



# MGBA Board Minutes

## August 14, 2025

Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association

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<b>Present:</b>	Amanda Kieper, Lisa Diessner, Jill Vinge, Meg Montgomery, Matt Buehler, Josh Jansen, Tanya Ng, Rebecca Pederson, Amy Stern	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	
6:30 pm	Call to Order - Amanda Kieper	
6:30 pm	Approval of July 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes  Motion passed unanimously.	
6:30 pm	<b>Secretary/HS Boosters Report - Lisa Diessner</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HS Breakdown Update: MGBA will staff the table and take revenue from the first two Sundays (September 21 and 28) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I should know the timeframe by the end of the month and then will work with Amy Stern to share a volunteer sign-up for MGBA parents</li> <li>- Typically we have staffed two volunteers for the first half of the day and two for the second, requiring eight total volunteers over the two Sundays</li> </ul> </li> <li>- High School Booster Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Captains will assign team big sisters (mid-November after</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>TO DO:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Determine how to take payment for Breakdown Sundays</li> <li>- Set grade nights</li> <li>- Meeting with Megan Bush at Sports Engine about Dibs</li> <li>- Feedback on 11/14 picture night</li> </ul>

	<p>teams announced)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Friday, 10/10 (9a-3p): <b>Lil Skipper Camp</b> for grades K-5 led by HS players with supervision</li> <li>- Tuesday, 11/25: <b>Chic-fil-a halftime shooting contest</b></li> <li>- TBD: <b>Teddy bear toss</b></li> <li>- Tuesday, 1/6: <b>Crush MS night</b></li> <li>- Tuesday, 1/20: <b>Staff/custodial appreciation night</b></li> <li>- Monday, 1/26 (9a-3p): <b>Lil Skipper Camp</b> for grades K-5 led by HS players with supervision</li> <li>- Friday, 2/6: <b>Pack the house/youth night</b> w poster signing after the game</li> <li>- Friday, 2/20: <b>Senior night</b></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pictures at Kemmettmueller tentatively scheduled for 11/12 and 11/14 with make-up date TBD (per Jacky)</li> <li>- Include TMs in permit email in advance of season, to have a second set of eyes on any changes (per Jacky)</li> <li>- Practice scheduling: Same gym space as last year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Either start from scratch or use last year as a template on practice timing</li> <li>- Reach out to Amanda if you want input and to help with scheduling</li> <li>- Try to couple up same ages and same levels, if possible, if gym sharing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
6:35 pm	<p><b>Registration Update - Amanda Kieper</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 92 total signed up (as of meeting date) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More new sixth graders</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Early bird ends on August 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special extension through end of Labor Day (to accommodate everyone, especially 3rd grade)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>TO DO:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PeachJar flyer next Wednesday</li> </ul>

6:40 pm	<b>High School Report</b> - Coach Dre Jefferson	<b>TO DO:</b>
6:40 pm	<b>Evaluation Discussion and Update</b> - Matt Buehler and Amanda Kieper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Registration flyer for peachjar and socials (Meg)</li> <li>- Secured gym space for all evaluations</li> <li>- Board members will be expected to assist outside of the gym like last year (Lisa: sign-up)</li> <li>- Coach Dre will have a score/ranking system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will have obvious placements and then discussion areas</li> <li>- Maybe flexibility is with paid coaches sitting in and having a say</li> <li>- Matt, Jill, Meg, Kim, Lisa = core committee</li> <li>- Let's be as transparent as possible</li> <li>- Three or four evaluators (Dre and staff): \$1000/evaluator</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Executive Committee: set aside time late Thursday night to rubber stamp teams</li> <li>- Teams announced: September 19</li> <li>- Discussion: Do we cap at four teams per grade? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- That's what the boys do to get everyone a full gym</li> <li>- Could be flexible and see what Dre and the evaluation numbers say</li> <li>- Wayzata: has teams that do the rec season and then give them a tournament or two at the end</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Split space cost of \$350 with MBBA</li> </ul>	<b>TO DO:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lisa: Hand out pinnies and take proof of eligibility forms</li> <li>- Tanya: oversee uniform try-ons for new players</li> <li>- Reminder email: locations and reminder to bring eligibility form</li> </ul>
7:20 pm	<b>Uniforms Update</b> - Tanya Ng and Amanda Kieper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting with BSN scheduled</li> <li>- Two team store timeframes</li> <li>- Need to source samples for sizing</li> </ul>	<b>TO DO:</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jerseys for new players and players paying for a bigger size or new jersey</li> <li>- Shooting shirts for everyone</li> <li>- Possible: duplicate numbers could be an issue</li> <li>- Bring in our uniforms to share for tryouts</li> <li>- Discussion: Do we distribute pinnies to all for practice? YES</li> </ul>	
7:30 pm	<p><b>25-26 Calendar Update</b> - Brian Kirchoff (via text)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tournament matrix completed, pending teams</li> <li>- Brian and Doug want all grade levels at the same tournaments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board discussion: we should send same level teams to different tournaments</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>TO DO:</b>
7:37 pm	<p><b>Paid Coaches Update</b> - Doug Espenson (via text)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Received three seemingly great new applications for paid coaches</li> <li>- Aiming to get a few interviews done this week or next</li> <li>- Nate returning</li> <li>- Ryan Martin will coach the 7A team</li> </ul>	
7:38 pm	<p><b>Snow Globe Update</b> - Jill Vinge and Rebecca Pederson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Registrations way up: maxed out (228 max games)</li> <li>- Added gym space for Friday night (both middle schools, plus Scenic Heights and Clear Springs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will need lots of volunteers to set up</li> <li>- Late night gym taping at Friday</li> <li>- 33 games on Friday night</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>TO DO:</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Everyone will be at either HS or SC on Saturday and Sunday</li> </ul>	
7:45pm	<p><b>In-Season Training Plan Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MBT (Midwest Basketball Training) will provide two trainings per team (coaches pick): only one team at a time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Location: Chanhassen (small but great) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Five Dr. Dish machines</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Plus two grade skill sessions at our facilities when no tournaments</li> <li>- \$175/session</li> <li>- Will donate to MGBA (maybe \$1,000) and will offer MGBA discounted training sessions on off-school days</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Coach Dre trainings (six on website before the season starts)</li> <li>- Still have about \$2,000 to spend</li> </ul>	<b>TO DO:</b>
7:50 pm	<p><b>Marketing/Events Update - Meg Montgomery and Josh Jansen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summer challenge is going on: participation up this year</li> <li>- Grade nights: assign after practice times/dates are known</li> <li>- MGBA 40th anniversary celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1985 was the first year of MGBA</li> <li>- Find logo/slogan for 40th year: Elsa will help</li> <li>- Option for fundraising</li> <li>- Three ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Large scale event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hackamore Brewing/food trucks)</li> <li>- Excelsior Brewing/Old Southern BBQ</li> <li>- Tutttles</li> <li>- Unmapped</li> <li>- Silent auction/cut of proceeds</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>TO DO:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tanya: text Meg the shirt the kids can win (through Elsa)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sponsors (legends/all-star/rookie levels) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Logo on warmups: go through Elsa for sponsors added to warmups</li> <li>- Signage</li> <li>- Start with MBT giving \$1,000: what do they get in return?</li> </ul> </li> <li>- One-off nights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Red Savoy/Dodo Pop</li> <li>- Could get a way to send teams from Snow Globe to other places and then get a cut of those</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
7:59 pm	<b>Committees - Amanda Kieper</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Season Tournament Registration/Association Liaisons</li> <li>- Player Development</li> <li>- Evaluations</li> <li>- Snow Globe Tournament/State Tournament</li> <li>- Marketing/Communications</li> <li>- Special Events</li> <li>- Fundraising</li> </ul>	<b>TO DO:</b>
8:00 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>	

Next Meeting: September 11, 2025, at 6:30 pm in MHS Writing Center