

Monthly Bruins Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Call to Order – Debbie Okihara

- Debbie called meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Reading / Approval of Minutes

- Debbie requested a review of meeting minutes from May and motioned for approval. Kimberly Woo & Reiko Toshima approved.

PBT Announcements – Jeannie Toshima, PBT President

- Thank you to all Bruins for your continued support. It is appreciated!
- **Obon Festival** season is here! Some area temples/churches are starting their festivities as early as the weekend of June 16th (Sun Valley, West Covina, Oxnard, among others). The **Pasadena Buddhist Temple's Obon will be held July 21-22**. This is their biggest fundraiser of the year.
 - They are asking Bruins to help sell raffle tickets (10 tickets per team with 50% of proceeds going back to your team; if you sell \$50 worth of tickets, you get \$25 back). If you need more tickets, contact Debbie.
 - Obon dances – If anyone is interested in learning the dances, practices will begin June 26th. Please be extra careful driving in and out of the PBT parking lot if you're a team with practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays because there will be more kids and other people walking around the parking area.
 - Game booth opportunities still available. So far there are 1 team (Dolphins) interested in doing a game booth. The church has equipment you can use or you can bring your own. No food booths allowed due to stricter City Health Dept rules.
- **Newly remodeled restrooms** – Total cost exceeded budget/expectations, which is why fundraisers are so important. Also, the PBT requests that ALL teams using the gym please check bathrooms on their way out and sign team name on the board. This does not mean you need to scrub the toilets and wipe down all the counters after every practice. Just make sure there's no trash or urine on the floor (as was found one Friday morning in the boys' room), especially if you have very young players.
Rule of thumb: keep the facility reasonably clean for the next group/team. Keep in mind that Church members don't use the gym restrooms much; it's mostly the Bruins. Also, if there's ever a need for more soap, toilet paper, or paper towels, feel free to leave a note and they will address.
- **Kizuna** – A new, young adult volunteer group that helps youth and elderly. It is also a leadership organization offering camps that provide cultural experiences. If you live in Hollywood, West LA, San Diego, or gap town areas, their camps still have space. They also offer activities for high schoolers. Please refer to their website (gokizuna.org) for activities going on throughout the year.
- **PJCI** (Pasadena Japanese Cultural Institute) – Not only do they have a gym for some of the younger teams, they also offer martial arts (Kendo, Akido) and Japanese school. They have a bazaar the first Sunday in October.
- **PBT/Toban** Before, the Bruins used to schedule "Toban" every month and scrub the gym floors. Since the Bruins are the primary members that use the gym, we should take ownership to keep the gym and the floors clean. PBT suggested that we schedule a "Toban".
- **Citadel Shopping Event** – For every ticket sold, your team will get \$25 back.
- **Vegas Bus** - The PBT is organizing a bus for those headed to Vegas for the Hollywood Dodgers tournament. It leaves Friday morning and returns Sunday morning. Ask Debbie for details.

Financial Report – Tracey Jue

- Tabled.

CYC Report – Debbie Okihara for Brett Yoshimura

- **CYC Summer league**
 - Final week is 6/24.
 - **All teams:** Please remember to bring printed scoresheet to the game. Only date, time, gym, opponent, & borrowed player names can be handwritten. Double check schedules as late as the night before to make sure location and game time have not changed.
 - **CYC All Star Games**
 - CYC All Stars played Yonsei 25 on June 3rd @PBT. CYC won 47-41.
 - Next game vs. CBO All Stars is scheduled for Saturday, July 14th at 2pm @Marina Middle School.
 - SEYO vs. CYC is Sunday, July 29th at 6pm @OCBC.
 - Japan vs. CYC is Saturday Aug 18th 10a @Yorba Linda High School.
- **Winter League**
 - CYC Winter League games run from the first Sunday in November to the 2nd or 3rd week in February with byes during the holidays.
 - This upcoming year (Winter & Summer), it's the Bruins' organizations turn to serve as CYC Commissioner of Basketball Operations /League Directors for 8th grade division.
 - Debbie will be offering a "**Winter League 101**" for new and returning teams/team reps, to prepare them for Winter League, to go over the rules, make sure paperwork is submitted correctly, etc. We do not want to have to pay any fines. Summer league rules are lax in comparison and the penalties in Winter are as steep as \$400. CYC requires "wet" original signatures versus scanned documents. The application deadline is around the time of the Bruin Tournament so it's recommended teams start gathering info and preparing early in order to deliver properly filled out/hard copy documents to Brett. You can't email them to him last minute. NOTE: This year's registration forms are not available yet; Brett will send out info/links sometime in July.

IAO Report – Kimi Suehiro (absent)

- No updates per Debbie.

OLD BUSINESS

• 5K Update:

- Thanks and appreciation to this year's 5K committee (Herricanes, Prime, Legends, & Up & Coming) for putting on another successful event, especially while Debbie was out sick.
- The team that brought in the most participants (29) was the Strikers. They have earned \$200 credit towards their sponsorship ad.

- **The Stand Restaurant fundraiser** - Perhaps due to it being Mother's Day weekend, it wasn't a big money maker for us. We received \$66. We are scheduled for the next Stand Restaurant fundraiser on August 25-26, 2018 during the Bruins tournament weekend.

• Chicken Teriyaki event update:

- Every volunteer showed up and it went smoothly. Great job!

• Background Checks:

- The main reason we needed to start background checks that included a sexual harassment component was to be in compliance with PCC and their requirements for using their gym during the Bruin Tournament. We were going to do regular background checks anyway as part of the process for getting insurance. Debbie has not proceeded with the sexual harassment piece yet because she is awaiting confirmation that the PCC gym is available.
- Coaches and assistants will receive a link to start the regular background process.
- Bruins will cover fees for up to 2 coaches. If you have more than 2 coaches, the team will be responsible for paying for additional checks at \$32 each.

• Bruins Tournament

- **Coed (open to 5th thru 12th)/Men/Women/Masters (>40)** -- dates are August 18-19, 2018. Fee is \$450.
 - Space is LIMITED. Register online on the Bruins website under the "Tournament" tab. Deadline is June 15th.
 - Coed T-shirt contest deadline is August 10th.
- **Youth/Prep** -- dates are August 25-26, 2018 (open to all 2nd-12th grade teams, boys & girls).
 - All eligible Bruins teams are required to play in the tournament.
 - Bruin teams **DO NOT** need to submit online player registrations or tournament fee.
 - Required elements:
 - ✓ Roster (*formatted in MS WORD format*), available on the Bruins website or from your division coordinator. Please email to your division coordinator. **DEADLINE: June 30th**; July 15th for roster change(s).
 - ✓ \$500 worth of sponsorship ads – **DEADLINE: June 1st (passed)**. Online registration is available and payment can be made online or by check. *If your team chooses not to solicit sponsors, you are still responsible for \$500. Let Debbie know immediately so she can keep track.
 - 3 guaranteed games: 2 on Saturday, 1 on Sunday. Awards limited to 10 per team.
 - All registration forms--including for coed, sponsorship ads, etc--are available online at <http://www.pasadenabruins.org/tournament.html>
 - **(OPTIONAL) Tournament Book / Team Page** - Fulfilling your \$500 requirement earns you a team page. Please send Debbie artwork that is camera-ready, in *PDF* format. **REVISED DEADLINE: June 15st**.
- **Division Coordinators Meeting resumes June 12th, immediately following the Bruins General Meeting.**

- **PBT Obon** – July 21-22, 2018, Lead Chair: Hoop Stars (Eddie Chan/Val Uyeda) / Asst: Thunder IV (Sonia Yagura). Sharon Lee will be sending the volunteer shifts and instructions.
 - Currently, Dolphins and Vipers have plans to do a game booth.
- **JETTS Tournament – Registration Deadline: May 27th**. This tournament is the same weekend as Oban. Please let Debbie know if participating so she can assign work shifts accordingly.
 - This tournament is very laid back. They don't require your league roster per se. You can pick up non-rostered players and they are usually pretty accommodating.
- **Bruins COED Tournament T-shirt Contest** – DEADLINE August 10th.
 - Contest criteria is posted on the Bruins website under the tournament tab. Kids (vs parents) should take lead on design--extra points for creativity and originality versus a professional look.
 - Top 3 submissions win championship Tshirts.
 - <http://www.pasadenabruins.org/assets/2018-co-ed-t-shirt-contest-flyer.pdf>
- **VFW Tournament – October 19-21, 2018.** www.vfwyouth.org
 - Cost: \$400; Registration DEADLINE is August 31, 2018.
 - Games most likely in Orange County, e.g. Garden Grove with possibility of a Friday night game.
 - 3rd through 12th grade
 - **The tournament is the same weekend as PBT Gourmet Dinner. Please email Debbie by 8/1 if your team plans to participate in this tournament.**

CURRENT / NEW BUSINESS:

- **Budokan Project Updates** - Scott Ito provided an update.
 - Background: A project that's been in the works for a long time within the Little Tokyo Community; the idea has been around for over 40 years but the Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) didn't officially start till 1994. A coalition of business owners, community organizations, residents (including youth), among others, met and discussed the idea of what a

basketball gym in the community could do for the community. It was then that the LTSC started looking into sites, raising funds, and making plans to build a facility.

- Currently, the LTSC has raised nearly \$29 million from both the public and private sectors. Construction began in April of this year. The facility consists of a 51k square foot space with a 2-court, high school regulation gym with bleacher seating, and scoreboards. It will be state-of-the-art. It also includes an outdoor park and garden as well as a subterranean parking structure. Construction is expected to take 20 months, with completion in November 2019. It will likely take a couple additional months to get everything signed off (e.g. Certificate of Occupancy) and doors will likely open in early 2020.
- The \$28+ million raised so far does not quite cover all the expenses. They still need roughly \$3.7 million, \$3 million of which will go toward an endowment to cover ongoing/future operational costs. Fundraising will likely continue through/beyond the grand opening.
- The LTSC has had a long-standing partnership with the Bruins. Dan Nakauchi has been on the board for many years and saw the vision. The Bruin Board has donated sizable amounts to the effort over the years. The annual Toyota raffle has also been a big fundraiser and Bruin support selling tickets has been very helpful to the cause.
- Scott will continue to keep the Bruins updated on the progress. He can bring renderings to show. If anyone wants to be more involved or has any questions, please let him know.
- **3rd Annual Toyota Raffle** – Last year, Debbie required all teams to sell a minimum # of raffle ticket books; this year, it's no longer mandatory but with the hope that teams will still sell tickets for this very important community-building cause.
 - Raffle tickets will be distributed at the July meeting.
- **Bruins Tournament Pre-order T-shirt**
 - Debbie showed this year's winning t-shirt design. She will be taking t-shirt pre-orders until July 31st. Bring order forms & checks to the July meeting or mail directly to her home.

UPCOMING EVENTS? / DEADLINES

6/15	DEADLINE: Team Page for tournament book
7/21-22	PBT Obon
7/21-22	Jet/Jetts Tournament
8/4-5	Hollywood Dodgers Las Vegas Tournament
8/11-12	Nikkei Games 3-on-3 Tournament
8/18-19	Bruins Coed/Adult/Masters Tournament
8/25-26	Bruins Youth/Prep Tournament
8/25-26	The Stand Restaurant Fundraiser
9/11	MANDATORY New Parent Rep Orientation (6-7 pm)
10/9	DEADLINE: Membership Dues
10/19-21	VFW Tournament
10/20	PBT Gourmet Fall Dinner

**NEXT General Meeting: Tues. [July 10 @ 6:30pm, PBT]
Winter/Summer League 101: Tues. [July 10 @ 7 pm, PBT]
Division Coordinators Meeting: Tues. [July 10 @ 7:30 pm, PBT following General Meeting]**