



Rogers Area Youth Basketball Association

Board Meeting
February 21, 2010

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

Absent: Jamey

Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m.

1) Opening Comments

Noel thanked everyone for the help with the Cheryl Dobberstein benefit. It was very successful and the turnout was great.

The Spring travel tournament is April 17-18th. Steve will send a "Save the Date" email out to the Travel families reminding them of the dates so they can fulfill their volunteer hours. Steve will work with Mark to organize the tournament. Steve will also look into ordering t-shirts to sell at the tournament.

The Timberwolves have sent us some information on a promotion they are doing and we will post it on our website. The offer is a free child ticket with a paid adult ticket. The offer only applies to certain games.

A motion was made by Greg to approve the 1/17/10 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Patrick. All present at the meeting voted to approve. The minutes can be posted on the website.

2) Steve Molander: Guest

Steve Molander, former 8A travel coach came to speak with the board on his future with RAYBA.

3) Travel Update:

Boys – Curt reported that the boy's travels teams did well over the weekend in the Moundsview tournament.

Mike M, Joel and Curt Westburg have offered to help set up the Boys 4th grade Spring travel league. Noel will help them get it going by sending an informational email blast to parents.

Girls – Tammy

RAYBA received a complaint e-mail from a Centennial parent regarding a few of the 6B parents, the coach and their conduct during a game in the Blaine tournament.

Steve will help coordinate the 4th grade girls Spring league. He will contact Mary Dorn and Michelle Walker about putting together "even" teams so they are more competitive.

4) Travel Survey:

Discussion on sending out a travel survey to both the parents and to the coaches this year. The goal is to get the survey out the week after the travel season is done. Everyone agreed that there was a benefit to the survey last year and most coaches appreciated the feedback.

We will also be sending out a basic survey to the boy's in-house families. The goal is to have the survey emailed out by the week of March 15th. Mike N will talk to the coordinators and get a list of questions together and over to Curt to enter into the surveymonkey tool.

5) Boys In-House Tournament:

Patrick has almost finished the brackets and they will be posted on the RAYBA site on Monday, February 22nd. He is also waiting to hear back from a couple coaches, but will know the Skills Champs on Monday as well.

The tournament will be held both Saturday and Sunday (2/27-28) and we will be using RMS, RHS (Sunday only), Hassan and Otsego.

There will be limited concessions at RHS, Otsego and Hassan. A full concession stand will be at RMS. Jade will be the concessions manager at RMS.

Mike M reported that the ref schedule will be finished soon. We will be using Adult refs for the High School games.

Board Members: Please plan on working at least one shift this weekend at one of the locations. We will need everyone's help this weekend.

Patrick will send out an email to the coaches regarding the procedure for turning in equipment bags.

Mike N discussed adding girls grades 10/11/12 to our in-house program. The thought is that there will be quite a few high school girls next year who will want to play. We can also contact Elk River and St. Michael to see if they would be interested in joining in. Mike has offered to help set the program up next season.

6) Coaches Appreciation Dinner:

Everyone agreed that we should do another combination dinner of all house and travel coaches. Stephanie will look into having it at Daytona Country Club again this year. The preferred date is Tuesday, March 23rd. Margaret W has also offered to help setting up the dinner if we need her assistance. This year we will allow assistant coaches for the Travel teams to attend the dinner.

7) Board Terms:

We have 5 members whose terms are up. Three of the members are going to retire, they are Jill, Tammy and Mike N. Noel thanked them for their many hours of service. Joel has decided to reapply for another 3 year term. Jamey will take the remaining 1 year term that Brian will leave in May.

A motion was made by Mike N that Jamey can take Brian's remaining one year term. Mark seconded the motion. All present at the meeting voted to approve.

We haven't received any outside applicants yet, but have a couple people who have expressed interest. Mike N and Noel will make an announcement this weekend at the boys house tournament awards ceremony letting parents know that we do have openings and that they can get the application on our website. Interviews for new board members will take place at our next meeting, March 28th.

Election of Officers: Beginning this year, Officers will be elected pursuant to the amended By-Laws. Members that are interested in any one of the Officer positions should send their request to Noel.

Mark D would like to start training in a Treasurer as he only has one year left on his term. If you are interested, please contact Mark or Noel.

8) Policies and Procedures Manual:

Noel presented to the Board a rough draft of RAYBA's new Policies and Procedures manual.

Mark made a motion that everyone read through the manual and bring it to the next meeting with anything that you disagree with or that you feel is missing or inaccurate.

9) Scholarship/Hardships:

Discussion on how RAYBA should handle hardship cases. We have two different travel families with medical issues this season. The question was asked if we can refund the families their fee from this season.

Also discussed was the fact that next year we need to talk about opening up the scholarship's to travel players. We will add this to a future meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10

Future Meetings:

March 28th – 6:30 – Rogers Community Center

April 11th – 6:30 – Rogers Community Center

Action Items:

- 1) Post 1/17/10 meeting minutes to website - Chris
- 2) Spring Tourney Save the Date Email sent out - Steve
- 3) Equipment Return Email to Coaches - Patrick
- 4) Read Policies and Procedures Draft - Everyone