

Merrimack Youth Association Basketball Program
Board Meeting Agenda
Date: September 8th, 2025
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: MYA building 487 DW Hwy Merrimack NH 03054

1. Call to Order: 7:02 PM

2. Roll Call / Attendance:

- Dave Schaub: Director; Director@myabasketball.org: PRESENT
 - Pat Traynor: Treasurer; treasurer@myabasketball.org: **intention to resign as treasurer with interested member**: PRESENT
 - Amy Malone: Information and Communications; info@myabasketball.org: PRESENT via phone
 - Geoff Adams: Equipment Manager; equipment@myabasketball.org: PRESENT
 - Jaymes Larkin: Scheduler; schedule@myabasketball.org: PRESENT via phone
 - Courtney Schaub: Intermediate/Senior Coordinator; Intermediate@myabasketball.org: PRESENT
 - Chris Lupoli: Travel Coordinator; Travel@myabasketball.org: PRESENT via phone
 - Jim Bergin: Junior Coordinator; juniorbasketball@myabasketball.org: PRESENT
 - Stacey Romano: Secretary; secretary@myabasketball.org: PRESENT
 - Meaghan Healey: Peewee Coordinator; peeweebasketball@myabasketball.org: **ABSENT**
 - James Ferreira: Volunteer Coordinator; fundraising@myabasketball.org: PRESENT
 - Tournament Coordinator; tournament@myabasketball.org: Member resigned, position **vacant**
 - K/Instructional Coordinator; : **vacant**
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3. Approval of Minutes: August minutes approved

4. New Business:

- **Member Update/Open positions:**

-James Ferreira has been voted in as Fundraising Coordinator effective 8/20/25 via e-ballot system sent and compiled after the August meeting where he expressed ongoing interest in assisting the board with open positions. Review interest in K/Instructional coordinator role and treasurer with tournament coordinator now open as Sheri Quirion has resigned as tournament coordinator effective 8/20/25.

-Zach Rioux joined the meeting to share his interest in the Treasurer position. He shared his background in sports and professionally which both support his ability to undertake the role of Treasurer as Pat Traynor has been staying on in the position of Treasurer until a member is able to take over the role as a courtesy to the board.

-Zach Rioux (2 years) has been officially voted in as Treasurer

-Pat Traynor has been voted in as K/Instructional Coordinator (1 year) as he had one year left on his term in the previous role of treasurer.

- **Email threads organized/separated by topic:** Quick review of keeping emails contained by general topic and beginning new threads for new topics.
- **Tournament Update:** Dave shared an update for the grade levels who will play for each date. Our new travel teams will be playing in this tournament. Discussion was had regarding development of the tournament teams under the recreational umbrella. The tournament teams would likely be enrolled in 2 total tournaments with the goal to enroll them in tournaments that offer different divisions. Gym time is set for Veterans Day weekend and the following weekend for our town tournament in which our travel teams will enroll. MES gym is closed for repairs until October.

- **Co-ed Instructional Discussion:** Dave discussed the pros to combined girl/boy divisions for K-2 such that all instructional divisions would be co-ed. This aligns with other town sports which run their recreational divisions as co-ed. It would be combined by grade so that there would be mixed Kindergarten, mixed 1st and mixed second. Motion made to approve combining girls/boys by grade level at grades K-2 with all in favor (A. Malone not yet on call for this portion).
- **Flyers for Schools:** Discussion regarding creation of flyers to send home at the instructional divisions. Amy will develop a flyer to share and Dave will reach out to the principals for approval and numbers with Paper Graphics providing the flyers once developed.
- **Review player evaluation details (travel/tournament/rec):**

-Dave and Courtney have been running travel tryouts. Some cuts will be made with tryouts ending this weekend. Chris did send out communications for commitment at grade 4 boys to ensure we had the numbers to field a team.

-Tournament team tryouts will run similar to travel tryout format to assess skills.

-Rec player assessments will go back to a station format. 6 stations will be laid out with committed station evaluators at each station versus rotating. A number 1 would be the best and so forth. No more than 10 players per team is the goal.

-At the October meeting we will review the date for Tournament team tryouts since we decided the Merrimack Tournament would not be appropriate for those teams.

-Amy offered to develop communication for those players that do not make a travel team as they can then try out for a tournament team if they choose.

- **Fundraising for the season:** Convenient MD is donating \$1,000 and would like to know what they get: advertisement on the website, banner and potentially announcement at half time during playoffs. James F shared the popcorn fundraiser option. 25% of proceeds on October 1st at Qdoba in Merrimack will go to MYA basketball. Tucker's will be giving gift cards to MYA basketball which we will determine how to utilize. Thirsty Moose will be in July or August of 2026 which will be roughly 10% of proceeds back (to be determined). Fishercats tickets from the summer game raised \$165. We will have one more Fisher Cats game. We decided to move forward with the popcorn fundraiser. Fisher Cats is also offering a date for next summer and James F will reach out.
- **Equipment update: medals and shirts for tournament, ordering needs (basketballs etc.):** The MYA tournament should determine a number by mid October to place a tshirt order of 75% of team numbers with a link/QR code to order if we run out with an end date; Geoff will check with Petrocelli. Geoff will also go through Crown Trophy for winning team medals. Red boxes will need to be updated. Icepacks will need to be ordered.
- **Bylaws review and additional trainings needed for coaches/Vote:** Travel was updated in the bylaws, new positions were clarified and formatting was fixed. Motion was made to approve the new bylaws which was approved by all. Chris needs the updated bylaws to share with the travel league and Dave will share with the e-board.
- **Rules Updates/Vote:** Coaches now need to be background checked. Team insurance requires coach training for sensitive topics much like safesport training. Safesport does have a written document that will be shared with the coaches for this year at minimum and Dave will contact the Merrimack school district to inquire if we could access Vector Trainings for the coaches. Rule updates were

shared and discussed. Discussed 9ft hoops for peewee which would mean their division playoffs would be at MES versus Smith. Motion made to approve the rules change with all approved with the exception of a flagrant foul equaling a 1 game suspension per referee feedback and board discretion of malicious intent; Dave will fix.

- **½ Time shows:** The athletic director continues to be open to this for teams to play a scrimmage at ½ times.
- **Jamboree:** Kaitlyn Petrocelli will assist with the instructional jamboree stations with her team.
- **Travel Program update to include discussion from community member comment:**

-Luke Horkey, community member and previous coach, expressed questions regarding rules around playing in travel and rec and group discussion around ensuring team parity. The group discussed the various ways we have attempted to ensure team parity and ongoing ways we are looking to further aim for parity.

-There are no 8th grade boys playing for a travel team due to a coaching conflict which will be further discussed.

- **Board shirts/uniform updates:** Dave has released the board member attire to order. Try-on uniforms will be here by Friday for sizing events in both boy and girl cuts. Players will get a coupon code to order uniforms for both travel and rec programs with option for add on swag. There will be a 4 week turn around for uniforms. Travel players pay for their uniform to include shorts and rec players it is included however rec players can pay for add on shorts. Sales give MYA “signature dollars” to buy a variety of items which is roughly 5% of sales.

5. Public Comment: comments shared above

6. Adjournment:

Next Meeting: Thursday October 16th 7:00 PM

Adjourned at: 9:07 PM