**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 |  |
| Approval of Minutes | * Minutes from previous meeting accepted. |  |
| 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. |  |
| 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. |  |
| 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? |  |
| 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 |  |
| Boys Coordinator Update | * Tim/Eric to take point on finding tournaments for season. We want to go as a group. |  |
| Coaches Selection Committee | * All coaches returning for 6th-8th * Open positions for 5th on boys and girls advertised via email and sent to Courant |  |
| Community Outreach | * Still working with Target to do some program |  |
| Scheduling Updates | * Tryouts for boys & girls at end of September * Do Meet the Coaches night together and collect fees and paperwork |  |
| Fundraising | * Michele to put together a plan along with budget planning |  |
| 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 |
| 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. |  |
| 4th Grade Team | * No update. | * Billy D. to work with P & R for their approval |
| Adjourn | * Closed meeting at 11:05am |  |