

Colchester Youth Basketball - Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2023 7pm - WJJMS Cafe

Attendees:

Executive Board: Lauren Beeler, Kim Radachy, Jeff Darling, Rob D'Atri (remote)
Board: Brian Rago, Billy Lovejoy, Mike Gorreck, Sean Zeterval, Nick Poirier
Other: Will Catalina, Angela Lovejoy, Gary Maher, Geoff Fabry, Loren Nauss

Meeting called to order @ 7:03 pm

Secretary report: November meeting minutes review – approved by unanimous consent

Treasury report: approved by unanimous consent

- YOY comparison slightly different as registration this year opened October 1st

Public comment: N/A

Vote for Ken Cruetz to 3/4/5 Girls Coordinator - approved by unanimous consent

- Former coordinator stepped down due to his daughter playing travel

Old Business

- Rec All Star weekend
 - Rec coordinators to discuss and put together plan
 - possibly for Championship Saturday
- Free-throw-a-thon
 - For both rec and travel
 - Would run beginning of season until Feb 25th
 - Using 99 pledges website - get kids to sign up family members for flat rate donations - goal \$100 per player - assign minimum/suggested donation
 - Socialize it as being in lieu of raffle
 - Team prize for most money raised - need to specify coach on website
- Sponsorship update (Rago)
 - 12 sponsors, two sponsoring 2 teams - Brian to send list to Jeff/Angela
 - Match sponsors with kids where needed
 - Bishop photo will make plaques again
- Rec Coordinator responsibilities - Lauren sent out summary to coordinators

New Business

- Bitty Ball - electronic vote in Nov was approved to buy additional equipment
- Rec update
 - Slightly more rec teams, smaller team sizes
 - 678 Girls League
 - Glastonbury said they will add our 2 teams in their “true rec” league
 - Unknown cost - will make a payment if none requested
 - Rec Refs - Colchester youths
 - Rec ref coordinator position still open
 - Need 9 games covered and have 15 kids interested
 - Plan to fill schedule weekly on a first come, first serve basis
 - Won't provide checks to kids this year once they've earned over \$600 but haven't provided tax form
- Travel update
 - \$1800 paid to CT Bball league covering 5 girls teams, 4 boys teams

Additions to the agenda:

- Registration notes:
 - Boys 1/2 - this year 44 players was 58 last year
 - Boys 6/7/8 - this year 50 was 38
 - Girls HS - this year 3 was 14 (no league this year or last)
 - Need to reach out to players with offer to play boys HS rec
 - Travel player total 80 was 76
 - 401 total players between both rec and travel
 - Scholarships awarded to 6 families totalling \$1400
- Website “Fan Wear at Stack Sports”
 - \$794 revenue through website for orders during registration & website
 - Promote 30 Marketing for fan store instead
- Practices this year are closed to all travel teams and older rec teams
- Coaches training and background
 - DCF reporter reminders
 - Coaches have obligation to report any potential issue within 24 hrs
 - Coaches should not investigate on their own
 - Reminder email should be sent to all coaches of obligation
- Equipment - not a lot returned last year, review of new equipment
 - Review of new equipment bought including safety items and basketballs

Next Meeting Date: Wed Jan 3rd @ WJJMS Cafe 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm