

Hopkins Royals Boys Basketball Association

August Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 10, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center

Meeting Attendance:

Bobby Ciatti
Andrea Rauser
Dana Johnson

Jean Stout
Joan Frenz
Tony Corwin
Stacie Saunders

Conrad Chin
Tim Omdahl
Amara Chesson
Gregg Schaefer

1. Call to Order/Minutes/Agenda Review

- a. Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
- b. The Minutes of the July 2016 Board meeting were reviewed and approved

2. Reports/Critical Discussions

a. Treasurer Update

- i. \$28,541 in bank at end of July. This is in the ballpark of what we normally have around this time of year. It will go down due to some tournament checks being cashed, but we will also start getting registrations in.
- ii. Insurance Update/Concussion Policy – Tim received notice that we will need to have a concussion policy in place in order to have liability coverage in the event a participant sustains a concussion. Bobby has prepared a Policy and Information sheet modeled after Minnetonka's. The sheet will be included in our policies, and in addition to having coaches return the concussion completion certificate, we will have them sign an attestation that the policy has been provided and reviewed. Andrea will print the fact sheets and make up foam core mock ups to post at tryouts and our tournament. This was followed by a general discussion regarding what the law is and what is required of us for return to play.

b. Coaching Update

- i. Three paid coaches are committed to returning, and one is leaning toward returning. The remaining three are not likely or have indicated no. Nevertheless, we have more candidates that are expressing serious interest, and things are looking better than last month.

- ii. We currently anticipate fielding three teams in Grades 8, 7 and 5 (although for grade 5, it may end up being only 2), and two teams in Grades 6 and 4. Questions were raised regarding the flexibility to constrict a grade and expand others, and how to make these decisions. It is not likely that we would ever go to four teams in one grade, but we will discuss the process at our next meeting.

c. Tournament Update

- i. We have 70 teams registered and paid. This is pretty much where we typically are at this time of year, and about halfway to our goal. Last year we had 137 teams. The 70 teams does not include the 13 Hopkins teams.
- ii. Bobby shared the preliminary outside schedule. Orono and Eastridge have their tournaments the weekends of December 2 and 9, but are not sending any teams to our tournament. Bobby is, therefore, still looking for tournaments that we could trade with (e.g. is working on reciprocity) before committing to the weekends of December 2 and 9. It was pointed out that the Orono tournament is one of the more popular ones with our players because of the trophies given out.

d. Registration/Tryout Update

- i. Registration is live. There was a glitch with the earlybird discount, but this has been fixed.
- ii. Joan presented a flow chart with stations and assignments. There was discussion regarding where to set up the stations to improve flow. Joan has all of the materials we will need and will update signage. The stations, responsibilities and staffing will likely be as follows:
 - 1. Station 1 (Registration) – this station will be set up in the Wetlands Café. Players who have not preregistered will be sent there to register online. Andrea, Amara and Tim O. will work registration, helping parents navigate things. We will need several computers. We will also need paper forms in case we have an internet problem or outage.
 - 2. Station 2 (Uniforms) – Pre-registered players will be sent directly to Station 2. This will be set up in the hallway leading to the café and will be staffed by Conrad with help from whomever (possibly Brad) is working the volunteer information table. Joan has

connected with Conrad regarding the need to get the sizing and have actual uniform samples available to try on.

3. Station 3 (Check in and Verification) – This will be in the Registration Room. Stacie and Tim H. will staff this desk.
 4. Station 4 (Tryout #'s and Photos) – Also in the registration room and staffed by Dana, with Jean acting as a runner. There was discussion regarding the evaluation sheet and how to make it efficient for the coaches in terms of numbers and pictures. Tony will work on a sheet.
 5. Volunteer Information Table – This table will be in the hallway by the uniforms. We will need a board member (Brad?) to answer questions about the organization. This person would also help out where needed as well as with uniforms. Open board positions will be posted at the table.
- iii. Joan will be making up flyers, but we need to make sure they get into the schools. The schools were divided up among board members. Joan will send an email when the flyers are ready reminding everyone which schools they have been assigned.
 - iv. Discussion regarding extended tryouts for Grades 4 and 5. We should have the dates soon. We will go down weekends, but will still have a third weekday session between the two.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50. Next meeting September 7, 2016 at 7:00 at KARE 11 on Highway 55 and Boone.