

WCBL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 15, 2008

In attendance:

Michael Paul, St. Mary's  
Robin Keggan, Hope  
John Leonardis, Belvidere  
Mary Sagan, Liberty  
Lorena Barofski, White  
Kathy Cuntala, Knowlton  
Barb Pisani, Harmony  
Tammy Redos, Harmony  
Wayne Chaladoff, Liberty  
Roe Geueke, Blairstown  
Nic Benedetto, St. Mary's  
George Castner, White

Sue Smith, member of public  
Chris DeBenedetto, member of public  
Pete Measso, member of public  
Hugh Farley, member of public  
Owen Barr, member of public  
Cheryl Kiernan, member of public

7:05pm Robin Keggan called meeting to order.

John Leonardis addressed WCBL regarding Belvidere Freshman boys team with 11 players. Coach Hugh Farley has not played boys since our last meeting. John did forward roster with names and grades to Michael Paul. Michael just forwarded names to Robin. Robin approved Belvidere's roster with 11 players (as well as other towns' rosters with 11) due to past practice. Michael Paul motioned and Nic Benedetto seconded to let team finish season with 11 players, as other teams are currently playing with 11 as well. Vote allowed Belvidere Freshman boys to finish season with 11 and play all players as close as possible to mandated playtime. For next year, no teams of 11 will be allowed as minimum playtime can't be achieved.

Wayne Chaladoff wants to adopt a policy with date of birth and residence as requirements for playing on a team. He believes there is a player on the Frelinghuysen team who lives in Hopatcong.

Michael Paul takes over meeting to address incident at Belvidere/Hope Varsity girls game on December 17, 2007.

Robin Keggan spoke first. She attended the game and spoke of an on-going issue between one member of the Belvidere squad and the Hope team. Sue Smith, from Hope, was also present at game. She said the Hope parent never confronted the Belvidere coach. She saw nothing in the parking lot. Owen Barr, the Hope coach, stated problem started three years ago with Belvidere player and Hope players. Hope parent alleges no complaints were filed until after she attended the December WCBL meeting to complain of player conduct.

Robin read statements from referees who stated one of them turned Hope parent away from Belvidere bench, but did not deem incident serious enough to write up a report.

John Leonardis passed out copies of statements we received via email. In the fall Jack Baum discussed that "trash talking" does occur. John stated he had a work function

and could not attend the December WCBL meeting. He didn't realize Hope coach and players would bring complaint against Belvidere; otherwise he would have sent a representative. He was also not in attendance at the December 7 game and could only speak from the statements he received from the Belvidere coach and parents in attendance.

Chris Albright from White stated that we are here for the children. Belvidere player 20 had the same issue with White Select team. Based on this information, the WCBL voted to impose a one game suspension on Belvidere player 20 to be served on January 24, 2008 (game #318). The WCBL also voted to impose a one game suspension on Hope parent for her actions at game. If either suspended individual shows up either at the game or on the property during their suspension, it will be an automatic forfeit to the opposing team. It was also decided that these referees cannot officiate any games between the Belvidere and Hope girls. Note: Robin Keggan and John Leonardis abstained from voting on all of these issues.

Robin takes control of meeting.

Approval of December minutes: amended that no letter was sent to the Belvidere player as outlined in December.

Robin will draft letter to Belvidere player and Hope parent informing them of WCBL's action.

Treasurer's Report: \$10,210.58 in account. Select fees not deposited. Jack Baum not paid yet. Belvidere, Independence, and Frelinghuysen need to pay select fees. Michael Paul also noted we are missing Frelinghuysen and Blairstown coaches contact information.

New Business:

Playtime requirements: need to be adhered to; if not followed from this date forward, team will be out of playoffs.

Seeding meeting: Wednesday, 2/6/08 7pm at Hope

Trophies: Nic Benedetto and Kathy Cuntala will research trophies for WCBL

Will look into using same people to run clock and keep neutral book at championship games.

John Leonardis will look into Belvidere High School gym availability for March 1, 2008. Original date was March 15, 2008.

9:10 Meeting adjourned.