

Elburn Basketball Board Minutes

11/09/08 - Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM, November 9th, 2008 at the office of Old Second Bank, Elburn. Present were board members Joel Speckman, Dave Ott, Mike Pollastrini, Joe Barry, Keith Farthing, and Shawn Longson. Absent were Bryan Carlson, Jackie Smith, and Shaun Wenz. Also in attendance were John Marshall, Karin Marshall, Sandra Milton, and Dan Strang.

October 5th, 2008 minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Farthing and seconded by Longson. Motion passed all ayes, 3 absent.

Treasurer's Report: Ott reported a positive balance in the league account with all bills paid. Approximately \$1,600 was paid out towards materials used for the new storage shed. No further shed costs are anticipated. Some of the registration fees for the upcoming boy's season are included in the balance. Additionally, over \$3,200 in registration fees have been collected for the new girls cheerleading program.

Ott discussed the pros and cons of registering/filing with the appropriate regulatory groups as a Not For Profit organization. It is estimated that an additional \$250-\$500 per year of fees can be expected to cover the yearly fees and filing services. However, it is also anticipated that much of this cost can be offset by gaining additional sponsors and/or grants as a result of Elburn Basketball being registered as a Not For Profit organization. The board voted unanimously for Ott to proceed with the paperwork to finalize the registration of Elburn Basketball as a Not For Profit organization with all of the necessary regulatory groups.

One scholarship request has been submitted for the upcoming boy's season. The executive board approved the request. Ott will notify the family that the request has been approved.

Old Business:

Fundraising: Shawn Longson notified the board that the Pizza Fundraiser packets will be distributed to the girls at Picture Day on November 15th.

Sponsorships: Sandra Milton stated that \$2,800 of sponsorships have been received already. It is anticipated that additional sponsorship dollars should be received within the next week or two.

Karin Marshall suggested that the web page be updated to include sponsor logos and possibly a dedicated page for the sponsors. Pollastrini will discuss with the web coordinator.

Equipment: Coordinator Dan Strang stated all was well with the league equipment. Strang has ordered the jerseys for the boy's season and plans on distributing them at the coaches meeting on November 15th. Pollastrini informed the board that the new storage

shed is completed. Strang will move equipment into the shed in the upcoming week and will notify board members if he needs assistance.

Scheduling: There are no known scheduling issues at this point. It is anticipated that the boy's schedule will be released prior to the Holidays due to the earlier date of the Elburn Draft. Once the boys schedule is released, Karin Marshall and the Cheerleader Coordinator (Laura Molitor) will draft a cheerleading schedule.

Facilities: John Marshall indicated that the South scoreboard at John Stewart is still not working (lighting strike knocked it out). It doesn't look like the school had put a high priority on it. Pollastrini was elected to follow up on the problem.

Referees/Table Workers: Coordinator Shaun Wenz was not present. However, no one was aware of any issues relating to Referees or Table Workers.

New Business:

EBB Board Member and Coordinator Candidates: No board members have stepped up to take over any of the open or soon to be open positions. Dave Dudzinski and Bob Norman have both suggested an interest in rejoining the board. Joel Speckman will contact both of them to determine their interest and dedication levels. Sandra Milton agreed to discuss the possibility of her husband, George, to handle the Treasurers role upon the departure of Ott.

Girls Cheerleading: Karin Marshall handed out a packet of information regarding the new cheerleading program. To date, there are 45 girls registered between the ages of 2nd and 6th grade. There are approximately 15 volunteers that will act as coaches for the Spring season. The board was very excited about the start of this new program and suggested that at least one (preferably two) representatives from the cheerleading program become board members. Further discussion on the integration of the cheerleading program into Elburn Basketball will happen on an ongoing basis throughout the season. Karin Marshall will discuss the board member role with Laura Molitor.

Boys Season: Due to the earlier time frame for the registrations, the board decided to contact all players from last year that are currently not signed up. In addition, coaches for all three levels need to be identified and contacted. The following have taken on the responsibility of contacting un-registered players and choosing coaches:

3rd/4th grade – Mike Pollastrini/Sandra Milton

5th/6th grade – Dan Strang

7th/8th grade – Shawn Longson

Next meeting: The next regular meeting for the Elburn Basketball Board is scheduled for 7:30 pm, Monday, December 1st, at the Town and Country Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM on a motion by Barry and seconded by Farthing. Motion passed all ayes, 3 absent.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Pollastrini, Secretary