**Guilford Basketball Membership Meeting**

16 June 2016, Guilford Community Center, Leete Room, 8:00pm

Board Member Attendees: Bruce Freeman, Phil Goldberg, Jamie Mikolay, Enrique Rivera, Chris Gambardella, Christian Appleman, Mark Matlosz

President Freeman opened the meeting with a brief summary of last meeting, specifically some rules proposals which will be discussed here tonight.

It was decided that we would review some specific rules tonight for more discussion later as the season nears, but when the season actually starts whatever is decided, all rules for each specific age group would be at scorer’s table for the officials, especially the young referees who may be bouncing from gym to gym. This keeps everything organized for coaches and officials and provides a single, clear, concise document. For example, one of the rules under consideration is that if a team does not have enough players, do they play a 4-on-4 game or is it a forfeit? And should this apply only to regular season games? Also, if a player arrives late, he goes into the last slot in the rotation sheet (if you have 8 players, he goes in at number 9). Also some discussion concerning pressing which is actually just full court man-to-man, which both 7th and 8th grade boys and girls can do but we need to create a uniform policy for both groups and both grade levels. More discussion about this later in future meetings.

President Freemen also announced that GBL provided two scholarships to graduating seniors -- Mark Healy and Samantha Shank were the GBL Scholarship Award winners and each received a $500 check.

There was no other financial business or updates from Secretary Chris Gambardella.

The following dates were entered into the record as official dates for upcoming GBL events, which may be subject to change:

GBL Rec League registration opens August 24th, early bird registration ends September 9th. Travel coach interviews August 24th through September 1st. Travel coaches announced September 6th and 7th. Travel team tryouts September 12th through September 23rd. Travel teams announced September 28th and 29th. Rec practices will start October 31, more dates to be officially passed along later.

Travel Updates – Enrique Rivera talked about GBL’s desire (along with other area teams) to expand the Shoreline League but this possibility looks doubtful. He was trying to reach out to various contacts to make this “officially” happen, and Enrique proposed that we should meet again with CSBL League and formalize things even as they stand now. He also suggested the only way we can move forward on this issue is to keep talking about it and perhaps meet more frequently throughout the summer. The goal is to make the CSBL as good as it can be, despite the fact that in a few grade levels the number of teams or the competition may be less than desirable. We recommend, again, all coaches schedule friendly games as much as possible during the season. Enrique also suggested the need to advertise for travel coach positions, as we have done in the past. Finally, Enrique confirmed he will access the rooms at the Community Center for our August travel coach interviews.

MiniHoops update – Jamie Mikolay began by stating that various parents have emailed their favorite Minihoops drills to her and she will pass them along to Bruce and Christian Appleman, GBL Coaching Coordinator. She suggested we should make some videos of the simple drills which seemed to work for the Minihoops coaches. Jamie tried to get other parents to help coach by basically soliciting their interest, and she had mixed success. It was decided that GBL would try to obtain the town Little League coaching lists and who the LL volunteers were, in addition to handing out posters and flyers at elementary schools.

3-on-3 – Phil Goldberg talked about his “succession” plan as he will be moving out of his position as the person in charge of the 3-on-3. The issue is the parent of a 4th or 5th grade player may not be in position to help if their child makes the travel team so that might exclude them. It would be ideal for a new 4th grade parent to take over, if possible.

Coaching Coordinator – Christian Appleman had no new updates, but would work with Jamie on making some new GBL Minihoops videos, and he would also work with Bruce and Phil regarding videos on new GBL rules and/or interpretations.

In closing, Chris Gambardella suggested GBL send out a formal thank you to Scott Markovich and also Ashley’s for their generous support and it was decided we would.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm.