



RMBA Minutes for Oct. 24, 2010 @ 6:30 at Riverview Fire Hall
Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010 @ 6:30.

Attendance:

Kirk Leblanc	Leanne Leblanc	Tanya Porter
Mark McAleese	Craig Leblanc	Wendy Publicover
Todd Scott	Kim Saucier	Jennifer Linthorne
Larry Miklos	Richard Rafferty	Carolyn Longaphie
Donna Blakney	Steven Holt	

1. Registration Totals: 30 more registrations than last year.

Puppies (F)	26	Bantam Girls	43
Puppies (M)	43	Bantam Boys	28
Jr Mini Girls	36	Midget Girls	15
Jr Mini Boys	53	Midget Boys	9
Mini Girls	41		345
Mini Boys	51		

2. Bantam Girls House League: Only two of four coaches showed up for practice this week. This has been solved as the coordinator spoke with all the coaches and they have agreed to make sure that they advise the other coaches if they are unable to be present. The absent coaches did not realize that there were other coaches missing. Richard Rafferty suggested that the Bantam girls only have two teams present each week for practices to make the group more manageable and provide a more effect practice. This would mean that each coach would only have to run a practice every two weeks with their team and they would have a more productive practice because there would only be ½ the girls in the gym. We will monitor the practices for the next couple of weeks and see how things go and Richard’s recommendation will be considered if the coaches feel it is necessary to make some changes.

3. Referees Update: There was a shortage of refs at the last games as not all refs had attended the clinic. Going forward we will have 2 refs at each game and officials should be in place for this weekend at the Bantam levels. Darren will be

working with Deanna with the schedule for the officials and referees. Cost of officials is estimated to be \$25.00 for the Bantam level but would increase to \$35.00 per game if there are Midget players on the court. Darren will confirm costs.

- 4. Request for funding:** The level II coaching clinic that Mark will be attending will cost \$175.00 and Craig Leblanc submitted a request for attending the level I coaches clinic on Nov. 20 & 21 at a cost of \$125.00. All four executive members present voted in favor of covering the costs for both Mark and Craig.
- 5. Website Tutorial:** Carolyn gave a brief tutorial of how we can post items to the website. Anyone wishing to try it out was encouraged to do so and Carolyn is available to answer any questions that anyone may have. We are hopeful that the website will evolve into the main information access point for players, coaches and parents. Carolyn is also open to suggestions on improving the website. Carolyn will try to add a “forms” & “information” tab so that it is easier for new people to find general information and reg. forms. The volunteer form will be available separate from the registration form as well.
- 6. Saint John Millrats Camp:** We are still waiting for more information on the cost and all the details. It was suggested that this could be our Christmas or Year End Jamboree.
- 7. ProKids Program:** We have 9 ProKids this year and it was mentioned that some organizations have a limit of the number of prokids positions that are offered each year. We will review at a later date but at this time we do not have a limit. We are hoping to be mentioned as a sponsor and supporter of Prokids since we provide full registration for all prokids who register.
- 8. New Score Clock:** Score clock purchase has been approved at a total cost of approx. \$8800. RMBA we will be cost sharing with RMS. The clock also includes two wall-mounted shot clocks.
- 9. Revised RMBA Logo:** RMBA logo for website and any print material will now have “Riverview Minor Basketball Association” under the “RMBA” to indicate what the acronym stands for. Our house league T-shirts will still just have RMBA as the logo.
- 10. Nets for FLB:** The cost to order two new portable basketball systems for FLB is about \$2400 and all four executive members who were present voted “yes” to order the nets and we are hoping to have them in the gym for next weekend. These systems will be set at 7” which is a better height for Puppies. We also need to order 10 more Size 5 Rubber balls for Puppies. Darren will order these.

11.Financials: Bank balance as of Sept. 30/10 was \$23,006.34 and we processed \$18,800 in registrations and a \$500 donation from Enbridge Gas on behalf of Todd Scott. A quick breakdown of expenses/invoices that are due to be paid in the next few weeks are:

Provincial Uniforms =	\$1610.
Score Clock =	4400.
House League Jerseys	3404
FLB Nets =	2400.
Town fees approx.	3200.
BNB fees	2500.
<u>Coaches clinics</u>	<u>675.</u> (Mark, Mike, Craig, Paul & Todd)
Total	\$18,189.

12.Additional items:

*** Midget players who made the JV team are looking for a refund. We will be issuing refunds as requested as long as the players do not continue to play Bantam house league. Next year we will encourage players to register late rather than register and then apply for a refund.

*** Larry Miklos is still looking for a definite answer on whether or not we will be able to support a Midget provincial team. Jennifer will check with the district to see if there is any room available for RMBA to get an extra hour of gym time each week and we will advise Larry of the outcome so that he can advise the midget players. RMBA supports a midget girls team but a lack of gym time makes it difficult for us to guarantee any time slots on a regular basis.

*** Mark mentioned that the ceiling lights at RMS need some attention. This would be too costly for RMBA to address but perhaps RMS should be aware of the lighting issue. Lights blink on/off, etc.

*** Provincial teams tournament schedule is as follows:

Dec. 4 & 5 = Mini A Girls – Todd Scott

Dec. 11 & 12 = Bantam A Boys – Mark McAleese

Jan. 8 & 9 = Bantam A Girls – Brian Frontain

Jan. 15 & 16 = Mini A Boys – Todd Coleman – tentative

Jan. 29 & 30 = Bantam B Girls – Larry Miklos

Feb. 5 & 6 = Mini B Boys – Kevin Hansen

--- Bantam B Boys (Allison Forbes) & Mini B Girls (Gary Mellish) have not yet booked a tournament date.

■ The current provincial tournament schedule is not in line with our 2 tournament per month guideline because the teams found it difficult to get other teams to commit to November tournaments so we will work with the above schedule with 3 tournaments currently booked for January.

*** Kim Saucier has organized photo days for all teams and has packages that she will be distributing to all team coordinators/coaches.

*** Jennifer will check with the district to confirm if we can actually start house league on Friday, Jan. 7 & Saturday, Jan. 8. It would be best if we could start house league on these dates as another week delay would mean that the players would be out of the gym for three consecutive weekends. A two-weekend Christmas break is our aim.

Minutes prepared by Tanya Porter