

MYA Basketball Meeting Agenda - @7:00pm MYA Building or Google Meets  
3/21/22

Faith Allen (left 8pm), Bryan Duggan, Dan Valuzzi., Derek Eastman, Alyssa Smokler, Scott Grant(left at 8pm) Dan Ricker, Google Meets (Jen Moroe and Mary Watkinson (left at 8pm)

Absent - Chrissy Demarias

Call to order at 7:01.

Discussion and open to the public - **no public**

Approval of minutes February 2022: Faith Allen, 2nd Dan Valuzzi. All approve 8-0-0

#### **Old Business:**

- Foul- shot a thon schedule - 3/26 from 8:30am to 4:15pm Thortons Ferry Gym
- Coaches evaluation sheet final version - Maria added that it would be nice to have a question about a possibility of a summer league or summer clinic

#### **Equipment**

- Collection - 3/26 at Thortons Ferry Gyn 9am-3pm
- Senior Trophies - Scott will communicate with Chrissy about ordering trophies
- Chrissy - another time? - not in attendance to answer that and the time was agreed upon by board members in attendance

#### **Financial Report**

- All money and donations were deposited into TD Bank account - Dan Ricker thanked Alyssas Smokler for all the hard work she has done to get local businesses donating money to the program \$2,014.80 YTD.

#### **End of Season Thoughts and Goals for 2022/23**

- Draft -
  - Good discussion about the draft. Derek Eastman and Dan Ricker agreed that the PWB draft was hectic and way too many kids. PWG was a little chaotic as well. Maria Helminen mentioned that we could have like 3 or 4 individual stations were we cycle kids through the gym showing off the main basketball skills.
- Equipment distribution -
  - shirt sizes were off
  - Many coaches had reversible jersey sizes that were too big for their players and had to be returned for a smaller size. We talked about a maybe having a time where parents can come in an pick out their shirt or teams come in to pick out shirts. New shirts were ordered and will be used for 2022/23 season. Also the thought was using the warm up shirt sizes as an estimate on the sizes for the teams. Chrissy Desmarias was not in attendance to respond to the matter.

- Scheduling -
  - Dan Ricker was doing the scheduling and he said that it was a challenge learning a new scheduling system. He feels confident in the process now. There is an opening for a board position as a scheduler. The main complaint from parents was that playoffs were on school vacation weeks. The board will look at this with a narrow focus in the off season. Back to back games for the playoffs were another point of contention. We will take a look at this during the 2022/23 season.
  - Practices: The board and coaches prefer to go back to the 1.5 hours time slots for practices. Courts will be split with the same divisions to allow for the possibility of a scrimmage. Also, the board will finalize which division get first pick of practice time slots.
- Board Member at Championship
  - Jen Monroe brought up that the board should have more coverage of the semi finals and finals than just the league coordinator. She also mentioned that board staff should do the book/clock. Most of the board agreed that there should be at least 2 board members at these championship game
  - Jen Moroe also mentioned giving participation medals to PWG teams. Point was noted with no action items.
- Senior girls
  - Bedford declined to allow Merrimack to participate in the 2021/22 season. There were multiple times when no one showed up for practice and games. The season was eventually canceled. Faith Allen said that she is not sure why this happened.
- Tables in APR are dangerous.
  - Board members, coaches and parents expressed concern over the new table configuration and bleacher set up at JMUES APR. Dan Ricker talked to the Eboard on multiple occasions about an alternative with no resolution. MYA basketball played the games in that gym. Dan Ricker will continue to ask for a resolution prior to the start of the next season. Another option is that we do not use JMUES APR for games and only use MES and SMITH gyms. This would require a longer duration of time required at the gyms listed. Starting at 8:30am until 6pm was an option to get all the games in.
- MES getting to the gym was icy and very wet
  - During a snow or ice event it was noted that the walk from the parking lot to the MES gym was treacherous and needed more treatment for the safety of the players, coaches and staff.
- Sportsmanship for parents
  - Derek Eastman and Scott Grant, brought up how they felt that the sportsmanship of the parents this year was particularly hard to deal with. They felt there was a lot of complaining from the parents to the refs, coaches and in the stands. The question of how do we get parents to “relax” a little bit is something we need to figure out going forward.
- Referee should be better.. Take a training refs - New refs

- Majority of the board was in agreement that the refs could have been better in overall officiating as well as de-escalating situations. It was brought up by multiple board members that officials could have walked away after a game was over or handled a situation differently to avoid a conflict. Dan Ricker mentioned that we can have a coaches/ref meeting with Dave Zwicker to answer some of these concerns. Dan Ricker also mentioned that the cost per ref is going up to \$45 per game. Maria Helminen asked if there are “new refs” that we could request.

### **New Business**

- Bylaws review (part 1) - there was a confusion about the documents and this was not done

### **Open Discussion:**

Next Meeting: April 18, 2022 - 7pm at the MYA Building or on Google Meets