

**Monthly Bruins Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 7, 2018**

**Call to Order - Debbie Okihara**

- Debbie called meeting to order at 6:42pm.

**Reading / Approval of Minutes**

- Debbie requested a review of meeting minutes from July and motioned for approval. Shelly Lee & Mica Miyamoto approved.

**PBT Update - Jeanie Toshima**

- Jeanie Toshima provided updates:
  - Thanks to Bruins for helping out with last month's Obon. It was a success despite the heat. Thanks also for helping sell raffle tickets. A portion of the proceeds will be given back to the Bruins organization. Check forthcoming.
  - "Shopping Extravaganza" fundraising opportunity - This is an all day event. [September 22, 2018]. For every \$35 ticket sold, \$25 will go back to your team. When registering, make sure to fill out section indicating your team name so proper credit can be given.
  - PBT gym locking procedures - If you see an asterisk ("\*") on the alarm keypad, it means one of the doors is open and needs to be closed before alarm can be activated. System will also indicate which door is open; she will post a key explaining which code corresponds with which door.
  - Next fundraiser is the Gourmet Dinner in October. Menu TBD.

**Fundraising presentation - Priscilla Hervey** (Bruin Parent / Strikers & Golden Girls)

- She is offering a fundraising & educational opportunity to families interested in selling essential oils or learning about them.
- Company is called "Healthy Connecting," an independent essential oils distributor. Over 600 products offered.
- She uses essential oils herself & for her kids—for things like sickness, injury, brain support, etc.
- She envisions a 3 to 4 week series of workshops and sales. A portion of sales commissions would go back to the Bruins Organization, as follows:
  - 10% of straight retail sales
  - For those interested in becoming a member, there are starter kits available for purchase. \$25 for every kit sold.
  - A portion of gift certificates will also earn \$ for Bruins.
- Timing-wise, she would like to offer workshops starting in October/November, heading into holiday shopping season. Sample workshop topics include:
  - Brain and body for the student athlete
  - Natural care for healthy living
  - The non-toxic household
  - Essential oils for all ages (from babies to adults)
  - Natural beauty (e.g. skincare, makeup)

**Financial Report - Tracey Jue** Tabled. July/August report will be presented at the September meeting.

**CYC Report - Brett Yoshimura**

- There has not been another CYC meeting. Next meeting is this Thursday.
- Winter League Registrations ongoing. If you have any questions or issues (e.g. need players, need JA, etc), please let him know. The sooner you let him know, the better chance we have to find solutions before the registration deadline.
- Debbie and Brett hosted a Winter League 101 last month. Please keep those tips and suggestions in mind when filling out paperwork in order to avoid problems and delays down the road.

**IAO Report - Kimi Suehiro (absent)** Tabled.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **OBON Wrap Up (Val)**
  - Thanks to all the volunteers. She is well aware of the short turnaround time given. Staffing worked smoothly and nothing unusual happened but the event was possibly overstaffed. Debbie noted that we provided feedback to PBT for consideration next year.
- **Youth/Prep Bruins Tournament is in 3 weekends!**
  - Division coordinators were asked to review final game schedules. Debbie will do a final review & have them PDF'd and sent back to them.
  - Tournament rules passed out as a handout. Please share with teams and make sure families are aware of the rules (e.g. no pets, only water in gym, no rolling coolers in gym, etc.)
  - For teams who are division coordinating: reminder that your families may be on the hook to help staff/monitor the gyms.
  - We will be using Open Ball score tracking again. More info to come.
  - Division coordinator meeting will follow the general meeting.
- **Bruins COED Tournament (Dates: August 18-19th)**
  - **T-shirt Contest - DEADLINE August 13<sup>th</sup>.**
    - 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>

- **Budokan Project / Bruins Fundraiser / 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Toyota Raffle –**
  - Raffle packets were distributed at the July meeting. Hoping they've been passed out to your team families by now.
  - **\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please make sure to **make check payable to PJAA** and turn into Debbie by September 10th; Bruins will in turn write 1 check and send to LTSC.\*\*\* (Last year there was some confusion with people sending individual ticket sales directly to LTSC.)
  - **Please bring tickets back (both sold and unsold) by the September meeting.**
- **VFW Tournament**
  - For those interested in participating, the Deadline is Aug 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Secretary position** (Sept 2018-Aug 2019, or longer)
  - Bruins need someone to take over for Cate Shin, starting the September meeting. Final call for a volunteer. Please contact Debbie if you're interested. If no one volunteers, she will need to assign a team/person.
- **Annual Bruins Membership dues**
  - This \$125 *per player* fee is mandatory and due October 9th. 1 check per team. Brett will collect for boys; Kimi for girls.
  - This annual fee helps cover increased gym rental costs, insurance, permits, and general operating costs.
- **Mandatory CYC Coaches meeting –** Sept 11<sup>th</sup> (7:30pm, following general meeting). Boys teams only. ALL coaches and assistant coaches (new and returning) must attend. It is highly recommended that other backup coaches or parents also attend.
  - Dan will host, go over rules, and pass out coach cards.
- **Restaurant Fundraiser @ The Stand, 36 El Molino Ave, Pasadena.**
  - It will coincide with the Youth/Prep Bruin Tournament weekend, on Sat. 8/25 & Sun. 8/26 from 11a-9p. Please let your parents know. 20% of your purchase will come back to support the Bruins organization. Must present the flyer, which was distributed at the meeting, emailed with the meeting minutes, and will also be handed out at all of the gym locations.

#### CURRENT / NEW BUSINESS:

- **New Parent Rep changeover in September (2018-2019)**
  - IF there will be a team rep change, please discuss and prepare succession plan for your team with your families. Only a handful of teams have responded back to Debbie with "no change" or by providing her with the name, cell phone, and email of the new rep. Please do so asap. Term will run September – August, or longer if desired.
  - There will be a new parent rep orientation next month @PBT classroom, starting at 6pm (prior to the general meeting)
- **PJCI Bazaar –** Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Teams interested in raising money, please email Debbie.
  - Below is a list of food & refreshments for sale as of now:
    - Kendo: Beverages
    - Kudo: Shaved Ice
    - Ms. PJCI: Baked goods
    - Karate: Chili rice & hot dogs
    - PJCI: Chirashi (volunteers needed to assemble, starting at 9am)
  - The Pasadena Japanese Cultural Center is located off of Lincoln. Many newly-formed teams practice(d) there.
  - 11-3:30pm
  - Raffle prizes: each group is responsible for donating a \$50 raffle prize or multiple prizes with cumulative value of \$50 (e.g. \$5 or \$10 gift cards). The top 3 raffle prizes will be cash. 1<sup>st</sup> place \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$100. Additional donations are gladly accepted. Please also consider approaching your favorite retailers for donations.
  - Food booths: groups may choose their item of choice but keep in mind what items are already planned as well as power needs such as electrical outlets and barbecues. Please respond with intentions by September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **PBT Gourmet Dinner –** October 20<sup>th</sup> (Chair: Sharks)
- **Teams owing \$ for Bruin Tournament Ads:**
  - Thunder IV, Renegades, Skywalkers, Lightning, Rockets, Thunder II, Rainbow Warriors, The Incredibles, Dream Team, Elite Stars, Dolphins

#### UPCOMING EVENTS? / DEADLINES

8/11-12	Nikkei Games 3-on-3 Tournament
8/13	Coed Tshirt contest deadline
8/18-19	Bruins Coed/Adult/Masters Tournament
8/25-26	Bruins Youth/Prep Tournament
9/11	MANDATORY New Parent Rep Orientation (6-7 pm)
9/11	Boys teams K-8: Coaches meeting/coach cards will be distributed.
10/9	DEADLINE: Membership Dues
10/9	Budokan Raffle Tickets DUE (both sold & unsold)
10/19-21	VFW Tournament
10/20	PBT Gourmet Fall Dinner

Meeting adjourned 7:04 pm. cs

**NEW PARENT REP ORIENTATION MEETING: Tues. [September 11 from 6-7 pm, PBT]  
NEXT General Meeting: Tues. [September 11 @ 7 pm, PBT]  
Division Coordinators Wrap Up Meeting: Tues. [September 11th @ 7:30 pm, PBT following General Meeting]  
Mandatory Coaches' Meeting @ 7:30pm**