

December 2023
RYBA Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chris Martin, Sara Burns, Dan Ash, Joanna Winston, Jason Amos, Sarah Barsness, Brian Jorgenson, Brian Ollison

Welcome

Budget Update

- Joanna sent out the most recent statement of activity
- Expenses - Rochester Hotel, Girls Coaches stayed at a different hotel and it was for the Hilton (will reimburse for rate at Centerstone)
- How are we getting the \$ for people paying for the tournament via the website
- **ACTION STEP: Email Alana and Megan and CC Joanna with this question**
- Discussion about shortage of teams, and impact to budget
- Discussion about teams who are going to the WBL tournament (vs ours) and whose associations we've gone to theirs in the past and how we should address next season
- Discussion about dates and/or expectations for budgeting more conservatively for next season

GIRLS TRAVEL

- Sign up for state (all players need to fill out the MYAS roster)

ACTION STEPS - send an email to families to send pictures to RYBAHOOPS@gmail

LITTLE HOOPERS

- Dan met with two parents interested in helping
- Things are going well
- Have whistles and balls. Emergency kit in the office
- The parents asked for a volunteer coach meeting before the first games to help set the tone
- Discussion about hoop height

ACTION STEP - build in a coaches meeting before the start of the season, LH/IH/Travel

BOYS TRAVEL

- Things going well
- 8th grade team is doing well and they are moving up to more A brackets
- 4th and 7th going well
- Overall record 60 and 40
- Five championships
- Expenses for Grade State - Chris and Jason will connect offline
- 4th grade and 8th grade signing up for discount tournament
- Another team signing up for another discount tournament

- Paid coaches missing games and tournaments discussion
- RYBA Night at the high school - Timm talking to Heidi/Kami (girls) and we will tell him to talk to Brian for boys - **ACTION STEP: Get the dates and post online and via social media and send an email**
- Discussion about RYBA Night at private colleges
- Do we still want to form a grievance committee?
 - Ask HS Boosters if a couple of those parents are interested (have in back pocket)

TOURNAMENT UPDATE

1. We are currently at 165 teams. We are leaving registration open until after winter break, then we will start making brackets.
2. We did another email blast to try and get all past organizations to re-register in our tournament however, White bear lake has moved their tournament to the same weekend and with their shiny new facilities they have pulled organizations from us that had previously played in our tournament. Their tournament is currently at 216 teams. Not sure if they will keep this same weekend next year?
3. My one question is concessions. Were we able to pass the information off to Jodi, Sara, and Sara? If not could it be shared with me so I can?
4. Jodi, Sara and Sarah will help with concessions
5. Make the January meeting tournament planning only - and make it festive. **ACTION STEP - share this update with the board and confirm attendance by board members**

JAM THE GYM

- Get the dates - boys and girls
- Confirm the kids in jerseys get in free
- Make a promotion plan
- Figure out what we want to do at half time

Thanks everyone. Reach out with any questions!

2024 PLANNING- MARCH MEETING

- Get the dates for events in 2024
 - Tryouts
 - Picnic
 - Coach interviews - openings for next year
 - Opening registration
 - Determine who is aging out (board members)
 - Fundraising plan for 2024 - 2025
 - What are the jobs we need?
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GYM RELATED - PING CHAD WITH ANY QUESTIONS

GIRLS IN HOUSE

Here are GIH notes. No critical updates, just some notes mostly.

- Still collecting code of conduct forms.
- In contact with Heidi George and Kami Orff regarding RYBA night at the HS varsity game.
- Most shirts are distributed to players and coaches. Still have one or two left to hand out.
- Sending out requests to all in-house coaches, girls and boys, for player highlights from each game. I'd like to put these highlights on the RYBA Facebook page. Plan is to send Sarah B highlights on Wednesdays after each game for sharing to the Facebook page. So far no takers. I'll keep e-mailing coaches.

Regarding boys in-house, Chad and I heard from the boys 7/8 coaches that the NMBL referees at Chippewa are going really easy on fouls. One coach expressed concerns about the safety of players. Chad is working on an e-mail to NMBL. We've had no injuries reported to us, but Chad and I will work out the message we want to send.