



Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association  
Board Meeting Notes  
February 3, 2016  
Website <http://www.tonkabuckets.org>

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### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Jen Prondzinski, Lisa Koeppen, Jim Willems, Katie Cooley, Kelly Wischmeier, Laural Johnson, Lori Carver, Alison Shoemaker, Brent Lesmeister, Ryan Fandrey, Nicholle Durkee, Leah Dasovich

### **Other Members in Attendance:**

Sarah Pfeffer

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm at the Minnetonka District Service Center.

### **Secretary Report**

The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Jen Prondzinski and seconded Lori Carver. The minutes were approved and will be posted in the final form.

### **High School Report**

- Information about Summer Workout has been sent out through Peachjar. It will be on the website soon as well.
- Grade 6 will visit have a night with the Varsity team on February 9. There has been positive feedback from grades 4-5.
- Grades 7-8: Leah will look into a better date for open practices next year. She reports that this is a really good way for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to become exposed to the high school program.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Katie Cooley reported:

- A financial report was shared. We are still waiting on some bills to come in.
- MGBA made \$1000 from the profit-sharing of the uniforms and apparel. We received a check. We kept prices the same, but instead of the vendor profiting, MGBA was able to get a small profit.

- We have a surplus of money at this point in the year. The excess is due to a strong tournament, higher registrations, and lower than expected expenses such as skills clinics and uniform expenses. It was suggested that we give a Visa gift card to each team to be used in Rochester (or later) for a team dinner or team building event.

A motion was made by Laural Johnson and seconded by Kelly Wischmeier to provide a \$350 gift card to each team. The motion was approved. Katie will connect with team parents of each team prior to the Rochester tournament.

### **Marketing Report**

- We are getting a lot of likes and followers on Facebook and Instagram. We are getting more interest in our social media from people as we use it more. Continue to send photos.
- The hospitality room has been booked for Rochester. There will be a raffle and snacks and water to grab and go. Board members will also look to recruit volunteers from younger teams onto the Board. A message related to proper code of conduct needs to go to teams as a reminder to players and families.
- While there is no tryout dates set (there will be no tryout date on Saturday), we are getting ready for fall registration. We are adding a statement to the registration form a waiver related to use of likeness in social media.

### **Travel Team/Season Update**

- Youth Night: A big success. We are looking into adding another night (probably Shooter's Challenge) as the crowds are great and attendance is high. Thanks to the volunteers for the late notice help.
- There are state seeding meetings next week, depending on age and level. One coach from each team will need to attend.
- The survey will go out the week after the Rochester tournament.
- Spring Teams: If anyone is interested in spring teams, please contact Ryan Fandrey. He can help.

### **Player Development**

- Shooter's Challenge: We are looking into another program that is easier to run. We'd also like to add a Dribbling challenge. This runs from Jun 1 to Aug 31. Rec girls are welcome to participate as well. Information will be sent out soon.
- Leah agreed to hosting (or adding a) shooting clinics to May, prior to the summer Shooter's Challenge. We'll keep it to 3 sessions and the groups small.
- Rich Hirstein will host a skills clinic for girls in grades 3-6 in April. Information will soon be on the website.
- Leah and her staff is hosting training for grades 4-6 on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **President's Report**

Jim reported:

- Elections will be held next month for open positions. Consider identifying people who would be good fits into those positions. In addition, a treasurer candidate might be interested in shadowing Katie. Paid positions were also discussed and the tryout coordinator will be separated from the coach development director. The Board determined that the high school staff will organize the tryouts inside the gym and run the pre-tryout workouts. More information and dates will be sent out. The people running tryouts will not be involved in identifying teams after evaluations are completed. Paid coaches will be involved inside the gym for tryouts.
- We are trying to move next month's meeting back a week so it's after the state tournament and people can attend the first section game for the Varsity team.
- Lisa Koeppen is putting together a list of FAQs for MGBA. A sample list was passed out. Please send ideas to Jim and he will pass on to Lisa.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ryan Fandrey and seconded by Jim Willems to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

**The next MGBA meeting is scheduled for:**

**March 9, 2016 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Minnetonka District Service Center**