



## Minnetonka Girls Basketball Board Meeting Notes October 3, 2012



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**Voting Members in Attendance:** Rich Baker, Jim Willems, Wendy Woods, Rich Hirstein, Brad Hamilton, Scott Fransen, Dave Endy, and Wendy Melz

**Non-Voting Members in Attendance:** Tony Martinson, Mark Radke, Maja Engeman, Jay Coatta, Alison Shoemaker, Carlos Hernandez, Kerri Hexum, and Jay Beaudry

### **Call to Order and Introduction of Attendees:**

The meeting called to order at 6:34 pm at the Minnetonka District Service Center.

### **Secretary Report:**

The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve them. The minutes were approved and will be posted in final form.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Dave Endy reported on the following:

- The total number of teams for the year established is the same number as projected.
- We are waiting on the Holiday Tournament registration checks.
- One month into the year's budget, we are at budget.
- All travel registrations have been paid.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

## President's Report

- **Shooter's Club**—Recognition went well at Parent Night. Recognizing girls at a varsity game will be revisited next year.
- **Skill Development Sessions**—the schedule begins October 8<sup>th</sup>. It is posted on the website. This is not mandatory.
- **Concussion Testing**—This is October 16<sup>th</sup> at MHS. This is the last date offered.
- **Bag Tags**—will be handed out to new players in the program.

## Marketing Report

- **Youth Night**—There is a possibility that Prowl will be at Youth Night on January 11th instead of Crunch. There was a suggestion of having the travel program and the rec program having separate nights in order to get through the posters/signatures at the end of the night. Pictures and posters for the HS team are done by the HS captain's parents; if not, Brad Hamilton will take this on.
- **Advertising**—Dianne Dick has resigned. We are looking for a volunteer to help put together the Skipper game program. JWDA will print it. We are also looking for volunteers to get sponsors committed to ads. Scott Fransen and Kerri Hexum volunteered to share this responsibility. It was suggested to talk to HS coaches about having alumni "Where are they?" printed in the program. This may be difficult to accomplish this year.

## Travel Program Updates

- Rich Hirstein reported on the tryouts process: A) There were 11 independent evaluators at tryouts. Coach's evaluations were also incorporated into the process as necessary. He consulted with the evaluators each night on their results. Girls were not penalized for one absence. Evaluators moved girls around during tryouts to assess skills against other players. Being a board member or knowing an evaluator has no influence on the tryout results. There is a grey area where a girl may be sick during tryouts, yet it is known what type of player she is. B) Rich Baker discussed the argument of having independent evaluators vs. them not being independent. C) Teams were established to keep as many girls as possible: 14 8th graders tried out so unfortunately 4 girls were cut in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. 27 girls in 7th grade were divided into three teams, a team of 10, 9 and 8 players. D) Coach selection was based on last year's performance. Coaches were NOT determined prior to teams being formed. There will be an upcoming coaches meeting. Background checks on coaches and assistant coaches will be completed. Rich Hirstein will be at many practices to assist the coaches.
- A point was brought up about having more tryout coordinators to accommodate a growing program. Rich Hirstein would like to continue in the role and if it gets bigger, he would encourage help and welcome it.
- A question was raised about coach's comments on strengths and weaknesses of girls being public. Coaches already complete an end of season evaluation that is public; there could be a possibility of a mid-season evaluation as well.
- Lisa Simmons continues to work with the boys program for equal gym space. Coaches will meet to get practice times figured out. Outside space isn't necessary at this time. Wednesday practices will be given to those teams that asked for them. There are a few Friday night practices as well.

- Coaches need to review their gym permits to make sure they are for the correct dates and times. They will get an email from the district scheduler. Coaches need to print permits and bring them to practice. Regular practice times will start October 15<sup>th</sup>. Any conflicts to regular times will be given alternative dates.
- The tournament schedule was shared with teams at the Parent meeting. It is also posted on the website.
- We are working on using a paper pass by the youth travel program to gain entrance into varsity games.

### High School Report

Leah Dasovich was absent.

- Teams will have high school mentors under the “Adopt a Team” format again this year.

### 2012 – 2013 Season Planning Discussion:

- **Team Pictures**—Lisa Martinson will be coordinating this with Kemmetmueller.
- **Holiday Tournament**—100 teams have committed to the tournament so far. We are at a good number for now. We will hold many games on Friday night.
- **Tournament Concessions**—Wendy Woods reported that they are continuing to look into options for the year.

### Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

**The next MGBA meeting is scheduled for  
Wednesday, November 7, 2012  
From 6:30 – 8:30 pm @  
Minnetonka District Service Center, Community Room**