

# Barlow Youth Basketball Board Meeting

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April 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 | 7:00 pm

Director:	Ben Labes
Assistant Director:	Trent Inglesby
Assistant Director:	Kim Koenig
Treasurer:	Penny Vedus
Registrar:	Lynette Fay
Secretary:	John Hipes

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## AGENDA TOPICS

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### 1) *End of the Season Financials:*

Penny Vedus gave the 'End of the Season' Financial Report for Barlow Youth Basketball;

**Beginning Account Balance as of 10/1/2016 - \$14,483.82**

**Budgeted Expense for the Season - \$45,409.00**

**Actual Expense for the Season - \$51,043.27**

**Budgeted Revenue for the Season - \$46,300.00**

**Actual Revenue for the Season - \$47,531.32**

**Current Account Balance as of 4/11/2017 - \$5,376.36**

Apparel was a big loss for the season (\$4,254.25). Discussion centered on the fact that the loss of home dates due to inclement weather was most likely the cause as those are big days for the sale of apparel. While a loss wasn't ideal, that apparel will still be on hand for next season and can be sold then. Back packs continue to be the best selling item. There was also discussion on concessions for next season. Does Barlow Youth Basketball want to continue to run concessions as there really is little benefit financially to the program, or should Barlow High School run concessions as had been discussed in previous years. General consensus was that with little benefit to the program and the need for volunteers to staff concessions, we should approach Barlow High School about the possibility of running concessions for next season.

### 2.) *Reflections on the Season:*

- **Partnership with the Blazers** - The question was asked by Director Ben Labes, does Barlow Youth Basketball want to continue their partnership with the Blazers? The consensus was Barlow Youth gets

very little value to the program for the amount of time that goes into organizing the partnership. One of the benefits is the game tickets each player received from the Blazers to attend a game. Feeling amongst the Board is that very few players actually used their tickets as the tickets given were on weeknights which made it tough for players and their families to attend. One idea was taking next season off from the partnership to see how the program would be affected. Will the kids miss the benefits? The Board was in agreement however, that no decision needed to be made on a Blazer partnership for next season at this time.

- **Three Rivers League Participation:** - The TRL still continues to be the best competitive option for the program to compete in. Most do agree however that traveling to some of the away games on weeknights is difficult due to distance, there really isn't any better options for the league to explore. Kim Koenig reported that during the Championship game she coached in there was a run in with a parent on the other team that she didn't feel had been handled appropriately. Most agreed that due to a Board change with TRL, that the league had not been run as well as it had been in the past. Everyone was in agreement though that participation in the Three Rivers League is most beneficial for the program.
- **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teams for Next Season:** - Should we try and run our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams at the same time as Middle School Basketball next season, or should we continue to wait for the completion of Middle School Basketball to start our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade season. Everyone was in agreement that we support Barlow Youth Players playing Middle School Basketball and realize the importance of representing their school, however continuing to wait to start our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade seasons as we did this year would be difficult. The Board believed it best to run our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade seasons at the same time as Middle School Basketball next season and be understanding of players who will have scheduling conflicts trying to play both.
- **Open Gyms** - Kim Koenig reported that the Girls programs continue to run open gyms for their players on Saturday mornings at Barlow High School. Turnout has been great, which is a huge positive for the success of our girls program moving forward. Ben mentioned he'd like to find a time that would work to have run open gyms for the Boys program as well.
- **Feedback from Parents on the Season** – Trent Inglesby reported that he's received nothing but positive remarks from parents about the Boys season. In past seasons there have been some parents that had complaints about various things including Coaches. However, this season he's heard nothing but positives. Kim Koenig agreed, she's heard nothing but good things from the parents as well. Kim mentioned her goal for the past season and now moving forward, is to continue to grow the relationship between the girls program and the women's program at the High School. She believed they made very good steps towards strengthening the relationship this season. Kim also mentioned that next year she plans to explore having our 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls team play more tournament basketball to improve their competition.
- **Uniforms for Next Season** – Ben Labes asked if the program would like to stay with the distributor Shirts and Skins, or should we explore a move to Nike uniforms. Ben believes there will need to be a very compelling argument to make a change to Nike. A final decision not to be made until this Summer. Kim Koenig asked about possibly bringing back a shooting shirt into the uniform package. A decision on that will also be made at a later date.
- **Apparel Recap** – See the Financial Report for more detailed recap. Back packs continue to be the biggest seller, as we sold out of all ordered. Some parents asked about wanting a sweat pant option. That will be explored for the future.

### 3) *Tryouts for Next Season:*

Kim Koenig reported that having multiple day tryouts for our girls program was a huge positive and would like to continue that next season. The question was asked if tryouts could be moved to an earlier date as

most of the teams we compete against in the TRL have theirs earlier. This gives those teams a competitive advantage as they've have more practice time ahead of the start of league season. An earlier date will be explored for next season. The only issue is scheduling around volleyball season as we use Barlow High School for our tryouts.

**4) Define Roles of Board Members:**

Ben will work on defining roles for each Board position. This will be done during the summer time in preparation of next season. Discussion centered on the difficulty sometimes of knowing who is in charge of organizing and completing certain tasks and better role definitions will alleviate that confusion.

**5) Next Scheduled Meeting:**

Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Vote via email on the addition of Alyssa Roupp as Board Treasurer to replace Penny Vedus who is stepping down.	Ben Labes	May 17 <sup>th</sup> 2017

Kim Koenig: Yes

Lynette Fay: Yes

Trent Inglesby: Yes

John Hipes: Yes

Penny Vedus: Abstains

**By a Vote of 4 – 0 Alyssa Roupp is approved as Board Treasurer**