



Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association
Board Meeting Notes
March 5, 2014

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Voting Members in Attendance: Rich Baker, Lesley Longval, Alison Shoemaker, Josh Hawes, Kelly Wischmeier, Shonna Travis, Kerri Hexum, Brad Hamilton, Rich Hirstein, Laural Johnson, Wendy Melz, Rob Kahlmeyer, Scott Fransen, Leah Dasovich

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Elizabeth Hamilton, Judy Vankirksmith, Ann Mertes, Dan Strom, Katie Cooley, Joe Engeman, Brent Lesmeister, Greg Lips, Ryan Fandrey, Nicholle Durkee, Dave Shoemaker

Call to Order and Introduction of Attendees:

The meeting called to order at 6:30 pm at the Minnetonka District Service Center.

Secretary Report:

The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Lesley Longval and seconded by Kerri Hexum to approve them. The minutes were approved and will be posted in final form.

Treasurer's Report:

Lesley Longval reported using the financial spreadsheet as a reference:

- We continue to collect sponsorship money. We have collected a few remaining balances, and we still have a few more open (totally around \$1100).
- We paid for the survey.
- The varsity program, which was a huge success, has been paid.
- There aren't too many things left financially this spring, just a few small things, especially on the Travel side.
- The High School will be hosting a MYAS tournament which is a big fundraiser this spring. Financial information from this will be presented in June.
- Our tax return is due March 15.

A motion was made by Laural Johnson and seconded by Rob Kahlmeyer to approve the treasurer's report. The report was approved.

2014-2015 Board of Directors Election

Katie Cooley will be on the ballot alone in the Treasurer position. Brent Lesmeister will have another role on the Board. A motion was made by Lesley Longval and seconded by Wendy Melz to approve the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer positions. The positions were approved.

Alison Shoemaker and Wendy Melz volunteered to coordinate the Summer Shooting Challenge. Judy Vankirk Smith and Brent Lesmeister volunteered for At-Large positions. Scott Fransen volunteered to coordinate marketing, along with working on sponsorships. A motion was made by Laural Johnson and seconded by Josh Hawes to approve the positions otherwise posted on the ballot.

Travel Team/Season Update:

- The State Tournament is over. The 4th grade Blue team won the championship in their bracket. The 4th grade White team placed second in their bracket. The 5th grade Black team placed fourth in their bracket. The 6th grade Blue team were in the top 8 of their bracket. The 8th grade Blue team won the championship in their bracket. Congratulations to all of the teams!
- Rich Hirstein reported that he is confident that the right coaches were hired for the most part. He was able to attend practices and several games for every team. He was able to work with coaches when corrective action was needed. He believes that all girls improved and isn't as concerned about the win/loss record. He's looking forward to next year.
- Rich has 10-12 basketballs remaining in storage. If any girl is in need of one, please contact him.
- Please encourage all player's families to complete the End of Season survey. Rich Baker will send a reminder email and encourage completion by March 14th.
- All families must return uniforms to Shonna Travis. An email was sent out with instructions.
- There are 4 teams currently looking at playing in the spring.

High School Report

Leah Dasovich reported:

- Positive feedback has been gathered on the Adopt-a-Team format. Young players really look up to the high school girls.
- Information on the Summer Workout has been publicized. Leah is working to communicate information to the rec program as well.
- The MYAS tournament will be held April 12-13 and most of the work is done by the high school parents. If anyone else is interested in volunteering, let Leah know.
- Leah receive a request from a senior parent for a donation towards a girls' basketball basket that will be used to raise money for the Senior Party. A motion was made by Scott Fransen, and seconded by Shonna Travis, to donate \$300 towards the basket. The motion passed.

- The HS team is moving forward with a golf tournament this summer as a fundraiser.

Player Development:

Kerri Hexum reported:

- A clinic at Minnewashta for grades 3-7 will be held for 5 sessions in April. Rich Hirstein and some high school girls will facilitate this. He has registration forms and they are on the website.
- Kerri is hoping to work with Leah and the high school staff to host another Shooter's Clinic this year. She will learn more when the high school season is over.
- Kerri continues to look for volunteers interested in forming a sub-committee to work on player development ideas. She has 2 members. Please contact her to get involved! They are looking to begin work in June.
- Kerri will be working on setting up open gyms over the summer. They can only happen with supervision, so please consider volunteering when you can.

Marketing:

- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. accounts for MGBA (or Tonka Buckets) are set up and active. *Like* Tonka Buckets on Facebook, *Follow* @tonkagirlsbball on Twitter, and *Follow* Tonka_Buckets on Instagram.

Tournaments:

Josh Hawes reported:

Holiday Tournament-

- Looking at next year—Rich Hirstein has a meeting with MCE on Friday to continue discussions regarding gym space.

Tournament Schedule-

- Josh made a reservation at the same hotel in Rochester for next year. He's looking for feedback on this hotel and the tournament. He's also waiting on feedback from the hotel.
- Josh encourages feedback on the End of Year survey regarding tournaments. He is interested in looking at the information directly from families.

President's Notes

Rich Baker reported:

- Rich is confident that the league model will not happen. Communities have many concerns, related to income, gym space, for example, and interest is waning at this time.
- A "list" has begun being written regarding potential improvements for next season. More information will be added to the list after reviewing the survey results.
- A celebration will be held sometime in April to honor the work of the MGBA volunteers. Details will be sent out soon.
- There will not be a Board meeting held in April or May. The next meeting will be in June.

Other

- Dave Shoemaker reported on a concept that the football program uses. Youth coaches receive videos of plays, moves, etc. that high school coaches look for in their players as they move towards the varsity level. As a MGBA coach, Dave is interested in something like this for all coaches to help them teach the girls. He has sought out information directly from Leah as he worked with the girls; however, he felt that other coaches would appreciate information like this resource as well. The Board deemed this a great idea and would be valuable to all coaches; and Scott Fransen, Rich Hirstein, and Dave will work with Leah to produce and publish 8-10 things Leah would like to see in the players and the future of Minnetonka girls' basketball.
- 8th, 9th and 10th grade parents are concerned about the number of girls who are trying out and ultimately playing for high school teams. They would like to see the coaching staff, as well as jv and varsity players, make a conscious effort to keep girls at this age feel comfortable to continue playing. Many, many girls are making the choice not to play.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made by Laural Johnson and seconded by Wendy Melz to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

The next MGBA meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, June 18, 2014
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Minnetonka District Service Center, Community Room