

Colchester Youth Basketball Meeting Minutes

March 8th, 2023 – 6 pm
Colchester Town Hall, Meeting Room 2

Present: Lauren Beeler, Kim Radachy, Jeff Darling, Brian Rago

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

Agenda items added: New England tournaments for travel teams (Lauren); suggestion for rec (Kim)

Agenda for meeting approved – Kim motion, Brian second, approved by unanimous consent

February meeting minutes approved – Kim motion, Brian second, approved by unanimous consent

Public comment – no members of public present

Old Business:

- Rec update
 - o Group discussion on rec basketball referees
 - Suggestion to have ref coordinator facilitate pre-season ref clinic and oversee refs during pre-season team practices/scrimmages and games to provide feedback
- Travel update
 - o Discussion on possible 5G coach for next year
 - o Suggestion to review/approve new coaches in spring not fall to allow for player recruitment
 - o Continued discussion on CYB paying for one tournament for each travel team
 - Noted that Mohegan Sun tourney is ~\$400 entry per team, higher than others

New Business:

- Suggestion for rec
 - o Suggestion that younger rec grades (say 2nd-3rd) play smaller sided games (say 3v3) to allow for increased development of fundamentals and player engagement; maybe lowered baskets
 - Noted that other towns use this
 - Concern that parents won't view it as "real" basketball
- CES floors – scheduled to be resurfaced over summer
- Scholarship subcommittee
 - o Look to reuse application from last year
 - o Need to send out correspondence earlier and allow more time for applications
 - o Lauren, Kim and Brian to serve on subcommittee to award one boys and one girls scholarship
- 8th grade celebration – successful
- Equipment collection
 - o Lauren to reach out to Rob re: 8B
 - o Rec teams to be coordinated by Jeff K/Rob
- New England tournament for travel teams in Providence Mar 17-19 (minimum 4 games each)
 - o 6G, 7G, 8G all qualified and will be attending
 - o 7G and 8G teams to be paid for by CYB as their one funded tournament
 - o It was asked if going forward CYB can cover New England tournament for all teams that qualify (as a top 2 finisher in league) as a bonus reward in addition to their one other paid tournament
- Raffle discussion (ad-hoc topic)
 - o Is it worth it to continue doing? A lot of manual effort
 - o Lauren suggested alternatively doing a "jogathon" like fundraiser – kids shooting free throws

- What are we using the funds for?
- End of year survey
 - Group agreed to send out survey next week with previous questions
 - include questions on how well the coach communicated and for an assessment on their child's improvement

Treasurer's Report:

- Outstanding payments are due to WJMS for gym use the entire season and for refs in Feb and March
- Should we be preparing an annual budget?
- Travel payment plan update
 - still ~\$1600 unpaid; additional reminders to be sent out

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm