



**REPORTS  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**October 15, 2014 at 7:03 to 7:47 PM  
Walter Murray Cafeteria**

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## **(Acting) President's Report - Matt Boyko**

First and foremost, thank you all for attending this year's AGM. Events like this are quite important for us as a Board of Directors to hear your thoughts, comments, suggestions, and concerns to help our league continuously improve as we move forward.

This past year has been quite a hectic year for all involved in SMBA. As Ian and Randi will allude to in their reports, we are actively looking for ways to improve the services we offer to you, our members.

This past year, our Board has seen significant changes in membership and direction. Of our eleven Board members, seven (7) of them are still in their first two years with our organization. Having such new people is a strength for us, as we continue to look at new and different ways to provide value added services to you as coaches, parents, players, and fans.

As part of our Board changes, our President, Bryan Craig has stepped down from his presidential responsibilities for new opportunities. He will remain an active member of our Board for the remaining one year as past president. I would like to pass on my personal message of support and thanks to him, as I've worked with him closely on a number of items the past few years.

As part of our growth initiative, this past year we had a strategic planning session with Rachelle Brockman from Eureka Experience. This session helped our Board in understanding our strengths and weaknesses, while identifying opportunities for improvements and threats to our organization. As a result of the session, we had a few changes made to our foundation.

- We have a new mission: *To introduce and provide the opportunity for all levels of participants to play and learn basketball in a welcoming environment that develops positive life skills*
- We developed pillars of our focus: *Model of Operations, Player/Coach Development, Communication, and League Structure*
- Changes in our Bylaws: *We've made changes in our bylaws structure to more accurately reflect where we are heading as an organization. More information to come on the proposal for amendments*

For the coming year in 2014-15, we have a number of objectives we'd like to accomplish. Overall, we have a goal to connect with you, our members, on the services we provide to understand what changes we need to make to offer better services to our coaches and players as we move forward. Part of this is ongoing communication with all of you, and other aspects is to become more effective in our operations. We are in the process of mapping our planning cycles for SMBA, so we can be timely in our decision making while keeping our customers at top of mind.

Thank you for attending this year's AGM, and I am looking forward to answering any questions you may have.

## **Executive Director's Report - Ian Mirtle**

### **Teams**

We have 127 teams with the grade 1 and 2 program included.

From Spuds to Juvenile boys there is the same number of teams. One problem we have is a lack of coaches for our programs and communities are always scrambling to find coaches. This year there are 9 coaches that are currently coaching more than one team

### **Winter League Schedules**

Were set up according to gyms available and were posted on the web site. If you find any mistakes please contact me.

All games must be played at the time and location as posted on the web site.

The first round will be completed on November 29 and second round games will be on December 6 and 13. Before the break; Games will resume on Saturday, January 10 and run until February 7, then a break on February 14 because of the Family week and the last league games will be held on February 21.

Playoffs will run on February 28/March 1, March 7/8, and finals will be held on March 14.

### **Changing Pools**

Teams must let the SMBA know by November 10 if they wish to change pools based on team performance.

### **Results**

Will be posted on the web site and will be in the paper on Wednesdays. Please make sure to fill out the complete score sheet with players both first and last names as well as all of the information required on the top of the score sheet.

## **Referees**

Clinics were held at Aden Bowman on three consecutive weekends and we have 20 new referees and 20 returnees.

We ask for your cooperation in following the rules of the SMBA and the Zero Tolerance Policy that will be handed out to all players on Saturday October 18.

If you have any problems with a referee or opposing coach or fans, please contact the Gym Supervisor for support. There will be one supervisor in every building and they will be wearing their SMBA Black Supervisor Shirts.

## **Respect in Sport Policy**

All coaches of teams must now take the on-line course and have it completed by December 1, Information was sent to all coaches

## **Criminal Checks**

All head coaches of teams must have this completed by December 1, Information was sent to all coaches.

## **Rules**

All division rules are posted on the web site and new FIBA rules for 2014 were sent to all coaches.

## **Spring League**

There were problems with the 2014 Spring League in that we were short close to 40 coaches. Fortunately we had parents step up to help us out.

The 2015 Spring league will start on March 30 and run until the end of May and coaches will be needed for this program, please consider coaching a team. The format for games will be changed for this year. More information will be coming from the SMBA Board.

## **Programs & Communications Coordinator Report - Randi MacDonald**

Our SMBA leagues and camps had a great year this last year.

### **Dunkaroos**

We opened online registration in the middle of August and filled all the time slots we had. We had 117 players total.

### **Fall League**

Went well and we had 1170 players with 107 teams.

### **Spring League**

Online registration opened January 1<sup>st</sup> and we ended up having 754 players.

### **Summer Camp**

Registration opened April 1<sup>st</sup> online and we had 82 players in one week of camp run by Steve Dawe. This year we had a huge change in the way the program was run. We had gone from two weeks to one and paid out a very large sum to the Huskie program to run it for us. This year we ran it in house and made a profit of more than \$1500 for the first time in a very long time. Steve Dawe found very knowledgeable coaches and the response has been great. We are in discussion to run it for two weeks next year and to work with other camps that run in the city over the summer to make sure there is less overlap.

### **Website**

Our website has been running smoothly and if you think of any changes please let me know.