**Guilford Basketball League Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 7, 2016 8:00pm, Guilford Community Center**

Board Members in attendance: Bruce Freeman, Damien Lynch, Alex Weekes, Jamie Mikolay, Thatcher Zuse, Enrique Rivera, Bernadette LaFrance

President Bruce Freeman opened the meeting at 8:05pm by updating the group on some miscellaneous items and reviewing some events that took place since our last meeting. GBL coach Scott Markovich received a Positive Coaching Alliance national award at the high school last week and was officially recognized and congratulated for his coaching efforts at the meeting.

Vice President Damien Lynch filled in the group about the results of the GBL online survey. Parents who visited the GBL site could take the open-ended survey. Damien said there was lots of material, lots to read. The subcommittee (Phil Goldberg, Chris Gambardella and Heather Grattan) has met three times and will meet one more time. All good feedback from the surveys, especially toward the Rec League.

Bruce and Damien also mentioned that the Skillz and Drillz Summer Basketball Camp dates are posted on website. Parks and Rec will be up on website as well. There are some spring activities also going on which are not posted on the website and travel coaches were reminded that the GBL umbrella for insurance and other official practices and tournaments was over, coaches are on their own. In addition, League Athletics site will now be able to issue refunds on the website.

Minihoops Coordinator Jamie Mikolay said that there were some parent videos taken of Minihoops workouts this winter, she would get them to Bruce for editing to put on the website.

President Freeman requested that the Positive Coaching Alliance membership renewal for the upcoming season was $300 and the motion passed without objection.

Thatcher Zuse asked whether there was a possibility about changing the travel uniform design. Travel uniforms for girls specifically were discussed, may look at a different style and different cut.

Timing of travel coach selection was discussed. May move the travel coach interviews and selection to next spring 2017 for the fall season, but there were some challenges to this option. Discussion continued regarding training of travel and rec coaches but could also apply to new coaches who might be interested. Coaching Coordinator Christian Appleman stated he could host some coaching clinics in the fall for interested parents.

Travel Coordinator Enrique Rivera discussed the GBL’s travel league affiliation. Possible Big Ten league involvement discussed, CSBL may not be the answer especially for the girls. Issue with the Big Ten is the skill level is not quite as good. Political issues also involved with some towns not willing to play other towns. CSBL is probably best fit for GBL, discussion needs to continue. High School gym use for GBL was also discussed. The main high school gym could have three potential rec games going on at one time. More discussion needed at all levels before this becomes a consideration.

Final wrap up points – clarify some policies regarding rec players playing travel and also some travel coaching points of emphases regarding roster spots.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.