

**Pasadena Bruins Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 10, 2016**

**Call to Order – Debbie Okihara**

- Debbie called meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

**Reading/approval of minutes**

- Debbie requested a review of meeting minutes from April and motioned for approval. Stewart Powell & Joyce Nakano approved.

**Financial Report – Tracey Jue (Not present)**

- Debbie presented on Tracey's behalf. Starting balance on 4/1 was \$31,835.67. Closing balance on 4/30 was \$24,749.52.

**CYC Report – Brett Yoshimura (Not present)**

- Brett emailed out an update to teams prior to the meeting. Summer league gym locations were announced. Check CYC website for schedules. Games start this Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**JAO Report – Kimi Suehiro**

- Summer League: 4 teams participating and they will play in the grade level as of this Fall. Dates are 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26. Fees still TBD. Give Kimi paperwork by this Friday.
- JAO is considering adopting a concussion policy.
- JAO teams will now have a cap of 11 players.
- There's a program for Kindergarteners where coaches can be on the court and kids get a chance to scrimmage. Bruins don't currently have any Kindergarten teams, however.

**PBT Update – Debbie Okihara**

- Last week, the gym lobby and bathroom lights were left on. They need to be turned off completely.
- There have been instances of little kids climbing the trees unsupervised. Please make sure they stay off the trees for liability reasons.
- Debbie ordered 2 new fans for the gym. Make sure to plug in and wrap up cords during & after use so no one trips on them.
- Debbie will be looking to order a "Pasadena Bruins" banner for inside the gym.

**Budokan Presentation – Mike Murase & Scott Ito**

- For many who grew up playing JA league basketball, we know the importance and value of having the opportunity to play sports, in addition to building friendships and learning to compete. This is the spirit of building the Budokan gym. In addition to basketball, the facility will be used to for other events/sports.
- Fundraising efforts come from as far as Orange County and San Fernando. It's a \$23.5 million project. About 85% raised already. The plan is to break ground in early 2017 and completion by summer or fall of 2018. Many of our kids will have opportunity to experience the Budokan. "Silent" fundraising efforts so far have targeted government sources, foundations & major donors in our communities. In the next 6 months, they are reaching out to organizations like Bruins, Tigers, CYC, etc. to help with grassroots fundraising.
- Toyota donated 1 car per year for the next 3 years -- a Highlander Hybrid. They will raffle the car to raise remaining 15% they need. Raffle tickets are \$10 each & books of tickets were passed out to each team. FYI: \$4 goes to the home organization, \$1 goes to expense of running the raffle (e.g. printing tickets), and \$5 goes to Budokan. Drawing will be held on 11/28 @ Seoul Sausage Co. (restaurant across the street from the proposed Budokan site).

**Old Business**

- **2016 Bruin Tournament** – ALL teams play (2<sup>nd</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades); teams DO NOT PAY the tournament fee but are responsible for \$500 minimum worth of sponsorship ads. Deadline for team page artwork (1 page) and sponsorship ad \$ is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please let Debbie know if you won't be soliciting for ads or don't want a team page.
  - For Coed, there's a best dressed contest - 8/10 deadline. (See flyer for details or contact Cindy Matsumoto mcmats@sbcglobal.net)
- **Chicken Teriyaki Takeout** – May 14, 2016. No Gym closure on 5/13. Chair: Renegades (Robyn Lin). Only 10 teams were needed for this event. Thank you for providing your volunteers.
- **NEW Parent Rep changeover** – effective June 1, 2016. MANDATORY meeting is Tues., June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm (prior to next monthly meeting). If you haven't already done so, please email Debbie ASAP with Name, Address, Contact #, Email address(es) of the new rep.
- **Bruins Tournament T-shirt contest winner** – Thunder III team will receive \$200 credit towards their \$500 Bruin tournament sponsorship ads. Design was shared at the meeting.
- **Annual Membership Dues** (Fees go toward gym fees at PBT, Eagle Rock, Coral and PJCI, as well as insurance and general operating expenses)
  - \$100 per player is due at the July Bruins Meeting (7/12) & effective July thru June. NOTE: if teams disband in the middle of the effective period, they will be held responsible for volunteering duties, if any, for a month or so afterwards.
  - 1 check per team, made payable to PJAA; Brett Yoshimura will collect for boy teams; Kimi Suehiro will collect for girl teams.
- **PBT Obon** – July 23-24. Lead Chair: Rockets (Elle Sudijono) / Asst Chair: Warriors (Tracy Kawasaki). Sharon Lee will be sending the volunteer shifts and instructions.
  - If your team is interested in having a booth, please email Sharon Lee @ [Sarklee@yahoo.com](mailto:Sarklee@yahoo.com) and cc Debbie by 6/1.
  - The church would like more game booths if possible. You can bring your own games or ask to see what's available.
  - If your team chooses to have a booth, this would be in lieu of working a volunteer shift. Booths will be open Saturday 4-9p and Sunday 4-8:30p.
  - Food booth profits are split 50% between team and PBT, and must be approved in advance by the church.
  - For game booth profits, 100% go to the team.

## Current / New Business

- **5K Run/Walk Wrap up (Val Uyeda)**
  - It was a success! Thankfully, it did not rain. 273 wristbands were turned in (approx. 40 were unused but it's still more participants than last year; we had quite a few walk-ins as well) & we raised \$21,707.85. Run/walk capacity is 500-600 so we have room to increase participation next year. Expenses ran approx. \$13,000 (scholarships).
- **Budokan/Bruins Fundraiser**
  - Raffle ticket booklets were passed out after the meeting. It's strongly encouraged that everyone sells raffle tickets.
  - Ticket stubs and \$ will be collected at the monthly Bruin meetings leading up to the November meeting.
  - If you need more raffle ticket booklets, e-mail Jonie Tsuji at [bruinit@gmail.com](mailto:bruinit@gmail.com) and she will get more to distribute.
  - Added incentive to sell as many raffle tickets possible is that the Bruin team selling the most tickets will get a one free tournament (up to \$425 value).
- **South Bay Youth League** – 9/10-11/30; \$650 per team; boys & girls 1<sup>st</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Registration part 1: Deadline 7/1
  - Registration part 2: August 1
  - <http://www.sbybasketball.org>
- **Temple City Summer Basketball League** – June 14-August 5, \$80 per player, ages 8-15.
  - Registration is OPEN. You can go online or register in person at Live Oak Park in Temple City
  - Location: Oak Avenue Middle School Gym, outside basketball courts
  - For more info contact Live Oak Park at 626-656-7321
- **VFW Tournament** – 10/14-16, \$400 fee, for boys and girls 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades. DEADLINE: 7/8.
- **New Coach's cards (Dan)** – Official new coach's meeting is in October. However, if there are any new coaches or new teams, contact Dan.
- **San Fernando's 4-week PeeWee clinic (Dan)** – Deadline is soon / end of May. Intended for Kindergarten-level teams and starts AFTER cyc summer league. Dan highly recommends.
- **Bruin gear** – If you're interested in ordering bruin t-shirts, sweatshirts, socks, etc, you can go to the bruin store section of the bruin store and order online. Debbie has a small inventory of items for purchase as well.
  - Debbie showed sample of new reversible uniforms. Cost is \$55 without name and \$65 with.

## DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES

- 5/13 **NO** Gym closure
- 5/14 Chicken Teriyaki Takeout / Gym closed
- 5/15 CYC Summer League begins
- 5/28-30 Tigers Tournament
- 6/1 **DUE:** OBON booth request
- 6/7 Mandatory **NEW** parent rep orientation meeting
- 6/11 Keiro Caregiver Conference (**PENDING:** Gym closure)
- 6/30 **DUE:** team rosters for Bruins Tourney, Sponsorship ads, Team Page artwork
- 7/14 Membership dues
- 7/23-24 PBT OBON
- 7/23-24 Jet/Jetts Tournament
- 8/6-7 Hollywood Dodgers Vegas Tournament
- 8/13-14 Nikkei Games 3-on-3 Tournament
- 8/20-21 Bruins Coed/Adult/Masters Tournament
- 8/27-28 Bruins Youth/Prep Tournament
- 10/14-15 VFW Tournament

## Next meeting:

- General Meeting: June 7th @ 6:30pm, PBT

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

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