



Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association

Board Meeting Notes
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Board Members in Attendance

Jim Willems, Nona Nesseth, Katie Cooley, Lynn Willems, Lori Carver, Alison Shoemaker, Kelly Wischmeier, Jen Prondzinski, Josh Hawes, and Ryan Fandrey

Other Members in Attendance

Call to Order and Introduction of Attendees

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

Secretary Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Katie Cooley reported that very little is happening currently in regards to financials. Next month – August 5th budget review.

High School Report

- Camp is now on off for 3 weeks and will finish in late July
- Camp attended by over 130 girls
- Next Friday, the Tonka Girls are playing at 2pm (tickets \$15/each) a scrimmage against a South Dakota team. The tickets will get you into the scrimmage and the Lynx game. Anyone who wants tickets contact Leah. Asked that Rich Baker create a piece about the event and send it to Tonka Buckets.

Tournament Selection

Josh Hawes provided update concerning the number of tournaments by grade. He contacted other associations to see what they are currently doing form tournament by grade level. (most of the information was pulled from the other associations websites). Josh handed out a summary of his finding from the associations. We were fairly close to the other associations except at the older levels we were a little short.

Our end of year survey results stated that most families like the number of tournaments we currently have.

Eden Prairie is moving their tournament back a week. EP will be the same weekend as Prior Lake. They both send us a nice number of teams, so we will have to determine where we support. Tried not to schedule the 7th and 8th grade teams during the ACT testing weekend in January. Would like to get more in line with other associations. Motion made to add another tournament for 7th and 8th grade (11vs10) – 4th grade will be scheduled for the same number (7) and be able to pick up extra tournaments as they want and as they become available. The 4th grade team will pick up any additional costs for the additional tournaments.

Coach Selection Committee Report

Josh Hawes gave a review of the coach selection process committee. Committee members are Josh Hawes, Ryan Fandrey, Alison Shoemaker and Lynn Willems.

Goal: Select the most qualified and best coaches for our Minnetonka Youth Basketball Players through an honest and open process.

Process:

- Potential Coaches (Paid, Parent & Assistant) will complete an application form to provide coaching and relevant information
- Potential Coaches will be interviewed by a coaching interview committee
- Interview committee will then evaluate and select potential coaches
- Paid coaches will be selected before tryouts
- Parent Head Coaches will be selected after tryouts
- Interview committee will determine if assistant coaches are qualified
- Head Coaches will select assistant coaches

Qualified:

- Prioritization for Paid Coaches: 8A, 8B, 8C, 7A, 7B, 7C
- All applicants will complete an application
- All paid and parent head coaches will be interviewed by at least 3 committee members, unless unforeseen circumstances
- Same committee members will interview all applicants for a specific grade
- Interview committee members cannot evaluate coaches if they have kids in the program for that grade level
- Assistant coaches are required for parent coaches and are available for paid coaches if requested
- Assistant coaches are parents
- Coaches must follow MGBA coaching guideline

We will be posting coaching positions on the website this week or early next week. Will also post on MYAS. Paid coaches interviewed early to mid-August. Parent coaches mid to late August.

Discussion on how to pay for paid coaches....

Holiday Tournament Report

- Motion made and seconded to nominate Bret Felknor as Holiday Classic Tournament Director
- Concession update – we have had multiple requests for vendors to come in for the Holiday Classic Tournament

- Must figure out signs for Holiday Classic Tournament
- Lori Carver will meet with Brent and Bret to review signage needs and budget information will be given to Katie. We are working with Fast Signs – Lori will get a quote and Jen Prondzinski will get a quote from the Bernard Group (she is an employee and will work on employee discount).
- Lori is spearheading some sponsors for the tournament. Looking at wristbands with some discount coupons for businesses in the area (Cherry Berry, Chipotle, Noodles).

Marketing Report

- Marketing will be structured with
 - Website
 - Communications
 - Events – Youth night, pictures, Rochester Hospitality room, sponsorships
- Lori will meet with Kelly Wischmeier for Events Coordinator.
- Meeting with NGIN to go over best practices to use the tool
- Newsletters at the schools to get tryout dates to schools. Handout at Leah's workouts. Try to work with Rec to get their list with
- Continue to work on our sponsor program. Header on the website (Timberwolves/Lynx) to sponsor the website. The Timberwolves/Lynx are paying for the NGIN (\$800)

Presidents Report

- The Timberwolves/Lynx are sponsoring our website. There is a banner on the website and their sponsorship \$800 will pay for Ngin for the coming year. We are working to get ½ season tickets from the Timberwolves.
- Uniform options – still have 5 missing uniforms.
- Discussion was held on uniforms. It has been suggested that we will have each player purchase their own uniforms. Nicholle Durkee is looking at Goldy's Locker Room for supply of the uniforms. Jen Prondzinski also sources uniforms in her business. She will present Nicholle with pricing. Pricing will be available at the next meeting – prior to the registration process.
- We have an open position for Gym Scheduler. Shonna Travis is stepping down as she no longer has a child in the program.
- Trusted Coach Program. Program will handle the concussion training, first aid, background and PCA. (\$35 per coach... we were paying \$20 for just background check.)
- Booster Club golf tournament is August 3rd.
- Shooters Challenge update – have 70 kids registered and 60 active.
- Varsity game at the Lynx – July 17th.
- Tryouts – September 19, 21 and 22
- Pre-Tryouts workouts – September 10, 16 & 17
- Travel Team announcements – September 24

Meeting Adjournment

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