

NIGHT HOOPS BASKETBALL SOCIETY

Minutes of the Board Meeting – June 24th, 2015

LOCATION Vancouver Park Board Head Office
2099 Beach Avenue, Vancouver

PRESENT

Booth Palmer, Past President	Etienne Orr-Ewing, Director
Emilio Godoy, Vice President	Dick Woldring, Director
Chad Cowles, Business Development Mgr.	Steve Mawhinney, Director
Mitra Tshan, Coordinator Jr. Girls League	

REGRETS

Paul Eberhardt, Director	Bernie Dionne, Member
David Munro, Director	Sam Payne, Member
Sherri-Lyne Evans, Secretary/Treasurer	Mark Starkey, Member
Inderjit Waraich, Director	

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chad Cowles, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:46pm.

Chad advised the group that we have a quorum and noted that the next order of business is the adoption of the Agenda.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Woldring/Godoy) and unanimously carried to accept the Agenda as presented.

Chad noted that the next item of business is the approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on June 18th, 2014.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 18th, 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As there were no errors or omissions raised, Chad asked for a motion to approve the Minutes as presented.

It was moved and seconded (Woldring/Godoy) and unanimously carried to accept the Minutes of the November 27th, 2014 Annual General Meeting.

FINANCIALS UPDATE

Chad reviewed the financial statements and 2014/2015 budget.

Referee costs increased significantly this past year. The Summer Hoops Program and the Hooplaw Tournament as well as the increased number of regular season games contributed to the increased refereeing costs. Overall, the budget was in good standing with a small surplus left at the end of the year after allocating costs for the upcoming Summer Hoops season.

Discussion ensued regarding the fiscal year ending on March 31st. This date was originally selected as it

aligns with MCFD and Gaming's fiscal year-end. It was agreed to keep our fiscal year end on March 31st as these are our two largest grant contributors.

It was moved and seconded (Woldring/Palmer) and unanimously carried to accept the financial statements and budget.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS REPORT

Chad spoke to the business development report that was presented to the Board.

This year was successfully dedicated to the memory of Denise Coutts. The webpage reflected her memory as well as the creation of the Night Hoops Hall of Fame with Denise being named the inaugural inductee. The Outstanding Coach Award was presented on behalf of Denise at the Championship event. Randy Coutts was there to present the award to Angie Banh.

The website is being updated regularly. An awards section with current and past recipients will be added in addition to a Board of Directors section and the Night Hoops Hall of Fame. Reminder for board members put together a brief bio for the website. This could include a brief (1-2 paragraph) write up and a photo.

Night Hoops had another successful year and continues to grow, in large part to key strategic partnerships. In addition to our existing partnerships, this year Vancity and Inspire Dental contributed to our success. Night Hoops is still looking at the possibility of expanding to other communities in need of a late night program for youth. Burnaby Parks and Recreation and AthElite from Surrey have been contacted to explore possibilities of expansion. Chad proposed a hub development model, where other communities will use the Night Hoops brand and model to run programs in their areas using their own local staff and resources. However, there are no immediate plans to expand at this time and opportunities will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Chad reviewed some of the incidents of violence and threats that occurred this year between two of the community teams. It appears most of the posturing and threats were from a group of youth associated to a few Night Hoops players but were not on any of our teams. Police and staff were involved immediately and this appeared to quell any serious incidents. Precautions were taken for the Championship Event as both teams were in the final. Fortunately, there were no further incidents. The promotion of sportsmanship and the unity of all Night Hoops players is ongoing and will continue this upcoming season.

Summer Hoops was very successful and will run again this summer 2015. The summer season runs for 7 weeks from July 1st to August 16th and will include 5 sites. Aman Jhutti's contract has been extended to allow him to organize and run Summer Hoops.

This year Night Hoops employed 37 coaches, 25 referees and had 350 kids participate in the program! Chad's contract has been extended and he will remain in his role as Business Development Manager.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Mitra Tshan, presented her report on this season's girls league. The girls had 7 sites going, played 32 games and had 80 girls participate. They received 50 free tickets to the UBC Women's CIS basketball playoff game, which was very well attended by the Night Hoops players.

This season they had 4 new coaches, all of whom were former Night Hoop players. Mitra has worked hard to not only attract new players but to keep former players involved in the program as coaches or refs.

Mitra is working on setting up a Senior Girls Division this upcoming season. It would involve 3-4 teams and start after the girls high school season is over. Mitra will continue to actively recruit girls who would benefit from playing in the league. Suggestions were made to approach girls from alternate programs who may not benefit from participating in regular high school sports.

Chad spoke to Aman's Coordinator Report. This season's highlights included having 27 teams; 7 junior girls, 9 junior boys and 11 senior boys. The senior boys program is at capacity, creating challenges finding enough quality referees and gym times. School gyms are not available on Saturdays and Trout Lake Community Centre did not host any games this season. Dialogue is ongoing to see if Trout Lake will be able to host some games this upcoming season.

Ongoing efforts are being made to re-start Night Hoops relationship with the BC Basketball Officials Association (BCBOA) in order to recruit and train quality referees. Steve Mawhinney has offered to assist with this and help develop our referees. Steve notes that the lack of quality referees is a provincial issue.

The player workshops were much easier to run this year with the assistance of Trisha Cowles and the Vancity volunteers. Players were very involved and appeared to benefit from many of the financial workshops provided.

ELECTION OF THE DIRECTORS

Under the Bylaws of the Society, all Directors are deemed to have resigned at the AGM but are eligible for re-election. Booth led the process to determine our slate of directors for the 2015/2016 season.

Sadly, both Steve Mawhinney and Paul Eberhardt will not return as Directors. Steve will remain involved and assist where he can, although not in the capacity of Director. Coach Ebe's experience and standing in the basketball community will be missed at Night Hoops; we wish him well in his role as President of BC High School Boys Basketball Association.

Booth nominated the following individuals as Directors of the Night Hoops Basketball Society: Sam Payne, Sherry-Lynne Evans, Dick Woldring, David Munro, Etienne Orr-Ewing, Inderjit Waraich, Booth Palmer and Emilio Godoy.

Etienne Orr-Ewing has accepted the role of Vice President pending a long-term replacement. Emilio Godoy has accepted the role of President. Sherri-Lynne Evans will remain in her role as secretary/treasurer. Booth Woldring will remain in role of Past President.

Booth encouraged the Board to canvass and identify potential Directors for Night Hoops.

OTHER BUSINESS

Social Ventures Partners Opportunity:

There is a potential partnership developing with the Social Ventures Partners group (SVP). [SVP](#) is a group of philanthropists who support non-profit groups that provide positive social impact in their communities. SVP contacted Night Hoops to explore a potential partnership. Chad, Booth and Emilio met with members of the SVP group to explore this opportunity. Talks are ongoing; there is a four-stage process to determine what if any support Night Hoops will receive. One potential development is the recruitment and hiring of a full time Executive Director for Night Hoops with the financial and professional support to do this provided by SVP. Gerald Cole, who had expressed interest in joining the Night Hoops Board, is our liaison with SVP, he will remain at 'arm's length' while this process is ongoing.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TERMINATION

Chad thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The next board meeting will be held prior to the commencement of the regular 2015/2016 season; exact date and time to be confirmed at a later date.

It was moved (Woldring) and unanimously carried to terminate the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting was terminated at 7:30 pm.