



Rogers Area Youth Basketball Association

Board Meeting
August 23rd, 2009

Attendees: Noel, Mike N, Jill, Joel, John, Patrick, Tammy, Theresa, Mike M, Curt, Mark, Steve, Greg, Brian, Chris & Stephanie

Absent: Jamey

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.

1) Opening Comments:

Mike N made a motion to approve the last meetings minutes and Steve seconded the motion. All present at the meeting approved. They can be posted on the website.

Travel coach interviews are complete. The travel committee interviewed 17 potential coaches.

Rogers Police/Fire Open house went well. Thanks for everyone who came and helped out. We handed out a lot of flyers promoting RAYBA and the Harlem Ambassador program.

Noel has ordered 2 copies of a book that Steve M recommended called, "BasketCases" it's a book written from the ref's standpoint. If you would like to borrow a copy to read, please contact Noel.

We have received 2 scholarship requests. Mark and Mike N will meet and discuss all scholarship requests.

2) Travel Coach Vote:

Discussion on what people thought of the process (board members not on the panel). Those in attendance for the interviews found it helpful, especially when making the decision to vote for a coach. The question was asked if a uncontested coach should still have to interview. It was decided that yes they do. It is nice to hear their plans for the upcoming season. Also discussed was

moving the interview dates up to either the end of July or beginning of August. This year it is very close to the fall MYAS cut off date.

A discussion was held on whether or not one of the coaches interviewed can be considered based on his background check. The board took a silent vote and the result was, he is eligible.

2009-2010 Travel Coaches
(results based on a silent vote)

Grade	Boys	Girls
5A	Brian Watson	Bryan Skochenski
6A	Chris Darr	Mike Dunham
7A	Randy Stangler	Brindley McGowen
8A	Mike Bunkers	Steve Molander

Curt and Tammy will notify all coaches of the results on Monday, August 24th.

3) Travel Tryouts

Both Curt and Tammy will need some help for the travel tryouts. A email will be send with a spreadsheet outlining what help will be needed. Please sign up to help out. We will reach out to our scholarship request families to see if they can assist with check-in on those nights as well.

A discussion was held on whether we could get full size gyms for the girls travel tryouts this year. The gyms get very crowded and loud with all the girls and the parents. Joel will check with Community Ed if Rogers and Hassan Elementary are available and inform Tammy Miller so she can communicate changes to parents and update web site.

Curt and Tammy are lining up the 3rd evaluator for the tryouts and should know soon.

Joe Belka will be at our next Board meeting on September 20th. The High School coaches have also agreed to do a coaches clinic again this year for the travel coaches.

This season we have the potential of having 21 travel teams. That is up 3 teams from last year. The older grades will have to take the later practice times given to them this year. We are only given a certain block of gym space and the older kids need to use the later times. We could also look at having the inhouse 1-2 teams share a gym since they only have 8 girls on a team.

4) Harlem Ambassador Update:

A decision was made to not have the travel players be required to sell 2 tickets to the event. We will have tables set up at travel tryouts, inhouse evals and at the girls first weeks house games to sell tickets.

We will be getting a stack of flyers promoting the event to stuff in mailboxes. Stephanie will be getting in touch with the board once we receive the copies to see if people can stuff mailboxes in their neighbor.

So far through the registration process we have sold about 60 tickets. We would like to sell about 400 if possible.

If you are interested in selling any tickets, please contact Stephanie.

5) Equipment Update:

The equipment Theresa ordered is all in. Theresa will be getting the travel bags together soon.

Theresa will get the pinnie list emailed out to Tammy so they can figure out which grades will be using which pinnies. Tammy will need to forward the list to the inhouse coordinators so they can figure out which ones they will need to use for the house evals on the 12th.

Inhouse coach's shirts will be in, in approx 2 weeks. The 3 new board member shirts will also be in soon.

6) Policy Updates:

We reviewed the grievance update that Jamey emailed out. A motion was made by Curt to accept the new grievance policy and it was seconded by Mark. All in attendance voted yes to the new policy.

Mark suggested that we have some kind of grievance form that can be filled out online and emailed to info@rayba.com. The form will have some basic questions on it. It will be easier for the board to review if we have them answer some questions first.

Mike N has made some updates to the current Code of Conduct forms. He will email them out to the board for review and make any changes necessary. We will then to an electronic vote so they are ready to go for the upcoming tryouts/evals.

7) Misc. Items:

Joel received word from Community Ed that both the gym fees and the per child fee will be going up this year. The per child fee will be going up \$1 per child and

the gym fee's vary. Joel will send an email to the board after he speaks with Community Ed.

Mike M will be holding a ref meeting on 9/21. He will send an email out inviting all potential refs to see who is interested in reffing this year. We may have too many.

Registrations as of Monday, August 24th

InHouse Girls: 125

InHouse Boys: 22

Travel Girls:

5th: 13

6th: 29

7th: 19

8th: 12

Travel Boys:

5th: 11

6th: 14

7th: 10

8th: 12

Next board meeting: Sunday, September 20th. Rogers Comm Ctr 6:30

Action Items:

- 1) Mark and Mike N to review scholarship requests
- 2) Volunteer for upcoming tryouts/evals – everyone
- 3) Email pinnies list to Tammy – Theresa
- 4) Develop a grievance form for the website – Chris/Mark
- 5) Email the board the new Code of Conduct Forms – Mike N
- 6) Post minutes to the website - Chris