

**Pasadena Bruins Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, February 9, 2016

**Call to Order – Debbie Okihara**

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

**Reading/Approval of Minutes**

- Debbie requested a review of meeting minutes from January and motioned for approval. Kimi Suehiro and Larry Yeh approved.

**Financial Report – Tracy Jue** (not present)

- Tracy is transitioning into role, taking over for Julie Toyama. Debbie presented January statement. Opening balance (as of 1/1/16) was \$22,142.45. Closing balance (as of 1/31/16) was \$45,298.07.

**CYC Report – Brett Yoshimura**

- **CYC Jamboree**
  - Jamboree will be held Sun. 2/28 @ Schurr HS, 8am-1pm; ceremony portion will start at around 11:30am. If planning to attend ceremony only, arrive by 11am.
  - For teams slated to receive a trophy, you can only be missing 2 players and still be allowed to pick up trophies.
  - Tri-Stars Competition will take place in the Girls gym from 9:30-11 am, must sign up by 10 am. Free for all participants, ages 8-13 (see attached flyer)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade All-Star game starts at 9 am (players should arrive between 8:15-8:30 am); 8<sup>th</sup> grade All-Star game starts at around 10:15 am (players should arrive around 9:15-9:30 am).
  - Reminder from Debbie: Everyone is responsible for picking up their own team t-shirts.
- **Bella Vista Optimist Club 's Tri-Star Skills Competition**
  - Coincides with Jamboree, runs from 9:30-11am @ Schurr HS – Girls' Gym.
  - Free to all boys & girls, ages 8-13. Sign up on day of.
  - Brett previously emailed out flyer to relevant teams.
- **Summer League**
  - Brett needs to provide tentative team counts so that gym permits can be secured. Provide commitments by Friday 2/26.
  - Tentative dates: 5/15, 5/22, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26.
- **Megalopolis** (Dan Nakauchi)
  - Qualified Bruin teams: MB3 Gold: Renegades; MA5: Gold Lightning; MA5 Silver: Sharks; MA6 Gold: Defenders; JB8: Gold Storm. Only one division (JB8 Silver?) is in jeopardy of not having enough teams.
  - Silver Division – CYC is taking hard line. Teams with 50% win records or better will NOT be allowed into Silver. Silver is for 0-10 type teams/teams that don't usually enter tournaments because they can't compete.
  - Confirmations go out after Thursday.
  - Thunder II is a silver team that went 9-1 so they might play gold.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade gym assignments:
    - MA5 Gold → Lightning
    - MA5 Silver → Sharks
    - MA6 Gold → Defenders
    - MA6 Silver → Rule (who declined) will be responsible unless Thunder II doesn't get in.

**IAO Report – Kimi Suehiro**

- **Prep team registrations** due TODAY (2/9)
- **Winter League** reminders:
  - Last team must leave within 30 minutes.
  - Jersey color and undershirt must match.
  - No pierced earrings.
  - No photography inside 3-pt line (e.g. no picture-taking from under the basket).
  - Watch negative comments to referees about bad calls.
- **Bingo Night** + baking contest is Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>; Kimi will accept \$ & tickets for anyone who wants to turn in.
- **IAO Jamboree** takes place on 3/30 9-1:30. Kimi will email out exact ceremony start time when it becomes available.

**Rising Stars Presentation**

- 3 current and past players presented info about a 5-month high school program (Oct-April) that provides leadership & Japanese culture workshops in downtown LA.
- Golf tournament fundraiser will be held at Camelot Golf on Saturday, 3/12 in Anaheim to raise \$ for next year. Pizza lunch is provided. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids (\$20 & \$15, respectively, on day of). Proceeds go toward funding the program for the following year.
- Other ways to help:
  - \$2 raffle tickets (buy tickets or donate raffle prizes) to win prizes like an ipad mini, GoPro camera, 2 disneyland tickets
  - Sponsorship opportunities: Bronze \$50; Silver \$100, Gold \$250, Platinum \$500 (different levels of support include various combinations of recognition on the Nikkei Federation website, on powerpoint slides exhibited at the golf tournament and Rising Stars graduation day, in the printed graduation program, on press releases and other printed materials as well as golf fundraiser tickets.
- For interested participants needing more information, go to <http://www.nikkeifederation.org/risingstars/>

### Kizuna Presentation

- A Kizuna staff member came to talk about their K-12<sup>th</sup> grade programs:
  - Nikkei Discovery Camp (for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade) is a 9a-5p week-long summer program with a Pasadena location (as well as OC, West LA, & San Fernando Valley).
  - High school Youth Camp focuses on mentoring, networking, & self-identity.
  - "Youth Can" 10-week high school summer program runs once a week at night.
- ALSO: Mochi Workshop @PJCI on Sat, 2/20 12-1:30. \$15/child.

### Old Business

- **2016 Bruins Tourney division coordinators** list finalized. Individual email addresses have been set up for each division. Debbie will send the info out to coordinators.
- **Bruins T-shirt contest** deadline extended to March 1<sup>st</sup>. As of now, only 2 entries received.
- **Mop bucket** for gym floor cleaning system is being stored in the Men's bathroom (inside latched but unlocked closet).
- **2016 Team responsibilities list** has been updated (attached)
- **New practice schedule** is in progress; Debbie will send out when ready & it will be effective Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Current / New Business

- **PBT Sukiyaki Dinner** (Lead: Battling Bruins; Assist: Rule) - March 19, 2016. Gym closure: March 18 (awaiting confirmation)
- **Pee Wee Clinic** – Last session will be on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. Pizza and drinks for coaches. Campers will scrimmage for a few minutes at the end. Coaches will also play at the end as sort of a mini-exhibition for the campers and their parents, to give them an idea of what the kids can grow into. ***IMPORTANT NOTE: Teams with practice times following the camp will need to start 30 minutes later than usual.***
- **Bruins 5k Run/Walk** Update (Val Uyeda/Mindy Klarin)
  - E-mail with all relevant info was sent out before the meeting.
  - Paperwork due 3/1 for Bruin participants; outside participants have till 4/1. NOTE: Team reps are responsible for filling out a summary sheet. Also, a pledge form is provided but optional.
  - Fees: \$30/participant or \$600/team (minimum); a \$200 ad-requirement credit will be awarded to the team that raises the most money. Money due by 3/1 or check (made out to PJAA) can be handed in at the next monthly meeting (Tues. 3/8).
  - Committee is actively looking for donations for raffle prizes; a form solicitation letter is available for anyone who wants to help approach local restaurants/stores. Several donations have already been secured (New Moon gift card, 40 happy meals, Candy Company basket, etc) but we can use more. A tax credit form is available upon request.
  - Mindy has secured enough bottled waters to pass out at the event; she is looking to find help securing additional Trader Joe's granola bars.
  - Team participant Tshirts will be handed out at the April meeting.
- **Donation Drive** (Savers) – Sat. 2/20 from 10a-3p. Bagged (clothing) donations can also be dropped off in advance and stored on the stage inside the church gym.
- **Bruins Website Refresh & Bruins Store Launch** – Scheduled to go live on 2/9. Check out both at <http://www.pasadenabruins.org>
  - Uniform samples are scheduled to be ready in the next week.
  - A percentage of all sales from the Bruins store will benefit the Bruins organization.
- **2016 Bruins Tournament** (Coed/Men/Women/Masters 8/20-8/21; Youth/Prep 8/27-8/28)
  - All Bruin teams will participate in the tournament (2<sup>nd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)
  - Bruin teams don't pay the tournament entry fee but is instead responsible for raising the mandatory \$500 (minimum) worth of ads – DUE June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - **Division Coordinators' kickoff meeting – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:15pm**
  - **Tournament dance** – Suzzanne Au suggested we consider cancelling the dance this year due to lack of interest. Karianne Johnson also agreed with cancelling the dance. It seems to be an overall trend. F.O.R. cancelled their dance last year. Only the Tigers Dance still garners interest. After some discussion, it was agreed: 2016 Dance is cancelled.

### Upcoming Events / Deadlines:

- 2/20 Last Pee Wee Clinic & Pizza Party
- 2/28 CYC Jamboree/Tri-Star Skills Competition (@ Schurr High School)
- 2/28 CBO Spring Prep League begins
- 3/1 Bruins Tournament T-shirt Contest (Deadline extended)
- 3/1 5k Run/Walk paperwork and checks DUE to parent reps
- 3/8 Parent reps bring all 5k waivers, summary sheet, and checks to the meeting
- 3/19 PBT sukiyaki Dinner
- 3/30 JAO Jamboree
- 4/16 Tentative Gym Closure (Church Youth Group)
- 4/30 Tentative Gym Closure (Miss PJCI BBQ Fundraise)

Meeting adjourned @ 7:30pm.

**NEXT General Meeting: Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm, PBT**  
**Tournament - Division Coordinator Meeting: Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15pm, PBT**