

Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association
Board Meeting Notes
September 4, 2013

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Voting Members in Attendance: Rich Baker, Wendy Melz, Rich Hirstein, Alison Shoemaker, Kerri Hexum, Stacy Pagano, Lesley Longval, Scott Fransen, Laural Johnson, Jim Willems, Alison Shoemaker, Josh Hawes, Geri Radke, Evan Vaala, Shonna Travis, Susan Anderson, Rich Hirstein, Jeff Pagano, Lisa Martinson, Wendy Woods, Brad Hamilton, Rob Kahlmeyer, Kelly Wishcmeier

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Monica Dahl, Elizabeth Hamilton, Andy Cerisier, Swen-Marie Germann, Lynn Polingo

Call to Order and Introduction of Attendees:

The meeting called to order at 6:36 pm at the Minnetonka District Service Center.

Secretary Report:

The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Brad Hamilton and seconded by Kerri Hexum to approve them. The minutes were approved and will be posted in final form.

Treasurer's Report:

Lesley Longval reported:

- MGBA lost their 5013c status and had to reapply for tax exempt status, so we had to write a letter to explain the situation. By-laws were also changed and we reported a change of address (to a PO Box, not someone's address) and identified the treasurer and vice president's responsibilities to files taxes.
- If someone, on behalf of MGBA, is making purchases, please call Lesley for the Tax ID number.
- A draft budget for the fiscal year 2013/2014 was presented based on the assumption of 12 teams. Depending on registration, this draft may change. The budget will firm up and be ready to present for approval at the next meeting.

- Currently we have about \$15,000 in profit, which is normal for this time of year.

A question was asked if there was a target cash amount. The answer appears to be no, but we will continue to monitor the situation if we take in too much cash.

A motion was made by Loral Johnson and seconded by Rob Kahlmeyer to approve the treasurer's report. The report was approved.

High School Report

Andy Cerisier reported in Leah Dasovich's absence:

- The upcoming season schedule is still a work in progress. There are 24 games scheduled and it is the hope to add 2 more. They would like to see one added in January and one added in February.

Travel Program Updates

- Tryouts: The process of tryouts from our end was reviewed. Volunteers have signed up through *Sign Up Genius*. Gym space has been reserved and evaluators have been notified.
- Team Pictures: Coordinators are looking at options. It was suggested that teams be able to order "posters" if they desire.
- Kickoff Night: Coordinators are working at gathering information to place in player's folders.
- MGBA players will have one player pass for home girls' basketball games.
- Krunch from the MN Timberwolves has been secured for Youth Night.

Scott Fransen asked about looking into 60/40 playing time at the upper grade level in order to better prepare girls for high school and higher level basketball. A vote was taken and passed. The following summarizes the discussion and the result of the final vote. This text will be included in the "FAQ" document posted on the TonkaBuckets website.

MGBA's Playing Time Guidelines

Playing time guidelines are a source of much discussion in all youth sports associations. Each year, the MGBA Board has discussions about playing time, incorporating what other associations are doing, what works, what hasn't worked, what is appropriate to ask our coaches to implement and what is in alignment with our association's mission. One objective is a desire for development of girls and love and knowledge of the sport. Another objective is a desire for learning competitiveness and the team winning the game...learning that the team should use its talents in the best way to win the game (especially at the older ages). These objectives frequently conflict and one area they can conflict is in "playing time". For that reason, the MGBA board has adopted these guidelines for coaches.

Grade 4-7 (all season) and Grade 8 (beginning of season until January 1)

Coaches are trained to strive for equal playing time per player over the course of a weekend tournament. This fosters development by players having about the same court time over the course of a tournament. This does not require equal playing time in any particular game. For example, game situations can vary and players can have "off games". Coaches also have latitude to make minor, temporary adjustments to playing time if a player has missed practices (e.g., doesn't have knowledge or practice on certain plays) or to encourage focus on competitive performance (vs. "getting my 3.5 minutes no matter what I do"). Coaches may choose to use "5-in-5-out" or not, based upon their preference or game situation. Coaches are

encouraged to vary starting rotations so that players gain a variety of experiences of “starting a game” and also “ending a game” over the course of a tournament and the season. This could also mean that certain matchups or players may be on the court if the game is close at the end, as long as there are other opportunities taken during the tournament to ensure that equal playing time per player per tournament is achieved.

Grade 8 (January 1 until end of season)

Concerning playing time, coaches are required to be no more imbalanced than “60/40”, which amounts to one minute and 45 seconds over the course of a 14 minute half. This could also mean that certain matchups or players may be on the court if the game is close at the end, for example. The intent of this guideline is to encourage our coaches and players (and parents) to begin the transition toward focusing on the team winning the game and putting the best competitive skills on the court based upon the situation that presents itself. Another intent is for players (and parents) to begin to experience that high performance and achievement leads to more playing time, ultimately resulting in the player’s team achieving victory.

Player Development:

Kerri Hexum reported:

- The Shooting Challenge: There were 52 girls who shot over 3000. These girls will be honored at a game in December.
- Fall MSB Skills Sessions – dates have been set and have been entered into the calendar.
- There was an extremely positive response to the Shooter’s Clinic held for three sessions in August—from players to the coaches.
- Once teams are formed, there are opportunities to play at MN Timberwolves or MN Gophers games. More information will come out at a later date.

Marketing:

Stacy Pagano presented:

- 100 tickets (donated by Best Buy) to the 9/14 MN Lynx game were distributed to MGBA families.
- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. accounts for MGBA (or Tonka Buckets) are set up and active. *Like* Tonka Buckets on Facebook, *Follow* @tonkagirlsbball on Twitter, and *Follow* Tonka_Buckets on Instagram. So far the response has been positive.
- If anyone has any suggestions, as always, contact Stacy.

Tournaments:

Jim Willems and Josh Hawes reported:

- Another tentative tournament schedule was reviewed. Some locations were dropped from the previous schedule based on feedback and others were added. The final schedule will depend on how many teams are officially formed, reciprocity between tournaments, travel, etc. Jim and Josh continue to work on the schedule. There are options for some teams to add additional tournaments; it is suggested that teams contact Josh directly on this.
- Currently, we have 110 teams committed to our holiday tournament.
- The Rochester Tournament will be held Feb 21-23. At this point, teams will be staying at the same hotel as last year and Josh is working on the details of the accommodations.

Apparel:

Susan Anderson and Geri Radke reported:

- Right now, Susan and Geri are working with Lakeside Promotion to determine pricing for items. We are not trying to make a profit from the sales.
- The try-on night is planned to be held during Parent's Night.

President's Report:

Rich Baker reported:

- Baseline concussion testing sessions are being held at MHS. There are 5 sessions throughout the fall. Take advantage of them while you can. Age 10+. Email reminders are sent prior to each session.
- MGBA is teaming up with MBBA and the HS teams to host an evening at Maynard's on October 28th where 25% of the proceeds will go back to our programs.
- The high school parent liaisons will work with Kerri Hexum and Scott Fransen (both in Sponsorships) in putting together the High School program.

Swen-Marie Germann, a MGBA parent, presented information on the Injury Risk Assessment for girls in 7th and 8th grade. Rich reported that the board will decide one way or the other on where to go with this in the next couple months.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

**The next MGBA meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, October 2, 2013
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Minnetonka District Service Center, Community Room**