

MYA Basketball Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2025

Recorded by: Sheri Q

Call to Order: 7:03

In person Attendees: Sheri, Amy, Jim, Stacey, Dave, Jaymes, Pat, Meaghan, Bill

Missing: Chrissy, Russ

Public Comments: None- Chris, Jim and Nicole here to observe.

Equipment Status: (Stacey)

Coaches returned bags tonight.

Need to check out condition of balls, some are not holding air

Need more ice packs- will wait until Summer to order.

I need to make a decision on jerseys for next year.

-Petrocelli will come to a meeting to discuss future shirts/jerseys

Treasurer Report: Pat

- free throw fundraising value \$5,508 raised, Net \$4,388.84 after 99 pledges fee and prizes.
- Concessions \$202 concessions (loss) 120 socks \$273 (163 paid out) /5050 raffle value.
- Bank balance vs QuickBooks discussed.
- Operating at \$-5,200 deficit but free throws fundraiser hasn't posted yet. Should come out close to even on the year.

Board Member position review:

- Board members leaving.
 - After discussion about CD not attending meetings due to work and other personal obligations, JL communicated with her, and she seemed in agreement that we might be better having someone else in the position. The board voted unanimously to remove the CD from the board.
 - DE Resigned
 - JM Resigned
- Reviewed JL's sheets on possible reconfiguration of board positions. We will circle back to this at the next meeting.

Positions that will be open: Director, Scheduler, Secretary, Equipment Manager, Tournament Coordinator, Junior Girls, Intermediate Boys, Instructional/K

Discussion on adding a travel division to our program. JL spoke to the executive board, and they would like a proposal if we would like to move forward with this. AM volunteered to put together a proposal to have for the next board meeting and we can discuss it before bringing them to the executive board.

Discussion on merging divisional coordinator positions to have one for each division instead of one for boys and one for girls.

Coordinator reports:

Instructional/K (Amy): Season has been over but great season, overall. We had a preseason meeting with K coaches that made sure everyone was on the same page. We need to continue being thoughtful about who is selected to head coach the K program since they are responsible for bringing excitement and engaging the kids, while helping organize coaches to drills and stations. Managing K and Boys/Girls instructional is manageable with good communication to coaches.

PW Girls (Jim): Pretty good season. More training for coaches at the beginning of the season would be helpful and communication of rules at the beginning of the season will be enforced.

PW Boys (Meaghan): Everything ended well. Similar comments to Jim to communicate things to coaches to make sure everyone is on the same page.

Amy and Jim both want to talk about adjusting play time rules to be less black and white.

Need to reevaluate pressing rules for peewee boys.

JR Girls (Jen): not here

JR Boys (Sheri): Overall, all is well. Huge thank you to Dave Schaub for helping to monitor playing time for a semifinal game and the championship game since SQ's son was playing and it would have been a conflict of interest. I had a lot of feedback from people about how happy we were actually enforcing MYA rules this year. Also had some feedback from a couple of coaches that parents were unhappy with them because they weren't able to "play to win" in the playoffs. A few incidents of inappropriate/disrespectful behavior towards coordinators while enforcing playing time rules in playoff games.

Jr Boys white team went 1-2 in ZG Icebreaker tournament (parents and kids all thought it was a great experience)

Jr Boys blue faced much larger teams (not sure how they assign brackets/divisions, but it did not seem to be done appropriately) but they held their own and parents told me that they and their kids were just happy they got to play more basketball.

Int Boys (Derek): Not here. Four boys suspended this year for techs, according to DE.

INT Girls (Bill): Girls had a great season. Won the Bedford league championship. Refs were a bit confused when they were playing Bedford rules in Merrimack.

SR Boys (Chrissy- Not here): Late sign-ups helped. I need a draft next year.

DS would like no practices on Tues or Fri next year due to conflicts for players.
Less time slots are needed as the teams typically just turn it into a pickup game.

Other ending season thoughts:

JB would like an email sent out to encourage 6th grade girls to continue with MYA next year
JL says Bedford does a summer program and is hoping they will allow Merrimack girls.
DS would like MYA to have their own summer skills camp: 5 days, 9-2, two separate weeks for different age groups.
JL asked for summer gym time to hold our own camp/clinic and was told no by Judy
We can use Wasserman, just have to do different time than O'Leary.
DS would rather find an indoor space, so we don't have to worry about the weather.

SR put together a draft post-season coach survey and a family survey for board to review and send out.

RC sent in notes:
He liked that we implemented man to man for first half
Enjoyed senior league.
I want to revisit playtime rules.
Wants rules for defense to go away for senior league.

AM wants to define what skills should be taught for each age level so we can have clearer skill development goals.

DS would like to expand the coaching clinic.

JB wants more time allotted for playoff games because everything fell behind and was rushed this year.

Discussion on lowering hoop to 9 ft for peewees

JL wants to address time outs.

MH wants to address the length of season.

Discussion on evaluations for next year because we need to figure out how to create better parity on teams. Having a travel program may cure some of this naturally.

Need time between evaluations and draft to compile rankings and hold pre-draft meeting to reconcile rankings.

Get rid of preseason games to help shorten season.

Kindergarten season can run parallel to Instructional Season but will need to have more diversity in skill sin drills to keep kids engaged.

Instructional programs should be reviewed for format and what skill development is expected.

SQ mentioned it would be nice to have more involvement from high school, maybe as part of our plans to have a bigger day for foul-shot-a-thon.

75 min games worked well. But I need to make 90 minutes minimum for Championship games.

Discussion on sponsors for next year and fundraisers at restaurants

Discussed possible ways to better run the foul shot a thon.

Can we add a parent/coach division?

Add dedicated "counters" to avoid false reporting.

Swag was a success, and we should add more options/pre order for sale at evaluations.

We discussed having sub committees and zooms if needed as we are tackling a lot of changes.

Background checks discussion for next year

Overall skill development goals are needed for all age levels.

Technical Foul/Resulting suspension language should be reviewed and updated.

Next meeting April 23, 2025

Adjourned 9:43