

ACYBA Board Meeting Minuets

Date: July 1, 2020

Location: Crystal Community Center

Start Time: 6:30p

Board Members Present:

President – Puma Rennie  
Boys Travel Comm. – Mike Frie  
House Comm. – Lilian Chumba  
Boys Tournament Director – Mike Skram  
Girls Tournament Dir/House Sched – John Crawford  
Travel Scheduling – Matt Smelser  
Treasurer - Bryan Kuempel  
Website Coordinator – Chris Hunt

Non-Board Members Present

None

Members Not Present

Player/Coach Development - Rafe Ronning  
Player/Coach Development - Mike Seiffert  
Marketing Coordinator – Tiffani Heggstad  
Equipment – Dante Rabb  
Equipment – Shawn Fondow  
Girls Travel Comm. – Angela Fondow

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. Board Updates

A Tiffani - Marketing (via Puma)

- not much new; meeting with Puma on Thurs/Fri  
-yard signs and fundraising will be focus

B Chris Hunt – Website

- Re: Player Development working with Rafe & Mike S., leaving mainly to them  
- have CCC reserved for some time in August  
- letting them coordinate but Chris will help w/ in-season stuff, if nec.  
- Nick O’Hara moved, need a new trainer for boys for sure  
- consider no skills this year if we’re limited in gym space; funds?

- Website: did lots of updates last few weeks

- looks good; good for mobile

- will handle registrations all on one page = less confusion

- can manually disable when programs close (i.e., travel before house)

- typically open registration on 8/1; we may want to delay a couple weeks

- Confirmed still “Armstrong-Cooper” House program; will update house pages

C. Mike Frie - Boys Travel

- working on scheduling; 1 less for 4<sup>th</sup> grade; 9 total was a lot last season for some
  - maybe consider MYAS clinic/training instead of more tourneys
  - agree to pay for OMGBA Pres Tourney if 4<sup>th</sup> graders want that
  
- 2 tourneys (OMGBA & HOPKINS) are full gate fee in advance = more \$\$ for board
  - maybe not sign 4<sup>th</sup> grade up for those more expensive tourneys
  
- St Cloud Tourney
  - limited hotel space this year
  - only 54 rooms blocked now; will get more but won't be in the same area
  - do we set plan as far as who can make reservations first? Start w/ 8<sup>th</sup> graders?
    - likely have many families not want to stay at hotel?
  
- PUMA: Angie had a question about # of tourneys for girls teams;
  - MF will talk to Angie and keep #s the same

D. Lilian - House

- quiet right now; waiting on state and OMGBA about rules w/ COVID issues
- no real changes planned for House program from last season
- keep house league "ACYBA" even though travel lea

E. Skram – Boys tournament

- pretty much full; won't be a problem filling last spots
- biggest issue will be what facilities will let us do due to COVID; need more?
  - MDH guidelines issued this week= pretty restrictive
- if # of people in facility (250) remains by the time of tourney, we would not have fans
- lots of talk about potential issues; no gate fee; no concessions; etc
- No contact with District yet with limitations they are going to put on us
  - COVID big issue for both boys girls tourney
  - if we have tourney we won't lose money, but won't generate as much

F. John –Girls Tournament & House Scheduler

- no teams yet for girls tourney (Dec 5&6, 2020)
- flyer will be done so we can post/advertise; John will start responding to email blasts
  - MMS/JC will meet after meeting to talk about to-do list
- would like to do all games in 1 day; if lots of teams could still do games Sunday,
  - want to plan so all teams come in/out in one day= limits exposures

G. Bryan - Treasurer

- cash is about same as last season, doing OK.
- worried about finances this season, because:
  - maybe fewer players (COVID);
  - more scholarship requests expected
  - probably host smaller tournaments = less \$ in the door
  - may need to issue refunds in worst-case scenario
- need to keep an eye on expenses because it will be unusual year
  
- Boys HS program approached us in Spring about potential loan
  - they lost money w/ cancellation of MYAS Boys Grade State tournament
  - have not spoken to HS program in awhile
  - potential: HS program coordinating our skills program in exchange for \$\$
  - will wait to hear more from them, then decide if we can help in any way

H. Matt S – Travel Scheduler

- waiting on more information from District
- no guidance yet about requirements for gym space, expect it to be coming soon

2. COVID Issues

- A. Will need to post Preparedness Plan (needs to be done before permits issued, probably)
- need to post it on website and give to all coaches/families
  - need to have plan to explain to coaches and enforcement/follow through

- B. Need to establish communication protocol between board-teams-state; post on website?
- should include a team parent/representative specific for this purpose
  - should include a board member

- C. Also should include COVID liability waiver on website during registration forms
- Puma will look at examples, work one up; Skram will review; Chris can post when done

3. MYBA program

- A. reviewed information and discussed pros/cons for joining:
- purpose of plan is stated on MYAS website, but is meant to provide consistency in:
    - team formation/player eligibility
    - tournament rules
    - competition levels
  - cost to join is \$30/team in the program
    - est: 9 boys and 5 girls: \$420
  - they already have 75% of money we paid for boys grade state from 2019-2020
  - we usually pay some money to promote tournaments; that's free w/ the program

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- tourney hosting/brackets is \$2/team (savings of \$4/team from current website)
- discounts for Trusted Coaches, which we would do anyway
- could provide opportunity for different skills program this year if we need it

B. VOTE: Unanimous to join MYBA on behalf of Armstrong Boys and Girls teams this year

4. Board Policy Revisions

- will review proposed edits further and vote next meeting
- needs to be done before website

5. Next Meeting

- late July/early August, probably shortly after state puts out return to school guidance; before registrations open for us
- probably at New Hope City Hall

**Adjourn:**

Time: 8:00p