

1/7/25 Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Kristin Hort, Melanie Kern, Billy Pekarski, Matt Maziarz, Karen Hakenson, Shana Farnsworth, Kara Harlow, Hillary Barlow, Alina Canha, Candice Wilkins, Bill Templeton, Sean Foley, Denise Butler, Cat Wu, Jamie Holmes, Kathy Knapp, Tyler Dunn, Jason Upham, John Catistrano

- I. Old Business
- II. Voting Roll Call: HS – none, MS – Bill Templeton, JrB – John C Instructional – Karen Hankelson, Travel – Matt, Travel - Candice
 - a. Minutes from December 2025 - Approved by Voting board
- III. Current Business
 - a. Finances
 - i. Financials
 1. Registration fees processed thus far: \$130,035.00 for 2025 / 2026, \$603 over last year – These have been processed; Few more to come and process
 2. Ticket sales for fundraiser – 11 tickets sold so far
 3. Veteran’s clinic - \$3032 brought in, \$285 for gym fee, \$169.50; Net - \$2577.50, ½ goes to WA, ½ to WYBA; Kristin to check where the money goes
 4. Matt Cotter - \$500 donated through work; Candice \$500 through work
 5. Advertising yard signs, Blanchard Scoreboard, Audit Fee all paid in full
 6. Travel refs to be paid twice, first at the end of January
 - a. Good amount of Rec refs signed up for Venmo;
 - b. Registrar
 - i. Discussing minutes – to be put sent to board and Kathy to post on website for public in PDF form
 - c. Uniforms
 - i. Travel uniforms should be all set, if anyone needs new sizes, call Frontline directly
 - ii. Good for ref shirts
 - iii. Rec tee shirts are all delivered except hot shot girls to be finished at the end of the week.
 - iv. Must order championship shirts, Cat to set up a contest for T-shirt designs, she will set it up and organize
 - d. Equipment
 - i. Pete - Size 4 basketballs for instructional, Shana to ship to his house
 - ii. Abbot Scoreboard – control box not working so trying to replace, this will take the place of the broken scoreboard; new part has been ordered and is coming
 1. Receipt to be sent to Alina to get reimbursed and Denise to get reimbursed for replacement part of control box

- iii. Miller and Abbot but have dysfunctional scoreboards, \$18500 for both, \$6K saved from last year fundraiser

IV. Travel

- a. Girls – Going well, no specific updates
- b. Boys – 2 kids got technicals (3 technicals per kid before suspended); little bit of a slow start but overall going well, no parent issues to far
- c. Matt proposal for 4th grade development program (boys and girls)
 - i. One 4th grade team, many parents upset; other towns do “unofficial teams” to have extra practices and some non-league games; low pressure, does not impact rec, have to play rec as well;
 - ii. Combo of ESB and travel boys to head up
 - iii. 4th grade boys would be selected to have this opportunity – based on rec performance, ? coaches nominate players
 - iv. Good opportunity for kids to be exposed to real refs, running plays, etc; about 3-4 games
 - v. 12 kids for program
 - vi. Pelham, Groton, Matt has contacts of 5th division coaches
 - vii. Cost would be gym time and hiring refs – roughly \$100, should not exceed amount that travel kids played
 - viii. Uniform – basic about \$22 for pinnie with numbers
 - ix. VOTE on PILOT PROGRAM and registration cost of \$100 – YES unanimous vote
- d. Code of Conduct
 - i. Next year, putting together player oriented code of conduct for them to read and sign
 - ii. Cam and Asia – coaches for ?HS, want to meet with them on how to draw more girls into basketball
 - 1. Question splitting young kids into gender specific earlier, perhaps 1st grade to get them more confident; depends on numbers of participation may have higher girl turnout

V. Rec

- a. Schedules complete and uploaded
- b. CORI – Few needed to be fixed and resubmitted, Shana to follow up with individual divisions on tis
- c. Ref Assignments
 - i. Some kids double booked by mistake
 - ii. Tyler – ESB, Jenna – JRB assignments
- d. Divisions
 - i. Karen – Few reminders to coaches about even time for players; numbers are good, some teams a bit stronger, reminders to remove jewelry; plan to do another
 - ii. Tyler – Aside from scoreboard issue, not issues; don’t understand no press rule
 - iii. John Cannistrano JRB – Talked to Kristin about redoing first aid kit at Abbot; needed it over the weekend and was a bit of a mess

- 1. Talked about walkie a custodian to clean body fluids
- iv. Bill Templeton MSG – 4 teams, “rolling along”
- v. HS – 12 players, pick up style, good mix, 10 girls, 2 boys; had a lot of fun; Going to try to spread the word to increase participation; have to figure out gym time week to week; To send email to group about summary of what the program is and we can send out to Rec Coaches
- e. Instructional League
 - i. Ready to start
 - ii. Peter to see Kathy Knapp about changing coaches around
 - iii. Good turn out for Hot Shot coaches – good to feel out parents for board positions / instructional directors will be needed

VI. Initiatives

- a. Continuity of coaches, recruiting directors from instructional league parent coaches
- b. WA at the Garden, tickets still on sale \$20 for both games, contest for travel teams
- c. UML Game – Men’s game 2/16 – Kathy to create a little blurb to send to travel and rec teams and social media
- d. Swag Store - \$245 profit, little more than last year, will send to Alina
- e. HS Senior Scholarships – will need panel to review applicants
- f. For next year – think about promoting program to Littleton / Ayer to get feelers if they may want to join our league; Perhaps in March, will reach out to neighboring towns to let them know what we offer and if they have kids to participate
- g. Fundraiser – Small committee in place, emails sent to travel coaches to coordinate raffle baskets, discussion of table set up, Jamie Homes has 4 high top tables we can use, may be able to get others, discussed 10 round tables and the rest high tops, asking about 3rd “wine and beer” bartender due to long lines

NEXT MEETING – Feb 4th 7:00 P