

Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association
Board Meeting Notes
October 2, 2013

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Voting Members in Attendance: Rich Baker, Wendy Melz, Alison Shoemaker, Kerri Hexum, Lesley Longval, Laural Johnson, Jim Willems, Josh Hawes, Geri Radke, Shonna Travis, Lisa Martinson, Brad Hamilton, Rob Kahlmeyer, Kelly Wischmeier

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Monica Dahl, Elizabeth Hamilton, Ann Hamilton, Tony Martinson

Call to Order and Introduction of Attendees:

The meeting called to order at 6:32 pm at the Minnetonka District Service Center.

Secretary Report:

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

An email blast will be sent to MGBA members when the minutes are posted to the website make sure that people have enough time to read and review them prior to the board meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Lesley Longval reported:

- The budget was adjusted for several items. There is a total of 12 teams: number of registrations (115) and the number of scholarships (4). The amount of concessions for the Holiday tournament was brought up about \$2000. Sponsorship fees were increased some this year.
- We went "conservative" on the budget for the Holiday tournament.
- The budget includes one donation of the cost of an assistant high school coach this year, down from two last year.

- The high school budget includes HS scorers at the Holiday tournament donating one game's payment which will help pay for the second assistant coach. The budget also includes a large sponsorship from OSR.
- Several tournaments have been paid for at this time. The Rochester tournament and the state tournament have not been paid yet.
- The Travel Director donated his fee back to the organization.

A motion was made by Rob Kahlmeyer and seconded by Josh Hawes to approve the budget for the following year. The budget was approved.

A motion was made by Laural Johnson and seconded by Wendy Melz to approve the treasurer's report. The report was approved.

High School Report

Ann Hamilton reported in Leah Dasovich's absence:

- Girls are participating in Open Gyms at least twice a week. Not only are they holding Captain's practices, but Real Athletics is helping them train.
- The 9th grade teams have tryouts first, then JV and Varsity.
- An alumni game is scheduled for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
- Leah is planning on having the Adopt-a-Team format again this year with a focus on higher participation. There may be an opportunity to do so at the Holiday tournament.
- The Holiday Giving program will not occur this year.
- Monica and Elizabeth are working with the Sponsorship people to develop the HS program. There is concern about the timeline between when teams are formed, when pictures will be taken, and when the program is needed for the first game.

Travel Program Updates

- Tryouts: Pinnies may need to be ordered to prevent double numbers being distributed. A suggestion was made to use "runner's numbers" as well.
- Open House: A microphone will be ordered next year. It was difficult to hear. A suggestion was made to keep everything at the table in a box for only the coach/manager to distribute. It got chaotic at tables as girls grabbed everything.
- Uniforms: A lot of girls didn't get their first choice of uniform sizes. Shonna is going to look into ordering more due to the significant need of some sizes.
- Pictures: Lisa and Kelly are working on setting up a date for team pictures. They continue to investigate getting posters made as well.
- Gyms: At this point, all practice space has been accommodated for. Yay!

Player Development:

Kerri Hexum reported:

- The Shooting Challenge: Kerri shared the t-shirt that will be given out to the girls who met the varying levels of the challenge.
- Fall MSB Skills Sessions – dates have been set and have been entered into the calendar. The first session is next week. Feedback will follow.

Marketing:

- 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. Information was put out at the Open House.
- If anyone has any suggestions, as always, contact Stacy.

Tournaments:

Jim Willems and Josh Hawes reported:

- The final tournament schedule was distributed at the Open House. Many tournaments have been paid already.
- If coaches or managers are interested in additional tournaments, contact Josh. He will also send out information when/if he receives it to teams.
- Currently, 131 have signed up to play in the Holiday tournament. Jim reports that games will be played at all three gyms on Friday night as well as a later on Sunday. At this time, we do not have the space to have all teams play; therefore, many will be turned away. We are unable to acquire more gym space to accommodate the number of teams that want to play in our tourney.

Apparel:

Geri Radke reported:

- Feedback for the items presented was overwhelmingly positive. More information will come in the months ahead as sales become final.
- Geri and Susan will identify a way to distribute the products when done.

President's Report:

Rich Baker reported:

- So far, \$4300 has been collected in sponsorships.
- Baseline concussion testing sessions are being held at MHS. Take advantage of them while you can. Age 10+. Email reminders are sent prior to each session.
- MGBA is teaming up with MBBA to host an evening at Maynard's on October 28th where 25% of all the proceeds (takeout, bar, restaurant, etc.) will go back to our programs. Reservations are being taken through Rich until Saturday. Each team was given a reservation form to complete if they wanted to be seated together.
- If anyone is willing to research how other clubs hold tryouts or has any suggestions, MGBA is willing to hear any information. The organization is always looking for ways to make the process better. Rich Hirstein plans on retiring from the role of Tryout Coordinator.
- Many clubs and organizations have benefactors that make sizable donations directly to the club or organization. If anyone knows of anyone that is thinking of making a donation in kind, consider MGBA. Talk to Rich for more information.
- At this time there is no action on the concept of the Injury Risk Assessment for girls in 7th and 8th grade.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made by Kerri Hexum and seconded by Rob Kahlmeyer to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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