

**National Basketball Retired Players Association, Inc.**

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2013

7:30pm EST

**I. Roll Call**

Otis Birdsong

Harvey Catchings

Bob Elliott

Steve Hayes

La Rue Martin

Johnny Newman

Marvin Roberts

George Tinsley

**Other Attendees**

Arnie Fielkow (CEO)

Scott Rochelle (Legal Counsel)

**Absent**

Thurl Bailey

Rick Barry

Spencer Haywood

**II. Approval of February 16, 2013 Board of Director's Meeting Minutes.**

- a. **Motion by George Tinsley to approve the Minutes from February 16, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Hayes. The motion passed unanimously.**

**III. Legal Report**

- a. By-law Change: A proposal was made to amend the NBRPA by-laws to include all past presidents or chairman who are currently serving as a director to serve on the Executive Committee.
- b. This amendment would allow the Executive Committee to utilize the institutional knowledge of additional past presidents/chairmen when vetting issues to be voted on by the Board of Directors.
- c. **Motion by Marvin Roberts to amend the by-laws to include all past presidents or chairmen who are currently serving as a director to serve on the Executive Committee. The motion as seconded by Steve Hayes. The Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1. Bob Elliott was lone “no” vote.**

**IV. Report of the CEO**

- a. 2013 Legends World Sports Conference: Multiple options have emerged for the 2013 Legends World Sports Conference. A discussion ensued as to which options will best serve the membership.
  - i. A relationship between the NBRPA and the Prime Minister of Haiti was formed during the Miami Chapter’s Event featuring President Bill Clinton. The option of building upon this relationship through a goodwill mission was discussed.
- b. **Motion by Marvin Roberts to select Haiti as the 2013 LWSC site conditioned upon a satisfactory site visit by the NBRPA staff and a Director. The Motion was seconded by George Tinsley. The Motion passed by a vote of 5 “Yes” votes and 2 votes to “table” the issue until after the site visit.**
- c. Membership: The NBRPA staff is diligently working to renew memberships and will begin a new membership drive on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- d. Full Court Press: Prep for Success: This Youth Clinics/Mentoring program has raised \$75,000 and is co-sponsored by the National Police Athletic/Activities League and the National Urban League. The program will take place in a minimum of 12 cities and has the potential to be the NBRPA’s signature community outreach program.
- e. Success Series: National law firm SNR Denton has agreed to sponsor 3 panel discussions where NBRPA members will discuss their success on and off of the court.
- f. Blue Ribbon Corporate Advisory Board: This initiative will be led by directors Rick Barry and Spencer Haywood. The Blue Ribbon Advisory Board will feature corporate executives who will bring expertise, contacts and business opportunities to the NBRPA. The NBRPA will provide advisory board members access and benefits in exchange for their service to the NBRPA.

- g. D-League: The NBA Developmental League and the NBRPA staff continue to develop coaching and educational opportunities for members in the NBA's Developmental League.
- h. International: There have been preliminary discussions with the National Conference of Black Mayors to participate in upcoming goodwill missions. The NBRPA will continue to seek international trips and opportunities for NBRPA members.
- i. All Star Weekend 2014: New Orleans will host the next All-Star Celebration. It was requested that director La Rue Martin work alongside the NBRPA staff to consult on logistical matters.
- j. Big Brothers/Big Sisters: A meeting was held today with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters CEO to develop collaborative programming.

**V. Report of the Chairman of the Board of Directors – Otis Birdsong**

- a. 2013 Committee Slate:
  - b. Finance, Audit & Compensation Committee
    - Marvin Roberts, Chair
    - Bob Elliott
    - Dr. George Tinsley
    - Otis Birdsong
    - Thurl Bailey
    - (Erin Miller – Staff)
  - c. Member Services & Benefits Committee
    - Steve Hayes, Chair
    - Harvey Catchings
    - David Naves
    - C.J. Kupec
    - Jerry Harkness
    - Emmette Bryant
    - Otis Birdsong
    - Thurl Bailey
    - (Excell Hardy- Staff)
  - d. Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee
    - Dr. George Tinsley, Chair
    - Harvey Catchings
    - Johnny Newman
    - Adonal Foyle
    - Dwight Davis

- Jeff Mullins
- Eldridge Recasner
- Otis Birdsong
- Thurl Bailey
- (Scott Rochelle - Staff)

e. Business Development Committee

- Rick Barry, Chair
- Spencer Haywood
- La Rue Martin, Jr.
- James Silas
- Junior Bridgeman
- Artis Gilmore
- Joe Ruklick
- Otis Birdsong
- Thurl Bailey
- (Charece Williams - Staff)

f. **Motion by George Tinsley to affirm the 2013 NBRPA Board Committee Slate. The motion was seconded by Harvey Catchings. The motion passed unanimously.**

g. Children’s Miracle Network: There is a high level of interest in a collaborative project. Members will be encouraged to participate in a service day in one of the many Children’s Miracle Network sites.

V. **Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Report – George Tinsley**

a. A proposal was made to amend the by-laws specific to voter eligibility. Specifically, in order for a member to be eligible to vote in an election for the Board of Directors, that member’s dues must be paid in full for the year in which the elected directors would take office.

b. **Motion by George Tinsley to amend the by-laws to require any member who seeks to be eligible to vote in an election for directors of the NBRPA to be a fully paid member for the year in which the elected director is to take office. The motion was seconded by Marvin Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.**

VI. **Membership Committee Report – Steve Hayes**

a. A discussion ensued as to the request of DeBusschere scholarship recipient Kate Rinaldi to receive a direct payment of the scholarship award due to her early graduation. This scholarship money would normally be applied to her tuition; however, she will use it towards paying back student loans.

- b. **Motion by Johnny Newman to approve the direct payment of DeBusschere scholarship funds to Kate Rinaldi to assist in her student loan repayment. The motion was seconded by La Rue Martin. The motion passed unanimously.**
- c. It was proposed by the committee that all members who are 70 years of age or older receive complimentary platinum member status. This has been an unwritten rule of the NBRPA; however, a formal by-law change will formalize this policy.
- d. **Motion by George Tinsley to approve the by-law change to allow for NBRPA members age 70 and older to receive complimentary member status. The motion as seconded by Harvey Catchings. The motion passed unanimously.**

VII. **Adjournment**: The meeting adjourned at The next meeting will take place on May 28, 2013 at 7:30 E.S.T.