

**Wayzata Girls' Basketball Association  
Monthly Meeting - Minutes  
January 19, 2010**

**Next meeting : Tuesday, February 9th, 7pm @ St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church**

**1/19 Attendees:**

*Gregg Nelson – Stand-in Meeting Chair  
Doug Keller  
Eric Heidelberger  
Dave Hemkin  
Nancy Thiesen*

*Stephen Kaminski  
Dave Bryan  
Julie Wexler  
Ned Carroll  
Jill Feriancek*

**Action Items (summary from minutes for items open as of publication—see green highlight areas for full context):**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Owner(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>
Background Checks	1/19/2010	Dave Bryan to check in with all Rec coaches to determine who has not yet registered for background check, and get that done.	Dave Bryan	New/Pending
TL: Tournament Registration	1/19/2010	Jeff to confirm whether TL teams/coaches can register for their own state tournament, even if different from primary league, as long as cost is comparable--- <b>Update: Yes, Travel Lite teams can opt to play in a final tournament, MYAS State or not play at all.</b>	Jeff Johnson	Completed
Future Planning	1/19/2010	Julie to create and make available "Future Considerations" document, to capture from board discussions any ideas/improvements for future seasons.	Julie Wexler	In Progress

**Minutes:**

- **Opening/Introductions** – “round the horn” introductions
- **Treasurer’s Report/ 09-10 Budget Update – Jill Feriancek**
  - Budget tight but manageable—Estimated \$10K less than expected in Classic revenues, due to changes in concessions and registration \$ vs. last year
  - Final numbers for January still pending--- add'l tourney and MSB \$ requests still expected
  - We’re still “in the black”, but the pre-season buffer is significantly reduced
  - Need to review Classic registration expectations in planning next year’s budget (see Classic Update for ‘10-‘11 recommendations)
- **Background checks for coaches (\$16/pp as voted by board)**
  - o Those conducted have come back as satisfactory
  - o All coaches (Tvl/TL/Rec) were required to secure background checks; some have not yet done so. Dave B to review w/ all Rec coaches who has not yet registered for their background check
  - o Including the background check form/instructions at time of next year’s player/coach registration will help ensure compliance before season start
- **Wayzata Classic Update – Stephen, Kris, Sherry**  
Summary Read-out from Stephen:
  - Only 1 complaint out of 142 games!!
  - Facilities
    - o Good, overall

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- All middle schools have their challenges (spectator room, bench room, sideline room space) However, they worked well in general, and we just need to ensure referees know to make allowances in gyms w/ particularly tight spaces.
- Concessions:
  - Food options were good (incl. new items). However, less revenue was generated than last year, attributed to having more time between games, with more eating off-site than buying at concessions.
  - Concession location, particularly at CMS, was a challenge. The lunch-room was a good idea in theory, but because the cafeteria was out of the way, did not get as much traffic.
- Officiating:
  - Believed to go well, overall
  - Referee changes made this year were a definite improvement over last year
- Participation:
  - Down from last year; Rogers, Eden Prairie and Coon Rapids teams registered with other tournaments that same weekend + some expected "A" teams drawn to Orono tournament
  - The above constitutes approx 25 teams "missing" from this year's registration
  - Coon Rapids has indicated it will return to the Wayzata Classic next year
- Volunteers:
  - Had more than we needed, between parents and assistant coaches
  - Some parents didn't get assigned as there were more people than shifts/roles to fill
  - **Consideration for Next Season:**
    - Keep concessions in central area
    - Include this year's "new food" options in next year's menu
    - Keep benches on sidelines @ CMS courts, but work w/ referees to make adjustments in close quarters
    - Shorten timing between games to drive better revenue for on-location concessions. (Middle ground between this year's hour and last year's 5 minutes)
    - Use the this year's referee organization/coordinator again next year
    - Review teams not attending this year (see participation) and "sell" the Classic to regain registrants
- **Travel Update – Open Discussion**
  - Rochester coming up – coaches s/be aware already and registered
  - State Tournaments- additional registration \$ likely to be submitted
- **Travel Lite Update – Gregg Nelson**
  - State tournaments are included, but optional, so not registered on their behalf
  - Coaches will need to review w/ parents when/which
  - Attendee consensus seems to be that since state tourneys are in budget but optional, teams can pick alternative tournaments of equal cost, and register for those instead, if desired.  
*ACTION: Confirm w/ Jeff (completed, see Action Item Update)*
  - 6/7<sup>th</sup> grade is adding a tournament, but this will be at parents' personal expense
  - TL Survey to be sent at end of season as part of std WGBA survey--- travel lite-specific q's to be included
  - 4A & B teams—"B" team challenged for right level of competition; went to Becker tournament which seemed to work better since less intense level of play
  - No players cut this inaugural year— need to revisit for registration next year whether this worked or not.
  - Julie W to assist Gregg N in setting up post-season review of this new program. Coaches and team parent/coordinators to be part of the discussion; remainder of parent input expected thru the WGBA survey.

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o **Consideration for Next Season:**

- Review tryout/travel eligibility process, to balance the desire for all travel registrants to be on a travel team vs. minimum evaluation score before eligible for travel play
- Review player distribution process across teams w/in an age group
- Review current ('09-'10) registration for Grades 3+ (incl. rec) to project potential for next year's ('10-'11) TVL/TL lite registration

• **Rec Update – Darryl/Dave/Ned**

- o 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade seasons end in January
- o 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade end of year tourney will be 1 day, 10 games
- o 4<sup>th</sup> Grade on up leagues going well--- West Metro League seems to be working well
- o 4<sup>th</sup> Grade on up leagues run thru March

• **Website Update – Kelleigh Brandt**

- o No updates, per follow-up w/ Kelleigh

• **Facilities Update – Doug Keller**

- o Full transition of Facilities Director role to Eric Heidelberger on track for March hand-off
- o Re-scheduling at schools has been challenging; late-breaking info has created some conflicts
- o Travel team rosters have helped a lot, enabling scheduling coordinator to call coaches w/ late-breaking info
- o It's also been very useful to have Community Ed contact for opening facilities if locked/not ready
- o **Consideration for Next Season:**
  - Ensure team and Community Ed contact information complete and available to scheduling coordinator(s)

**WGBA Appreciation Nite**

- o Additional volunteers needed for help w/ cake & ice cream.  
*ACTION:* Julie to reach out to Sharks' 6<sup>th</sup> Grade TL team parents for help - 7PM requested start for volunteer prep (note sent; responses pending to Dave Hemkin)  
*ACTION:* Julie to reach out to HS lead custodian to request Friday table setup, pre-game (completed)
- o Currently committed volunteers: Dave H; Nancy T; Jill F; Jeff J; Doug K; Eric H
- o Board meeting attendees agreed that volunteer time @ the game can apply toward volunteer requirement, if they did not have an opportunity assigned them thru the Classic

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**Final Note:**

**Items marked in yellow reflect discussion points captured for improvements/changes to future seasons.**

- To support future planning, these items are being separately captured in a "Future Considerations" document.
- They will be available at any time to board members to augment/review/refine.
- The board will need to determine when/how to review and act on those items, as appropriate.

*ACTION:* Julie will review prior minutes for additional items, submit the current document to Jeff, and then provide/publish at the next board meeting.