



Minnetonka Girls Basketball Board Meeting Notes August 3, 2011



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Voting Members in Attendance: Lisa Simmons, Rich Baker, Pam Jensen, Evan Vaala, Katy Vaala, Brad Hamilton, Dave Endy, Lisa Ehlers, Lisa Martinson, Tony Martinson, Julie Bennis, Rich Hirstein, Beth Hallett, Wendy Woods, Shari Schmitz, and Wendy Melz.

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Dianne Dick, Dave Keenan.

Call to Order and Introduction of Attendees:

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm at Minnetonka District Service by Lisa Simmons.

Secretary Report:

Motion by Pam Jensen to approve the July Minutes, seconded by Lisa Martinson, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Endy reported on the following:

- The fiscal year is coming to a close as of July 31, 2011. We have had a terrific year with a net income of \$19,000. However, a large portion of this income was due to the transfer of money from the high school girls basketball fund. We currently have \$37,500 in the checking account with \$15,500 in a certificate of deposit account.
- We are now the official booster club for the girls' high school basketball teams and will now get a percentage of the concession proceeds earned by the high school basketball program. We received \$6,500 from the high school fundraising proceeds (Former Fund 9 Account). We need to keep the high school funds active and available for the needs of the high school program and those funds will be kept separate from the traveling program. We are unsure of what the high school plans are for fundraising or expenses this year without a new varsity coach in place.

- We will not be purchasing travel uniforms this year but will budget \$1,500 this year in case they are purchased in upcoming years.
- We will increase funding by \$200 in order to purchase additional youth size throw out shirts at youth night.
- We will fund \$4,500 for a varsity assistant coach if the new varsity coach is interested in having an assistant.
- We are budgeting for two paid coaches at 8th grade only.

Motion made by Rich Baker to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Dianne Dick, Treasurer's Report approved.

President's Report

Lisa Simmons reported on the following items:

- **Secretary** – We are in desperate need of a Secretary.
- **Marketing Director** – We have may an interested volunteer who will take over as the Marketing Director.
- **High School Coach** – Bart Inniger has resigned as the high school varsity coach and wrote a “thank you” letter to the Board. Ted Schultz, the Minnetonka Athletic Director, plans to have a new girls’ varsity coach in place by the end of August.
- **Minnesota Lynx Basketball Academy Clinic** – Lisa was approached by the Minnesota Lynx to see if we would be interested in hosting a free basketball clinic for ages 8-14 sponsored by MidCountry Bank on August 25th. The Lynx will have Seimone Augustus and Charde Houston at the clinic providing instruction. We will look into getting gym space at the high school.

Marketing Report

Dianne Dick reported on the following:

- **Club Branding** – She presented the Board with sample logos from other sports teams. The company Dianne is looking at using could do the logo conception at a cost of \$300-\$1,000. Dianne has been given approval to have the logo company provide two logo concepts for presentation to the Board at a future meeting.

Evan Vaala reported on the following:

- **Website** – He will be giving the website an update and will freshen it up for the coming year. He will start an “alumni” page with former players and information on where they are now.

Lisa Simmons reported on the following:

- **Minnesota Lynx** – The Minnesota Lynx will be offering a Minnetonka Girls Basketball Night on Sunday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each (regularly \$30) but they must be ordered in advance. We will need to sell 67 tickets to get early entry into Target Center to see team warm-ups along with an opportunity to get a group picture on the court.

Shooter's Club

Pam Jensen reports on the following:

- Shooter's Club is running smoothly and there are 76 girls now registered.
- We will recognize and distribute the shooter's club shirts to traveling players at the October 4th parent/player meeting.

Travel Tournaments

- **Tournament Scheduling** – Lisa Martinson is waiting for the MYAS tournament booklet to arrive. Lisa will put together a preliminary schedule for the respective teams. She will see if she can obtain a discount on entry fees for tournaments when we send 9 of our teams to the same tournament location. This year, the Mankato tournament will be out of-town tournament.
- **Holiday Classic Tournament** – Rich Baker will be looking at putting a working group together in September for the holiday tournament to work through issues and items needed for that tournament. For volunteer shifts, we will be looking at the team managers for each respective team to contact parents and notify them when their individual shifts are and to instill in parents that they need to show up for their assigned time. If parents do not show up for their assigned shift, they will be fined.

High School Report

- No report given this month with the resignation of Bart Inniger.

2011 – 2012 Season Planning Discussion:

- **Registration/Tryouts/Fees** – Lisa Simmons reports at the time of the Board meeting that no final date has been set for tryouts since Leah Dasovich hasn't heard back from Trisha, the School District Scheduler, but they are tentatively scheduled to begin September 17th and then 2 additional days that week. Girls will not be penalized if they can only attend 2 of the 3 tryout dates. Lisa is pushing for gym space to field 3 teams at each grade level (same as the boys' program). We will most likely not need this much space, but we want to make sure we have the ability to be comparable with the boys program in regards to gym space. We will use the high school gyms for tryouts. Once the dates are finalized, parents will be allowed and encouraged to register online so a head count can be established at each grade level prior to the scheduled tryouts. New this year, there will be a \$20 penalty beginning Wednesday at Midnight for the week when tryouts are scheduled if not paid and registered online. In order to tryout, all girls need and must be registered with fees paid in advance. If there is an injury, a doctor's note will be needed which states when they will be allowed to play. Uniform sizing will take place at the first day of tryouts.
- **Coach Recruitment and Hiring Policy** – Rich Hirstein will take over as the Travel Coaching Director and will have continuity with all grade levels. No team will be allowed to go off on their own by doing what they want. The coaches will be given 65% of the package of what will be required of them. Rich will have mandatory sessions with coaches advising what will be required from them. He will also help them become better coaches and will assist them with their needs. Once a varsity coach has been selected, Rich will meet with him/her to get their philosophy of

coaching style and requirements. Rich will help build confidence in the girls by making it a super fun and great experience for all girls on the teams. A coaching committee needs to be put together with the help of Rich to look for quality travel coaches. Rich will be head of the committee followed by members outside of the traveling program plus one Board member who has no traveling daughter in the 4-8 grade program.

- **Grievance Policy** – We will shelf this discussion until September.
- **Equipment/Apparel Merchandise** – Rich Hirstein will handle equipment/apparel merchandise again this year. He reports that Sports Authority is again on board with helping us this year by providing various supplies needed. Rich Baker is looking at getting bag tags priced which would be provided to players at the parent/player meeting in October. Rich Baker will report back to the Board on the prices for purchasing bag tags.

Meeting Adjournment

Upon a Motion to adjourn by Katy Vaala, seconded by all present, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**The next MGBA meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, September 7, 2011
From 6:30 – 8:30 pm @
Minnetonka District Service Center**