



MGBA Board Minutes

January 27, 2025

Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association

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Present:	Doug Espenson, Amanda Kieper, Andy Gilles, Lisa Diessner, Meg Montgomery, Jill Vinge, Matt Buehler, Jacky Gilles, Josh Jansen, Rachel Turnbull, Kenna Dooley
Time	Agenda Item
6:30 pm	Call to Order - Doug Espenson
6:30 pm	Approval of December 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes - Rachel Turnbull motioned to approve Minutes; Jill Vinge seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6:31 pm	<p>Secretary Report - Lisa Diessner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should we develop an attendance policy or set of expectations for players? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Significant ski club conflicts with practices shifting nights to accommodate - Players frequently miss practice without consequence - We have kickoff information that says practice and games are mandatory - Registration next year: some kind of contract and be very clear - Coach discretion at the moment, but there are no guidelines - Idea for next year: If you're not showing up to practice, you are forgoing your 50/50 (40/60 for older grades) playing time - Try to avoid practice nights on Thursday for 4 and 5? Might not be feasible - Best practice for switching practice times and contacting district scheduler (Molly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For Timberwolves game conflicts, that worked well - Unsure if we should be telling everyone to reach out to Molly - Reach out to Molly for a temperature check - Anyone need a shadow to fill their board role? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Likely: Volunteer Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has everything in a SUG 	<p>TO DO:</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris Hamdorf? - Yes - Kenna Dooley: still determining that - Idea: Nominate people before opening it up to the general public <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matt Buehler willing to create a proposed email for nominated people - Any new board roles to create/fill? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Let's wait and see who else is interested - Could break up the tournament scheduler role because it is a lot - Could have an assistant tournament director 	
7:15 pm	<p>Treasurer's Update - Andy Gilles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still processing final payments related to Snow Globe - No more revenue coming in for fiscal year - 1099s filed - One more insurance renewal coming up - HS space for Snow Globe: have not received an invoice for the space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amanda can send permit that will likely have more information - We don't pay for practice space (paid for tryouts because we used the middle school) - 8-1 is down two paid tournaments, but got into Shakopee for free 	TO DO:
7:20 pm	<p>High School Report - Rachel Turnbull</p>	TO DO:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congratulations to Lanelle Wright on scoring her 1,000th career varsity point! - Barry night recap: \$2,600 and still counting - HS working on scheduling summer camps and Breakfast Club now <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working through gym availability conflicts (per Coach Cosgriff) - HS buddies didn't work out this year 	
7:25 pm	<p>24-25 Calendar Update - Matt Buehler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State registration (selection show: Feb. 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, all are registered - Just the head coaches should give seeding input - Prepare for tricky 8th grade scheduling issues in years future - Iowa vs. Rochester as the mid-November out-of-town tourney option <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rochester: November 22-23 - Amanda is reserving 100 rooms in the same hotel (instead of the 50 this year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can back out if need be without a fee 	<p>TO DO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seek coach feedback on which tournament experiences were positive vs. less so, to inform 2025-26 tournament registrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In next week or two (before state)
7:30 pm	<p>Marketing/Events Update - Meg Montgomery and Josh Jansen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - January 31 Summer Challenge Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our website has the summer challenge participants 	<p>TO DO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lisa Diessner and Jacky Gilles: Plan season wrap-up

- Schedule - Rachel Turnbull confirms halftime works
- Communication to MGBA families
- Prizes - offer silent ball to all the winners (Meg Montgomery will look up and tally)
 - Kenna Dooley will buy the silent balls
- Season wrap-up night party
 - Andy Gilles will provide budget
 - Board, coaches and team managers
 - Bring coaches' equipment back (blockers, pinnies, etc.)
 - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
 - Reach out to Duke's and Golden Nugget
 - Get them as sponsor for Snow Globe
 - Bill last year was just shy of \$3,000?
 - 30-35 people?
- Tonka Timberwolves Experience, February 3, final schedule
 - Now have about 263 tickets sold
 - Grades 3 - 5 are set up just as promised
- Grade nights have been successful
 - The girls love the pregame speeches
 - Sixth grade and 5th grade left
 - We'll all cover 5th grade
 - Jacky will contact 6th grade TMs
- Gopher day is Super Bowl Sunday, from MYAS

7:50 pm	<p>In-Season Training and Summer Training Plans - Doug Espenson and Amanda Kieper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter break camp recap -made \$1,000 or so - Ideas for summer - would like to hold more camps this summer - Coach Cosgriff asked Thomas Gorrilla to do the HS-run summer camps - Trying to do the extra skills sessions, also 	TO DO:
7:55 pm	<p>DEI Initiative - Kenna Dooley and Lisa Diessner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three Tonka seventh grade teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All but two seventh grade players are in - January 29 at Mayo Clinic Square <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communicated to parents - First Student transportation secured (\$679.00) - Chick-fil-A, Crumbl and water secured 	TO DO:
8:00 pm	<p>Mental Game/Sports Mentality - Kenna Dooley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Found a mental trainer geared for junior high - Package offered: Session tailored to all parents and then working with middle school athletes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final year left with PCA - send dates out way earlier this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has to be before the season starts 	TO DO:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ideas for next year to encourage PCA participation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charge \$25 more per kid and then offer \$25 back if they attend - Tie it to the volunteer hours or give them \$20 back 	
8:15 pm	<p>Snow Globe Tournament - Jill Vinge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question: was the lower attendance issue a one-year thing or continue? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Because of the Thanksgiving timing, we will likely have an issue next year with the Shakopee tourney - Buffalo and Owatonna said they'd like to send more teams next year - Outstate teams charge entrance fees but offer cheaper tourney registrations - Could we offer some kind of discount if associations enter a certain number of teams? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maybe start with the outliers, like reaching out directly to Alexandria or Owatonna? - Maybe we look at state rankings and think of who to reach out to - Southwest Christian: Unanimous approval to use next year 	TO DO:
8:30 pm	Adjourn	

Next Meeting: February 17, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Matt Buehler's Home in Minnetonka