**Newington Boys Travel Basketball**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**08/02/2014**

**Location:** Volunteer Office

**Attendees:** Billy Deblasio, Mike Johnson, Michelle Jackson, Yasmin Ithier, Mike Cuevas, Tim Kaufman, Mickey Soler, Vicente Ithier, Eric Siedsma, Wil Allen, Ti Barnes, Rob Barresi, Eyvonne Parker-Bair

**Absent:** Darren Gagliardi, Michele Soler, Jesus Guadarrama, Matt Romano, Linsie Esau, Don Copeland, Jennifer Walker, Fred Morris, Dave Johnson

**Meeting Topics**

| **Topic** | **Notes** | **ToDo’s** |
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| Opening | * Meeting opened at 9:05am
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| Approval of Minutes | * Minutes from previous meeting accepted.
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| Public Participation | * Nate Prescott from Parisi Speed School discussed their program
	+ Individual/Team training
	+ Measure speed, jumping ability, agility, etc.
	+ $2 per test per kid. 150 kids x 3 tests x $2/test = $900
	+ Camps are $8 per kid per session.
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| Treasurer Report | * Michelle J. presented report. Tentative 2014-2015 budget laid out, but will depend on registration fees, fundraising, etc. To be finalized in September.
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| Equipment | * Boys’ uniform style is expired. Rob will look at new options.
* Will discuss common uniforms at September meeting
* Look to purchase body pads, sticky mats, portable scoreboard, pinnies, balls?
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| Girls Coordinator Update | * Summer league wrapped up. Some concerns about competition and commitment from girls;
* Mickey/Yasmin to take point on finding tournaments for season
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| Boys Coordinator Update | * Tim/Eric to take point on finding tournaments for season. We want to go as a group.
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| Coaches Selection Committee | * All coaches returning for 6th-8th
* Open positions for 5th on boys and girls advertised via email and sent to Courant
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| Community Outreach | * Still working with Target to do some program
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| Scheduling Updates | * Tryouts for boys & girls at end of September
* Do Meet the Coaches night together and collect fees and paperwork
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| Fundraising | * Michele to put together a plan along with budget planning
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| Old Business | * Michelle J will handle Non-Profit filing in August. IRS changed process to make it simpler and reduced cost from $900 to $400
* Roster Size: Tim presented options & considerations to the group
* **Motion passed 8-3 to have 5/6 carry 12 players and 7/8 carry 10 players for both Boys & Girls.**
* Open Positions – advertised via email to NTBA Community
	+ Vice President
	+ Secretary
	+ Boys & Girls Coordinators
	+ 5th Grade Coaches
 | * Tim to put together options and reach out to coaches
* Mike to put out advertisement for open positions and open coaches
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| New Business | * Tryouts/Registration – make sure we collect paperwork and registration money. If not, players will not practice. Head Coach responsibility to get it done.
* Billy to talk to P&R about availability in end September
* Billy talked about the Town Referendum to build new P&R facility and asked for support from group. Referendum is September 9th.
* How do we get a better relationship with P&R? Need to look at options and communicate more.
* Put Meeting Dates on Home Page of website.
* Eyvonne brought up that she heard from referees that we were overruling a referee. Mike explained situation, it was addressed with our Ref Coordinator (Troy) and the referee was spoken to.
* We discussed anonymous letter re: Boys 8th grade team that was received in July by a handful of board members. Letter was discussed at July meeting and further discussed in this meeting. Corrective actions to be taken are as follows for all teams:
	+ Practices will be Open, not Closed
	+ Confirm all coaches have parent meeting and explain coaching philosophy, approach to practices, games, & playing time, style
	+ Better communication to parents in terms of feedback
	+ Document our philosophy, mission and vision
	+ Communicate grievance process to all parents, players, coaches
* Discussed Parent behavior – we need to address it at beginning of season (Meet the Coaches night and individual team meetings) and work together to ensure that it remains under control.
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| 4th Grade Team | * No update.
 | * Billy D. to work with P & R for their approval
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| Adjourn | * Closed meeting at 11:05am
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