



Rogers Area Youth Basketball Association Board Meeting July 26th, 2009

Attendees: Noel, Joel, Patrick, Tammy, Jill, Theresa, Jamey, Mike M, John, Curt, Mark, Steve, & Stephanie

Absent: Mike N, Greg, Brian, Chris,

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

1) Opening Comments:

Joel made a motion to approve the June 23rd meeting minutes and Jamey seconded the motion. All present at the meeting approved. They can be posted on the website.

Registrations as of Sunday were as follows:

31 – Travel

26 – Girls Inhouse

They are a little weak right now and looking for ideas to promote registrations. A couple ideas were to put flyers on car windows at the open houses or to hand out flyers at Target/Cub. Mike M will talk to Maynard's about putting the information on their sign.

We need to order more street signs and get them out as soon as possible. Mike N and the Inhouse Committee need to research the cost of the signs.

Online Registration Update

Chris will know by mid-August if the new registration process will be ready to go for the boy's house registrations. This new process could potentially save RAYBA \$2000.00 just on the boy's house season alone. The new process only charges \$15 a month whereas Sportspilot charges us \$3 per registration.

2) Treasurer Update:

The fiscal year ended June 30th. We need to find someone new to prepare our taxes. Taxes are due by November 15th so we have some time to find help. Mike M is going to talk to a friend of his and see if he would do them and what the cost would be. He will get back to the board with this information by the August 23rd meeting.

We received a check for \$26 from We Got Game photographers that were used for the MYAS tournament in April. We will use them again for future tournaments.

Discussion on scholarship's for the upcoming season and we will follow the same plan as last year which was \$500 set aside for each the boys and girls programs. These will be used for Inhouse requests only. Mike N and Mark will handle the requests on a case by case basis.

An email was received regarding paying in installments for a travel player. Noel will contact the parent and discuss a payment plan. Curt will be copied on all correspondence since this is a boy's travel issue.

3) Harlem Ambassador Update

Ticket prices are \$10 and 6 and under are free. A discussion was held on promoting the program and how to sell the tickets. The tickets have been printed and Stephanie will receive a quantity of them this week. We will try to hit some of the big sports events that are coming up, i.e. football evals. We discussed having the travel players each required to sell 5 tickets, parents would have to prepay the \$50. Another idea was to set up a table/booth at a football game. Stephanie will be contacting Bruce Goerecki with the Rogers Lions Club who is helping with the promotion of the program. Theresa and Steve have offered to sell them at the football evaluations that are held the first week of August. We also have the tickets as a cart item for those registering for basketball.

4) Travel Guidelines

We walked through the new changes made to the existing travel guidelines. Tammy will update the changes that were discussed and send an update out to the Board.

Playing Time: Discussion on the wording for the 5th grade time and it will be changed to read the following: 10 minutes minimum playing timer per game over the course of a weekend tourney. The wording will also be changed for the 6-8th grade to read the same, except 7 minutes.

Coach Selection: The interview panel will be made up of the following people, President, Vice President, Travel Coordinators and Greg Heinecke.

A motion was made to approve the coach's selection panel by Theresa and seconded by Tammy. All in attendance voted yes. Coach's selection panel has been approved.

We went over the interview questions and Tammy is going to update the current ones to include some of the questions that Greg sent in his email. Tammy will email the board with the final interview questions.

A question was brought up about what to do if a board member is applying for a travel coach position. In case of a conflict of interest (for that grade) the panel member will step out until the interview is over. Also discussed was, is it fair to the other coaches that any potential board member applying for a coaching position will already know what the questions will be. A decision was made that when Tammy sends out the email to the coach's she will include a paragraph stating to be prepared to have a discussion on the following points, and she will list some of the interview topics. She will also remind them that this is just the interview panel not the actual voting committee, the vote is taken by the whole board.

This year all coach's, including uncontested A coaches will be interviewed.

Coaches interviews are set for August 18 & 19. Time and Location TBD.

A motion was made by Theresa to accept all the new Travel Guideline changes that were discussed. Motion was seconded by John. All in attendance voted yes. New Travel Guideline changes have been approved.

5) Travel Tryout Process

Note: This is an internal document only and doesn't get posted on the website. This is just for the board's information only.

MDB will do the evaluations again this year. They will be charging \$40 per hour and we will need them for 44 hours (2 evaluators for every grade level for both girls and boys). This amounts to roughly \$1700.00. We will be using 2 evaluators from MDB and 1 outside evaluator per grade.

Walked through the changes that were made and a motion was made by Mark to approve the changes made to the Travel Tryout Process. Theresa seconded the motion and all in attendance approved. New Travel Tryout Process changes approved.

6) Background Checks and Guidelines

We will review in more detail at our next meeting. We need to come up with our own guidelines document to post on our website.

Tammy did some research and provided copies of what some other organizations (MYSA, NAYS, MAHA) do when a background check reveals a charge on a potential coach.

A motion was made by Theresa to follow the guidelines from the MAHA handout that Tammy provided. Jill seconded the motion and all in attendance voted yes.

Mark will check with our insurance to see what our insurance coverage is if there were to be any incidences. He will report his findings back to the board at the meeting in August.

7) Coach/Player Development

Brian, Noel and Mike N met to discuss coach/player development at each grade level. Brian came up with a matrix that can be posted on the website and also used as a guide for coaches.

Brian is also looking for ideas for future clinics. He will be sending an email to the board looking for ideas.

New Business:

- We received a bag of basketballs from the Girls High School coach. He said there will more to come.
- Joel received verification from MYAS that we did get the November 7-8th and April 17-18th tournaments.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15

Next Meeting: Sunday, August 23rd at 6:00 (note time change)

**Future Meeting:
Sunday, Sept. 20th at 6:30**

Action Items"

- 1) Order more street signs – Mike N and Inhouse Committee
- 2) Get registration information on Maynard's Sign – Mike M
- 3) Reply back to parent regarding payments – Noel/Curt
- 4) Talk to friend about doing our taxes – Mike M
- 5) Get Harlem Ambassador tickets and give to Theresa and Steve – Stephanie
- 6) Update Travel Guidelines and forward to Board – Tammy
- 7) Find meeting place for coach's interviews – Noel/Stephanie
- 8) Update interview questions and forward to Board – Tammy
- 9) Check on our insurance coverage – Mark
- 10) Send email to board for ideas on future clinics - Brian