

## Pasadena Bruins Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

### Call to Order – Debbie Okihara

- Debbie called meeting to order at 6:35pm.

### Reading/Approval of Minutes

- Debbie requested a review of meeting minutes from February and motioned for approval. Bentley Soo Hoo and Kien Tiet approved.

### Financial Report – Tracy Jue

- Tracy reported on the February statement & handed out an itemized summary. Opening balance as of 2/1/16 was \$45,298.07. Closing balance as of 2/29/16 was \$37,650.57.

### CYC Report – Brett Yoshimura

- **Summer League** – Tentative team counts are in: K(7-10), PW1(9), PW2(8), MB3(8), MB4(9), MA5(12), MA6(8), JB7(5), JB8(3). These totals don't include the CBO teams that will be joining; based on last year's #s, CBO could account for an additional ~35 teams. Same gyms will be used. Fee info is still TBD.
- **Megalopolis** – Taking place this weekend (3/12-3/13). Schedules are virtually final. Dan will get them posted to the CYC website. As far as the gyms Bruins are responsible for managing, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Gold will be at Belvedere, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Silver @ Eagle Rock, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Gold @ Wilson. For all other participating teams, email Dan for the schedule. Good Luck!

### IAO Report – Kimi Suehiro

- **Prep League** – Kicks off March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Winter League** – This is last week of the season.
- **Summer League** – Commitments due April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **IAO Jamboree** will take place on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Yonsei Presentation by Zachary Yang (from 8<sup>th</sup> grade Storm) \*For more info contact Angie Yang directly at [hiraia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hiraia@sbcglobal.net).

- Yonsei is in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year and is a cultural and good will program. The 2-year program involves players visiting Japan and staying with a host family. The following year, they host a Japanese player.
- This year their travels include visiting Kochi, Hiroshima & Kyoto.
- The selection process includes a basketball tryout as well as player & parent interviews and an essay. This year Zach is the only Bruin on the team; players from other organizations like Tigers, F.O.R., Mustangs, Dodgers are also represented.
- Fundraising efforts are under way for their Japan trip: T-shirt sales (\$16), raffle (\$2), golf tourney/silent auction, & exhibition game.

### Old Business

- **New practice schedule** handed out. Next update will be in November. Reminders: Debbie will be implementing penalizing teams for late cancels. Be sure to confirm with the team **BEFORE** and **AFTER** when you cancel your practices. If teams are interested in using a cancelled practice, please e-mail Debbie immediately.
- **Sukiyaki Dinner (March 19, 2016)** – Chair: Battling Bruins/Assistant Chair: Rule. Gym Closure March 18<sup>th</sup>. Gregory Harrison sent out shift info and is awaiting responses back with volunteer names & contact info. He's only heard from 4 teams (Rebels, Tornados, Rock, & Defenders). All other teams need to let Greg know who's volunteering for their teams by THIS Friday, March 11.
- **Donation Drive (Savers)** – We raised \$291.10. We were also reimbursed us for the U-Haul truck rental. Collection stats: 882 pounds of clothing, 588 pounds of Misc (kitchen items, etc), 206 pounds of books. Debbie is curious to get feedback about this fundraiser—do we want to do again? **Please e-mail Debbie if we should do this fundraiser again.**
- **Bruins Website** – it is live. The "Members only" section is still being tweaked. The login and password will remain the same (Pasadena & Bruins, respectively). This section will include practice schedule, documents, waivers, meeting minutes, etc.
- **Bruins Store** – Some teams have placed orders already. The Free shipping promotion will be **extended to Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Debbie with questions.
- **Pee Wee Clinic** – It was a success! A few people already inquired about next year's clinic. About ½ of the participants were kindergarten boys. 2 teams have already been formed; Dan is working on 1 more. Maybe a 1<sup>st</sup> grade team as well. Direct any kinder or 1<sup>st</sup> grade boys to Dan. Also, if you know ANY (JA) kinder or 1<sup>st</sup> grade girls, please let Dan know. The girls program is in flux and having some difficulty.
- **Rising Stars Program** – A reminder that this high school program is still accepting applications & could use help with their fundraisers. The 5-month program (Oct-April) offers Japanese culture & leadership workshops in downtown LA. Flyers were passed out last month and attached to the February meeting minutes. For more info go to <http://www.nikkeifederation.org/risingstars/>

### Current / New Business

- **Bruins 5k Run/Walk** – All team paperwork due after the meeting. Outside walkers/runners are still able to sign up.
  - Val reported that they still need and are accepting raffle prizes, a portable PA system/megaphone, certified EMT volunteer, donations. She also needs 10 or so volunteers to help man stations on day of. Email Val as soon as possible if interested.
- **2016 Bruins Tournament (Co-ed 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>/Men/Women/Masters is 8/20-8/21. Youth/Prep tournament is 8/27-8/28)** – Tournament info sheet, sponsorship ad form, & roster were passed out at the meeting. Debbie will make electronic versions available. For **Co-Ed**: Fee is \$200 if you have an all-Bruin team; otherwise, it's \$425. For Girls/Boys teams: Participation is mandatory; entry fee is waived but each team is responsible for raising \$500 worth of sponsorship ads.
  - **1<sup>st</sup> DIVISION COORDINATORS Meeting**: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:15pm.
- **Next Restaurant Fundraiser is at BJ's**. (Wed., April 20<sup>th</sup> from 11am-11pm. Address: 234 E. Colorado Blvd, Pasadena.) 20% of total food and soft beverage purchases will be donated back to our organization. Pass the attached flyers to your team. Flyer must be presented at time of purchase.

- **Next Volunteering event: Chicken Teriyaki Takeout** – May 14, 2016. Gym Closure: TBD. Chair: Renegades (John Yutan)
- **NEW Parent Rep changeover is effective June 1, 2016.** There is a **MANDATORY** meeting on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm for **NEW** reps. This is only for reps who have never been a parent rep before. New rep's name and contact info should be emailed to Debbie by **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. She will create a new contacts list with all the new reps included.
- **REMINDER: Parent reps are the communication between your teams. Please share e-mails and requests when they are sent out to you. DO NOT PICK/CHOOSE what to disseminate to your parents. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to share ALL info with your teams.**

**Upcoming Events / Deadlines:**

- 3/8 Parent reps bring all 5k waivers, summary sheet, and checks to the meeting
- 3/18 GYM CLOSURE (Sukiyaki)
- 3/19 PBT Sukiyaki Dinner
- 3/20 JAO Jamboree
- 4/12 Next Monthly Bruin Meeting @6:30pm, followed by Bruins Tournament – Division Coordinators' Meeting at 7:15pm
- 4/16 TENTATIVE Gym Closure (Church Youth Group)
- 4/20 BJ's Restaurant fundraiser (must bring flyer)
- 4/30 TENTATIVE Gym Closure (Miss PJCI BBQ Fundraiser)
- 5/7 Bruins 5k Run/Walk @ Rose Bowl
- 5/14 Chicken Teriyaki Takeout
- 5/15 Tentative dates for CYC Summer League (5/15, 5/22, 6/5, 6/13, 6/19, 6/26)
- 6/7 MANDATORY *NEW* Parent Rep Orientation

Meeting adjourned @ 7:30pm.

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**NEXT General Meeting: Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm, PBT**  
**Tournament - Division Coordinator Meeting: Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15pm, PBT**