



MGBA Board Minutes

September 11, 2025

Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association

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Present:	Doug Espenson, Amanda Kieper, Coach Dre Jefferson, Lisa Diessner, Andy Gilles, Jill Vinge, Meg Montgomery, Matt Buehler, Jacky Gilles, Kim Hoehne, Josh Jansen, Alysa Gardino, Tanya Ng, Amy Stern, Cole Dixon, Brian Kirchoff	
Time	Agenda Item	
6:30 pm	Call to Order - Doug Espenson	
6:30 pm	Approval of August 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes Motion passed unanimously.	
6:30 pm	Secretary/HS Boosters Report - Lisa Diessner <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Next meeting: set for conference night<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wednesday, October 8: YES- Kickoff Night: September 30<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Shorten and less speakers- Coaches' meeting after- Coach Dre will be there- Key information at the front- More people to accept checks: one for each grade level (six volunteers)	TO DO: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- October: order player game cards

- Meg will do pizza/water/cookies
- Picture Nights set by Jacky: November 3 and 4
- HS Breakdown Update: MGBA will staff the table and take revenue from the first two Sundays (September 21 and 28)
 - Payment: Square protocol from Andy
 - Still waiting on schedule from Breakdown (out this coming Sunday, per Breakdown)
 - Then I can provide to Amy to create the volunteer sign-up for MGBA parents
 - Amy will put it in the Dibs tab through Sports Engine
- High School Booster Updates: will send to Jill
 - Friday, 10/10 (9a-3p): **Lil Skipper Camp** for grades K-5 led by HS players with supervision
 - Monday, 1/26 (9a-3p): **Lil Skipper Camp** for grades K-5 led by HS players with supervision
 - Use our channels to promote this
- Player eligibility vote: Approve 5th grader who plans to attend Minnetonka HS and played MGBA last year on the MYAS eligibility waiver? Yes
 - Lives just outside the district lines and attends a religious school outside the lines
 - Hopkins approved
 - Nothing has changed since our approval last year
- High school girls' programs have traditionally featured the MGBA teams
 - Formatting no longer free for MGHBC
 - May ask MGBA to pitch in (price TBD)
 - MGBA would like to continue to be in yearbook/program

6:54 pm	<p>Treasurer Report- Andy Gilles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Switched banks - Healthy account and CDs - Paid Shakopee tournament fee so far - 179 tournaments among 20 teams (159 paid entries) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$75,000 in tourney costs, estimated - Snow Globe: 140 teams right now (120 paid teams) - Received MBT's sponsorship check - Ordered and received Square (two point of sale units) - Paid annual dues (SOS, facilities for tryouts) - Coaches' stipend: keep the same - Pay for 9th grade coach - Coaches' apparel: give voucher code for store 	TO DO:
7:00 pm	<p>High School Report - Coach Dre Jefferson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluators set by Dre 	TO DO:
7:05 pm	<p>Evaluation Discussion and Update - Matt Buehler and Amanda Kieper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registration number update: 196 plus possibility two more <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20 3rd - 40 4th - 35 5th - 53 6th - 22 7th - 26 8th - Board members will be expected to assist outside of the gym like last year 	TO DO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sign up for evaluation slots ASAP

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need: Non-evaluation committee members to fill the last open weekend spots - Coach Dre will have a ranking system - Executive Committee: set aside time late Thursday night to rubber stamp teams - Teams announced: September 19 - Evaluation policy set, including injury policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Injury issues are somewhat on a case-by-case basis, looking at how familiar the evaluators are with the player, coach feedback, past placements, etc. - Evaluation Committee involvement and plan 	
7:21 pm	Paid Coaches Update - Doug Espenson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Four paid coaches lined up - Ryan Martin - Kaelyn Christianson - Elizabeth Christian - Nate 	TO DO:
7:30 pm	Uniforms Update - Tanya Ng and Amanda Kieper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sent the Google forms to Amanda - Small turnaround time for jerseys and shooting shirts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three days turnaround, so get everything to Ben by Monday, Sept. 22 - Sourced board member family jerseys for sizing: done - Two team store timeframes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open for a week after teams established - Then open again in November or so 	TO DO:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Give coaches a voucher to select what they want from the team store (\$5,000 budgeted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tanya will get options that coaches can get without having to pay out of pocket - Then shipped directly to them - Worth it to have Elsa's store open as well before the holidays 	
7:35 pm	<p>25-26 Calendar Update - Brian Kirchoff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tournament matrix posted, pending teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3:2 - 4:4 - 5:4 - 6:4 - 7:3 - this needs to be updated - 8:3 - Adding new teams will be difficult to find spots - People are taking all the slots now, but hopefully there will be movement after teams are solidified - Wayzata, Eden Prairie, Waconia for most everyone - Tried to put more tournaments at the end of the calendar - Let's try to get Hopkins in: they've reached out - Talking with Edina 	TO DO:
7:40 pm	<p>Marketing/Events/Fundraising Update - Meg Montgomery and Josh Jansen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kickoff night: balloons/water/treats? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kickoff to the 40th Anniversary - Summer challenge - send to Meg by end of September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2/6 at pack the house night 	TO DO:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MGBA 40th anniversary celebration: move to end of season - Sponsors on the back of the warmups (\$1,000 legend level) - DodoPop wants in on the Snow Globe offering (contact Ruth Galvin with concessions) - Timberwolves night: November 14 (contact: Matt Behr) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Four games on the court - Two six grade games, one seventh and one eighth - Grade nights: assign once teams announced 	
7:45 pm	<p>Snow Globe Update - Jill Vinge and Rebecca Pederson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jr. All-Star Snow Globe merchandise sales at Snow Globe (Alexis Garcia contacted Lisa) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would like to sell both days - They would prefer a vendor flat fee (based off number of teams and courts) but would instead work with us on sales % - Sweatshirt designed through Elsa last year and will do preorders - We are maxed out for now with gym space - Could we add a third site and drop all Friday night games (except the 15 Friday games at Southwest) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can do younger kids Saturday after three and all day Sunday at Hopkins Middle School West - Ask Legacy? Only three gyms - Eagle Ridge? Only two gyms 	TO DO:

7:55 pm	In-Season Training Plan Update - Cole Dixon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three-headed attack with in-season trainings - Coach Dre has the six weekend days at the beginning of the season: grade focused - MBT: team focused - Let's reach out to Kelly Curry - Coach Dre has a Duluth-area trainer who will come down on non-tournament weekends and can offer training options - If families are interested in training with Thomas Gorrilla, they should sign up for his mailing list 	TO DO:
8:00 pm	Committees - Amanda Kieper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Season Tournament Registration/Association Liaisons - Player Development - Evaluations - Snow Globe Tournament/State Tournament - Marketing/Communications - Special Events - Fundraising 	TO DO:
8:00 pm	Adjourn	

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 6:30 pm in MHS Writing Center