

Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association
Board Meeting Notes
July 10, 2013

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Voting Members in Attendance: Rich Baker, Brad Hamilton, Wendy Melz, Stacy Pagano, Jeff Pagano, Lesley Longval, Scott Fransen, Laural Johnson, Rob Kahlmeyer, Jim Willems, Alison Shoemaker, Josh Hawes, Geri Radke, Susan Anderson, Rich Hirstein, Kelly Wischmeier, and Leah Dasovich

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Call to Order and Introduction of Attendees:

The meeting called to order at 6:00 pm at the Minnetonka District Service Center.

Secretary Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Lesley Longval reported:

- There was very little activity in the last month.
- A meeting with Dave Endy, the previous treasurer, will take place next week. After the meeting, paperwork will be filed for MN sales tax exemption for MGBA. The process will take about 90 days. The tax exempt number will be necessary to purchase items for the club.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. The report was approved.

High School Report

Leah Dasovich reported:

- High School coaches and members of both boys and girls youth basketball programs met with Minnetonka Community Education in efforts to coordinate a plan to work together. For example, having recreational players' skills more in line with travel players skills in case players make a move. MCE would like their coaches to have access to coach training, etc. Leah and Tom Dasovich are interested in putting on a coach's clinic for free.
- The upcoming season is still a work in progress. Leah is meeting with the Athletic Director in hopes of finalizing the game schedule.
- A Friday night home game for Youth Night needs to be determined when the schedule is set. December 17th, 2013 (a Tuesday) will be the Shooter's Challenge recognition night. Leah is also working on determining a Parent Night and a Senior Night. These have been difficult since there are so few home games scheduled at this time.

Travel Program Updates

- The Travel Program Overview document was reviewed and minor changes were made. The final form will be posted to the website.
- A policy related to assigning head coaches was reviewed. Rich Hirstein made a motion to accept the policy. It was seconded by Kelly Wischmeier. The policy will be posted to the website.
- Fourth grade players will be assigned to co-equal teams.
- The board reviewed and confirmed the policy that players are able to participate within the MGBA program must live in the district or attend school in the district.
- Rich Baker received a copy of potential practice gyms for the year. He reported that "it wasn't bad." There is a concern about the space available if there is a significant increase in the number of teams formed.

Player Development:

Rich Baker reported for Kerri Hexum in her absence:

- The Shooting Challenge: 60 active shooters, and 83 are registered (up 35% from last year). Leah is doing a great job of reminding girls about good shooting in the off-season. Kerri asks the board members and others to do the same. Email blasts are sent as reminders to families about the program.
- Summer Open Gym program – started Monday, 7/8. Encourage players of all levels to attend. Email blasts will be sent as reminders as well. Volunteers are necessary and needed to oversee each night, especially towards the end of the program.
- Fall MSB Skills Sessions – dates were tentatively set (9/30, 10/21, 11/18) and reviewed and need to be approved by the district. These will hopefully be scheduled all in Mtka this year. Feedback asked for dates to be earlier in the season, spread out, and away from tournament weekends.
- If anyone is interested in assisting Kerri with Player Development, please volunteer.

Marketing:

Stacy Pagano presented:

- Working to get promote the program in the newspaper and the schools, through social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. accounts are being set up)

- Working to install a mentorship program not only with the high school girls but with 3rd graders in rec programs, for example.
- Looking into a community activity where girls can participate at another part of the year, outside of basketball season.
- Additional ideas are always welcome, please contact Stacy.

Tournaments:

Jim Willems and Josh Hawes reported:

- The flyer for the annual Holiday Classic has been submitted. The tournament will be relatively similar to last year.
- The Rochester Tournament will be held Feb 21-23.

Apparel:

Susan Anderson and Geri Radke reported:

- Scott Fransen made a motion, seconded by Brad Hamilton, to keep the “logo” used in apparel the same as last year. The logo will be kept the same as last year.
- Geri and Susan shared with the board that items that will be offered to players and parents for purchase. They are continuing to look into several options of vendors and none has been able to meet each and every need they are looking into. Further information will be shared as it becomes available.

President’s Report:

Rich Baker reported:

- Kelly Wischmeier volunteered to head up Team Pictures this year. Thanks, Kelly.
- MGBA is teaming up with MBBA and the HS teams to host an evening at Maynard’s where a percentage of the proceeds will go back to our programs. Maynard’s needs a certain amount of families to attend in order for this to work, which is why it makes sense to partner with the other basketball programs in the community.
- Important dates to know will be posted on the website as soon as they are confirmed.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made by Rich Hirstein and seconded by Rob Kahlmeyer to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

**The next MGBA meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, August 7, 2013
From 6:00 – 8:00 pm @
Minnetonka District Service Center, Community Room**