

# **MCSBL**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

### **I. Call to order**

**Jason Lahaye** called to order the regular meeting of the **MCSBL** at **6:17 PM** on **10/07/08** at **Community Day in Lawrence**.

### **II. Roll call/Introductions**

Jason Lahaye conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Nat Jones-Kipp Academy, Heather Pirolli-Excel Academy, Mike Ruth-MCCPS, Jon Keefe-Innovation Academy, Jack O'Brien-PHA, Phil Signoroni –Pioneer Charter-Everett, Shari Belding-Lawrence Family Development Charter, Robin Roy-Seven Hills Charter School, Jason Lahaye-Community Day. Not present but contact has been made with, Howie Harrison-Smith, Will Glennon-SSCPS, 'George Albuquerque III-AMSC, Abram Chamberlain-Uphams Corner, Jeff Venter Edward Brooke.

Contact has not been made with Salem Academy, Neighborhood House, or McAuliffe Charter and Boston Collegiate.

#### **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Jason Lahaye read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Finance Report was given by Jason Lahaye. A balance of \$1400 was announced. Fees were announced at \$150 per team; invoices will be sent out by the treasurer and are due on or before December 12, 2008.

### **III. Open issues**

- a) **Sportsmanship/Conduct Policy** – Sportsmanship contract was discussed. Proposed document was distributed and discussed. Revisions were given to document. Each school currently has own policy, but league wide sportsmanship contract was thought necessary due to some circumstances that have arisen in past seasons. It was decided that each member school must get students and parents to sign (attached) sportsmanship contract. **A copy will be kept in the school and copies of all documents for players must be sent to Jason Lahaye no later that December 12<sup>th</sup> 2008. If a player does not have a signed sportsmanship contract on file, he/she is ineligible to play for the season.** Motioned – Mike Ruth Second – J. O'Brien Passed 10-0
- b) **Suspensions/Conduct – Reporting Misconduct to league office.** Views were expressed that some there have been instances where teams or individual players have felt threatened before or after games. Our rules are very clear on

in game situations. **It was decided that our rules apply to all time on game grounds including arrival, pre-game warm-ups, game, and until both teams leave the game site.**

The following is the decided upon steps if an incident occurs.

1. **Phone call to Division Head (Mike Ruth – North, Will Glennon-South) and to League Director (Jason Lahaye)**
2. **Incident Report (attached and on website) faxed or emailed within 24 hours to League Director.**
3. **League Directors will inquire about incident with both parties.**
  - a. **If one party is not cooperative with inquiry all teams associated with school are suspended from further competition till resolved.**
4. **League Directors will rule within a timely manner. Length of Suspensions will be decided upon by league directors.**

Motion to approve Jon Keefe, Second Mike Ruth, motion passed 10-0

- c) **Approval of new Website.** Website has been created that will have schedules, standings, statistics, and all necessary forms for league play. Rosters and score sheets for each team will be on website and score sheets should be used for game play. Motion was to approve by Jack O'Brien for use of league website which is to go live in the coming weeks. URL will be emailed to teams. Second by Heather Pirolli – Motion passed 10-0
- d) **Play-off Format** – Playoffs were discussed. Two options were larger playoff format involving more teams or maintaining but adjusting current format. It was agreed that current format will be kept:
  1. **First Place in north will play 2<sup>nd</sup> from south and First place South will play 2<sup>nd</sup> place in north in semi-finals. Higher seed is home team and Play-off games will take place on March 2, 3, or 4<sup>th</sup> at the higher seeds home. Final will be played March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Frost School in Lawrence, MA at 5 PM Girls and Boys Final to follow.**

Motion to approve by Jon Keefe, Seconded by Mike Ruth, motion passed 10-0

#### **IV. New business**

- a) Game Score Reporting Procedure
  1. Game Report should be filled out and emailed to Jason Lahaye the night of the game or no later than 9 AM the following day.
  2. Home team will print out prior to game each teams score sheets (from website) These sheets will be used for the game that day **ONLY PLAYERS THAT ARE ON ORIGINAL ROSTER AND SCORESHEET ARE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY** and faxed to the league office the following day.
  3. If teams do not follow procedure the following happens.
    - a. Written Warning
    - b. Invoice will be sent with \$25.00 fine paid by date assigned.

- c. Late payments -\$15.00 late fee each week late.
  - d. Non-payment – forfeiting of postseason (if qualified) or suspension of league membership.
- b) Voting On Membership for Lawrence Family Development and Pioneer Charter. Both schools are inquiring about league play and may join in 08-09 or the following season 09-10.

Motion to approve membership by J. O'Brien, Second by Robin Roy, motion passed 8-0

**c) *KEY DATES***

1. October 17 – Any member school that is not in contact with League Directors by the 17 will void membership in the MCSBL – school in danger of voiding membership are Neighborhood House Charter, McAuliffe Charter, Boston Collegiate and Salem Academy Charter. All efforts will be made to reach the member schools.
2. December 1 – All games scheduled – Schedules emailed to league office ([jlahaye@cdcps.org](mailto:jlahaye@cdcps.org))
3. December 12 – Due to league office
  - a. League Dues (mailed to address on invoice)
  - b. Sportsmanship Contracts for all players on roster with student and parent signatures (mailed)
  - c. Rosters with Date of Birth (next to grade) mailed or emailed.

If any are late - \$25 fine for each late piece.

- d) Games were scheduled between present schools

**V. Adjournment**

**Jason Lahaye** adjourned the meeting at **7:41 PM**.

Minutes submitted by: Jason Lahaye