffalo Community Middle School
- Coaches notes
 - T-shirt sizes, Conflict Mgmt, Equipment return, expectations, clinic
 - **List the actual agenda of this meeting**
 - Practice times
 - Waiting to hear back from Community Ed.
 - We will be paying for practice times this year
 - Coaches!!! If you cancel a practice, you MUST notify Gary Fabel so we don't get charged.
 - If school is cancelled due to weather, there will be no practice
 - Planned start is the week of Oct 22
 - Coaching clinics
 - Suggestion (Tim Dahl): Knows a person that has coached in the past. Wrote a manual on coaching Youth Basketball. Travels around and presents clinics to youth coaches. Tim will check into the schedule/pricing. Bob Kaitz
 - Jon has some sample documents on coaching: Drills, how to coach, etc.
- Board consideration/process for tourney sign ups
- Will look at
 - Families with multiple kids in program
 - Aim to keep 4th –6th grade closer to home
 - Try to reciprocate with towns that attend our tournaments
 - Try to send multiple teams to a location
 - Will try to stay away from 3 day tournaments

- We do want to get feedback from the tournaments we attend.
 - Will also look at the Varsity schedule so they don't conflict with our schedule
 - Suggestion: (Paul Iverson)
 - Stay away from 1st time tournaments
 - Offer coaches the opportunity to pick a tournament
- Recap Tryouts
- Total of 85 kids tried out
 - 82 kids playing this year
 - 2-4th grade teams
 - 1- 5th grade teams
 - 2- 6th grade teams
 - 1-7th grade teams
 - 2-8th grade teams
 - Site worked out this year well
 - Moved to 1 week later this year
 - Tryout format remained the same
 - Objective scoring: Shooting, etc
 - Subjective scoring as well
 - Evaluator comments:
 - Drills: Should we weigh form as well as shots made?
 - Additional dribbling and jump shooting drills were good.
 - Multiple courts worked well
 - Would like to get more high school kids to help out – allow evaluators to score
 - Shorted scale to 1-5.
 - Allow comments on Drill sheet from evaluators
 - Encourage evaluators to write comments on the scoring.
 - More evaluators to allow more focus on less number of kids.
 - Schedule a short meeting between grade tryouts to discuss outcomes with evaluators.
 - Pre-registration worked very well this year. Aprox 95% pre-registered.
 - What about multiple days for tryouts. Would allow for call back to review kids. May allow for more kids
 - Possibly have tryouts a total of 2 days.
 - Comment: Maple Grove: Mandatory 2 –3hr tryouts. If you can't make them both, you don't play.
 - The earlier we can get the information out, the better. Best to get out 3-4 weeks prior to tryouts.

- Advertising: Newspaper, flyers at schools, Charter Cable, Directed emails.
 - Next year: banner in the Elementary gyms.
- Gary will email our coaches names to Monticello coach. Works out well for some scrimmages.
- Comment: (Tim Ortmann) Photographer onsite during our tournaments where the pictures would be posted on website for purchase. Tim has heard from 2 companies that do this. Company does not charge to take the pictures, there is just a charge for people that want to purchase. Tim Ortmann will make contact and find out more information.

Adjournment

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

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Next meeting: Monday November 12, 2007, **7:00pm** in the teachers lounge at the Buffalo High School.