**HOLLIS BROOKLINE BASKETBALL CLUB MEETING**

**August 2, 2016**

Attending:

 Board Ryan Kelley, David Leclerc, Janet Lussier, Jennifer Razzaboni, Tim Stack, Tori Thomas, Kristy Trombley

 Community Michelle and Dave Guay (Uniform & Equipment Coordinator), Brian Follensbee, Jim Santos, John Wertz

Location: Brookline Fire Station

1. **Uniforms and Equipment**

Dave Guay led a presentation outlining last season’s uniforms for both Brookline and Hollis for the Instructional, Recreation and Travel programs. He discussed options addressing quality, longevity, price points, and turnaround time for various products and made recommendations for each division. The Board agreed that the Instructional league will receive a new t-shirt each year with the cost built into the registration fees. For the Recreational program, Kristy motioned that new jerseys be purchased each year with numbers assigned. Through registration fees, parents will purchase the appropriate size jersey and royal blue shorts as needed. Tim seconded the motion and all were in favor. For the Travel program, Tim recommended that the Travel uniforms be the reversible jerseys with players requesting individual numbers. Shorts will be single ply royal blue and can be purchased as needed. Each year, Travel coaches will be responsible to ensure there are no duplicated numbers within the team. Travel parents will be directed to the Local Pro Sports website to purchase their child’s uniform. Dave seconded the motion and all were in favor. The Board will create a uniform budget to guide Dave as he makes final recommendations for each division.

Dave will provide design ideas for both uniforms and spirit wear. Spirit wear will be available for purchase on the Local Pro Sports website.

Separately, Dave Guay will be working to get the RMMS hoop fixed before the beginning of the season.

1. **Registration System**

In accordance with the Board’s decision at the July meeting, Dave purchased the League Athletics registration system. Dave will secure a third party domain registration and Ryan will confirm the DNS.

1. **Club Infrastructure**

Jenn obtained an Employer Identification Number (EIN) for the Hollis Brookline Basketball Club and will coordinate with Dave to set up the checking account. Jenn will also gather information for upcoming equipment costs, (i.e., basketballs, scorebooks, etc.).

1. **Travel Program**

As Travel Director, Tim led the discussion for the Travel teams’ formation and related guidelines. The Board had significant discussions and noted that each year will present different challenges. Generally, the Travel program will follow the guidelines below:

* A player must be a Brookline or Hollis resident
* Teams should be formed in alignment with MSBL league guidelines:
	+ Grade 3 and/or 4
	+ Grade 5 and/or 6
	+ Grade 7 and/or 8
* Teams will follow MSBL recommendations to form “A” and “B” teams versus multiple “B” teams
* HB players will only be allowed to play within the MSBL division by their grade, (i.e., 5/6 players are not allowed to play in grade 7/8).
* Players can only be on one roster and play on one Travel team
* All HB players will be assessed for Travel by a minimum of two coaches and one independent evaluator
* Travel teams will be formed based on player assessments
* Travel teams will not be required to have equal players from each town
* HBBC will strive to be in alignment with MSBL “A” and “B” teams with conditions around numbers, coaches and gym time

There was significant discussion about HB Middle School players playing on both a middle school team and grade 7/8 Travel team. The Board agreed to allow players to play on both teams assuming the numbers work with available gym time. This will need to be further reviewed as tryouts are underway. In the past, Travel teams have been formed before middle school teams have been selected. This timing has created challenges in that some families wish to play for one team only but do not know if they will be selected for the school team. The Board would like to move the Travel tryouts closer to the dates of the middle school tryouts to better manage the process. It will be important to balance the timing so that Travel teams have an opportunity to practice and become a team before games begin. This process will be fluid and the Board is committed to establishing better communication throughout the process.

There will be three weeks of open gym time for grades 3 – 9 beginning September 26th. More information will follow.

1. **Recreation Program**

Kristy reported that the town of Wilton is interested in inter-town play, as well as, Milford and Amherst. Kristy will be setting up meetings with the towns near the end of August. Kristy will also forward a sample code of ethics for coaches, players, and parents to Dave so that he can alter them and create one for HBBC.

1. **Updates**

Coaching materials: Ryan reported that he has received some coaching materials. The due date is August 5th.

 Marketing: Dave will contact Joe Kifer to create a draft flyer to be distributed to students the first week of

 school. The flyer will promote the merged basketball program reminding people basketball programs

 begin in the fall with open gym starting in the end of September. Joe will also bring examples of advertising

 signs to be set up in strategic places throughout Brookline and Hollis.

1. **Next Meeting Agenda**

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 24, 2016 @ 7:30pm at the Hollis Town Hall Community Room. The agenda will include the following:

1. Back to school marketing: flyer and curb signs
2. HBBC League Athletics registration and website update
3. Coaching materials, next steps (Ryan)
4. Determine Travel coach interest at each grade
5. Discuss analysis of number of teams supported by available gym space (Dave)
6. Travel updates
7. Recreation updates
8. Identify near-term actions requiring action in September – October timeframe
9. Develop and discuss High School Assistant Coaching program