

PPL Board Minutes of 3/28/05. All members in attendance.

1. Discussion of team splits for St. Greg and SMHC. Had representatives of both schools appear. Discussed situation. Letters sent with decisions.
2. Forfeits. OLQP forfeited the entire season for one team (5th Girls). Bob reported that he put in 60-70 hours trying to find a substitute team, and then re-doing the schedules by calling gyms for available dates, contacting refs, coaches, re-scheduling, and then confirming the makeup games. In short, it was a major project to reschedule. In addition, there were five other forfeits for OLQP, for total forfeit fees of \$775.St. (There was also a team the OLQP pulled out in October, where it was early enough that the schedule could be redone with some reworking.) Thomas Aquinas had six forfeits, 8th girls B team had three alone, for total forfeit fees of \$200. Divine Mercy had two, St. Charles had two. Dave will send out letters to the schools to collect on these fees.
OLQP, in light of second year of an entire season forfeit, will be suspended for one year. Lisa to write letter advising school of this.
3. Discussion of forfeit fees. Pretty unanimous that current fees were too low. Forfeits impact the other teams, the other gyms, and affect the standings. At current forfeit fee levels, there was little incentive to avoid forfeits. After discussion, it was unanimously decided that the fees will be set as follows:
 - \$50 – First Forfeit
 - \$100 – Second Forfeit
 - \$150 – Third forfeit and every forfeit after that.
 - These would be applied per team, and it would apply on a per day basis for volleyball. That is, forfeiting a double header counts as a single forfeit.
4. Discussion of complaints regarding coach/parents/player on SMHC team. Dave will confer with the AD.
5. Discussion of VB refs. Getting more difficult to hire to fill our games. \$15 and \$18 are current payments, depending on certification. Those fees have been the same for at least the last five years. Voted, to increase ref payments to \$17 and \$20. The per team fees go almost entirely for refs, and it will be necessary to increase the per team fee to \$210, just to stay even. We have been spending a little more than we are taking in over the past couple of years, and the fee increase should put us pretty close to breaking even.
6. Discussion of minimum team size. Someone proposed a requiring eight players on a roster, and that was met with a lot of opposition. The reason the proposal was made was because of the forfeits. The increase forfeit fees will hopefully resolve the problem, rather than requiring minimum team size.
7. Other suggestions
 - a. Eliminate 3 pt shot for 5th and 6th. No discussion.
 - b. Let B teams move up a division (they usually can already)

- c. Implement a league wide playing time policy. However, archdiocesan rules specifically require the schools to have and enforce the policy. In addition, the league is in no position to enforce such a rule, even if we could adopt it.
 - d. A 14 game season for 7th and 8th is allowed by the rules. Some support for this from the board. It would require some increased team fees to pay for the refs. Discuss at the next meeting, at least trying this for 8th grade and see how it works.
 - e. 8 minute continuous clock for 5th and 6th grade. NDDB may be trying this next season. We should monitor and see how that works.
- 8. General membership and volleyball meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at 7:00pm for the general membership and volleyball Coord, at St. Mary's Hales Corners for the general meeting.**