



# MGBA Board Minutes

## August 8, 2024

Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association

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<b>Present:</b>	Amanda Kieper, Lisa Diessner, Andy Gilles, Rachel Turnbull, Jill Vinge, Jacky Gilles, Brian Kirchoff, Josh Jansen, Matt Buehler, Ryan Tanke, Brian Cosgriff, Barry Cosgriff
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
6:30 pm	Call to Order - Lisa Diessner
6:31 pm	Approval of July 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Brian Kirchoff motioned to approve the Minutes; Jill Vinge seconded</li></ul> Motion passed unanimously
6:32 pm	Secretary's Report - Lisa Diessner <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Website management and coordination - Kim Hoehne and Jill Vinge</li><li>- Social media management and coordination - Erin Wendorf and Josh Jansen (with help from Kelly Jansen); Lisa Diessner as backup<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Erin Wendorf:</b> Provide Facebook and Instagram access to Josh Jansen and Lisa Diessner</li><li>- <b>Josh Jansen/Lisa Diessner:</b> Create Twitter and TikTok MGBA accounts</li></ul></li><li>- Defined Board roles - each take your own description and action items<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Everyone:</b> Review current board role descriptions (received via email) and revise and complete your role descriptions where necessary</li><li>- <b>Everyone:</b> Review current list of monthly action items (received via email) and revise where necessary</li><li>- Submit changes to Lisa Diessner via email: secretary@tonkahoops.org</li></ul></li><li>- Current Board Handbook is outdated<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Lisa Diessner:</b> Update as needed and disseminate Handbook</li></ul></li></ul>

6:40 pm

Treasurer's Update - Andy Gilles

- Took inventory of storage locker (Andy Gilles and Amanda Kieper have keys)
- Accessed P.O. Box
- Made a couple payments, as they came due
- Stripe account has received payments from Wayzata, Eden Prairie, Eau Claire and Chaska (approximately \$11,000 has come in so far)
  - Andy Gilles is trying to reconcile why a couple tournament payments did not go through to Stripe account
  - **Andy Gilles and Brian Kirchoff** will work together to address any failed payments from associations
  - Some associations have asked about paying via check or otherwise instead of Stripe
- Brian Ross completed the tax returns for fiscal year ending May, 2024
  - **Brian Ross and Andy Gilles**: Review and submit tax returns by the end of August
- Everything costs a little more than last year
- Likely will be spending more this year, including to achieve a better tournament atmosphere by containing the tournament space to two high schools
- Question was raised as to the sum of money held by MGBA, compared to other associations: Are we sitting on too much money?
  - **Andy Gilles**: In a few months, take the temperature by contacting other associations to see what amounts they are holding onto

6:45 pm

## High School Report - Coach Brian Cosgriff and Barry Cosgriff

- Numbers up from last year on breakfast club and camp, with lots of enthusiasm at the younger ages
  - Traditional final day of breakfast club with donuts and watermelon
  - Coaches received no complaints
- First HS open gym is the second week of school, running every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
- Monday, November 4 is the start of HS tryouts
- Monday, November 11 is the start of HS practice
- Girls' HS schedule allows the HS to be wide open over Snow Globe weekend and for HS players to be scorekeepers for Snow Globe
  - MGBA can write a check to HS program in appreciate for the HS players' scorekeeping efforts
  - No individual payments to the players
- Six weeks of fall league/breakdown, with MGBA doing the first two weeks of gate volunteer work (starting September 29)
  - Boosters are getting a Square and can let MGBA use it
  - Sign at gate will note the digital payment fee
- Assign a HS player to every travel team, as in years' past
- Travel tryout evaluators: Ellen Thompson, Macy Hatlestad and Thomas Gorrilla
  - **Amanda Kieper**: Look at travel registration numbers and make sure there are enough evaluators for particular grades (like 5th)
- Eight varsity home games for 2024-25:
  - November 24 - Moorhead
  - December 17 - Waconia
  - January 17 - Buffalo
  - January 21 - EP
  - January 24 - Edina
  - January 31 - Wayzata
  - February 4 - STMA
  - February 21 - Hopkins
- **Rachel Turnbull/Jacky Gilles**: Coordinate Varsity game special event and grade nights with Kate Egert (taking over for Nona Nesseth)
- **Matt Buehler**: Coordinate with Coach Cosgriff/Barry Cosgriff to find coach training dates, while planning around open gym times

7:00 pm	<p>2024 Tryouts/Evaluations Update, Schedule and Registration - Amanda Kieper, Coach Cosgriff, Barry Cosgriff and Chris Hamdorf (via emailed notes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chris Hamdorf secured gym permits for all tryout times</li> <li>- Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><u>Amanda Kieper and Andy Gilles</u></b>: Coordinate on registration costs, including additional fee for uniforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communicate to Jill Vinge or Kim Hoehne to add to website</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b><u>Amanda Kieper</u></b>: Post registration by this weekend</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Registration marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><u>Meg Montgomery</u></b>: Design a registration flyer to put on Peach Jar and social media, and distribute ASAP to Josh Jansen</li> <li>- <b><u>Meg Montgomery</u></b>: Reach out to each elementary school to coordinate hosting a MGBA table at back-to-school mornings</li> <li>- <b><u>Andy Gilles/Amanda Kieper</u></b>: Get the signs out of the storage and put them up before elementary open houses</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Coaching update - Doug Espenson has been working with paid coach options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><u>Everyone</u></b>: Send any paid coach feedback and recommendations to Doug Espenson</li> <li>- Paid coaches interested in returning this year: Bethany and Clare</li> <li>- Chris Egert would come back but has to get earlier practice times</li> <li>- Aiming for about six paid coaches</li> <li>- <b><u>Doug Espenson</u></b>: Reach out to Johnny Roche to gauge interest</li> <li>- Coach Cosgriff's position: If they're a good coach and have as good of a resume as paid coaches, let's let the parent coach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Received warmly by Board</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b><u>Doug Espenson</u></b>: Add a coach question into the survey next year</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:15 pm	<p>In-Season Training Update - Amanda Kieper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thomas Gorrilla will work with St. Therese to obtain the necessary gym space for training</li> <li>- St. Therese has minimal demand for the gym from October, when their basketball season starts, through the end of our season</li> <li>- Two teams per group, generally</li> <li>- Two one-hour sessions with each group every month</li> <li>- Plan for October, November and December to start, and then we will reevaluate schedule</li> <li>- <b><u>Chris Hamdorf</u></b>: Let Legacy Hoops know that MGBA will no longer use it for in-season training</li> </ul>

7:25 pm	<p>Uniforms and Apparel Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Uniform rep is out all week, so there is no update on uniforms or the team store</li> <li>- <b><u>Rachel Turnbull</u></b>: Create and send out a Google sign-up for uniform and registration volunteers for tryouts</li> <li>- <b><u>Kenna Dooley</u></b>: Ask for additional uniform samples this year, to keep try-ons moving more quickly</li> <li>- Consensus is for black shooting shirts</li> <li>- Team store should open twice, to allow for early ordering as well as ordering later for those who want to wait until teams are announced</li> <li>- Refer to Snow Globe sweatshirt discussion in following section</li> </ul>
7:30 pm	<p>Snow Globe Tournament Update - Jill Vinge, Brian Kirchoff, Amanda Kieper and Andy Gilles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Friday games possible at Southwest Christian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><u>Jill Vinge</u></b>: Update website to notify of a Friday start possibility</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Tape the gyms at MHS on Friday night</li> <li>- Registration is open on the website and MYAS</li> <li>- Snow globe rentals - Andy Gilles secured one, and the rental company is looking into another (pick up and drop off both in Mendota Heights)</li> <li>- <b><u>Brian Kirchoff</u></b>: Add our Tonka teams through registration</li> <li>- MHS: Chris Hamdorf sought permit for 7p Friday through 6p Sunday</li> <li>- SWCHS: Jill Vinge secured the contract and will tour the site in advance</li> <li>- Officials and trainers: Kim Hoehne used to handle this, so maybe Doug Espenson will now <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><u>Jill Vinge</u></b>: Email Kim and Doug about officials and athletic trainers</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Concessions: SWCHS handles their own and keeps profits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><u>Jill Vinge</u></b>: Reach out to Ruth at MHS to coordinate concessions</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Volunteers: Rachel Turnbull will handle this again</li> <li>- Snow Globes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><u>Amanda Kieper</u></b>: Give the ordering information to Jill Vinge</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Consensus: Order more sweatshirts to sell at both sites because we can just sell overflow next year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><u>Kenna Dooley</u></b>: Avoid putting the year on the sweatshirts, so we can sell the extras next year, even if they are a different color</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

7:45 pm

24-25 Calendar Update - Brian Kirchoff (and Chris Hamdorf via emailed notes)

- Chris Hamdorf has the total gym space for all team practices, which space will be divided up once we know how many teams we will have per age group
  - **Chris Hamdorf**: Prioritize giving older teams gyms with three-point lines at both ends
- Brian Kirchoff is working on a spreadsheet for grade level tournament registrations throughout the season
- Practice start week - consensus was let's start October 2 (Wednesday)
  - **Chris Hamdorf**: Schedule practice to begin October 2
- Kickoff Off night - October 1 (Tuesday)
  - **Chris Hamdorf**: Reserve HS cafeteria for October 1, with one hour prior reserved for the coaches' meeting
- Shakopee scheduled their tournament at the same time as the Snow Globe, so Chanhassen, Owatonna and Prior Lake signed up for Shakopee
- **Everyone**: Give feedback to Brian about tournament experiences
  - **Brian Kirchoff**: Consider backing out of Orono for 7-1 and 8-1 (due to traditional lack of A teams) and signing up for Chaska instead that weekend, before Chaska fills up
- Grade team number estimates:
  - Grade 3: 2 (with 3-1 playing more tournaments and less league)
  - Grade 4: 2
  - Grade 5: 4
  - Grade 6: 2
  - Grade 7: 3
  - Grade 8: 2
- **Brian Kirchoff**: Post possible tournament spreadsheet on website, like years' past

7:55 pm	<p>Marketing/Events Update - Josh Jansen and Ryan Tanke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marketing registration: signs, social media, Peach Jar and back-to-school tables required</li> <li>- Kickoff event with Timberwolves and Crunch coming out to the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pick a date after teams are made</li> <li>- <b>Josh Jansen and Ryan Tanke:</b> Coordinate with MBBA and MGBA</li> <li>- Open it up to all of Minnetonka, not just association participants</li> <li>- Ryan Tanke mentioned the possibility of doing it twice: once for a girls' varsity game and once for a boys' varsity game</li> <li>- Other option is to have an event night without a game, but be sure to invite the community regardless</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Target Center girls basketball day/night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keep the grade level roles consistent from year-to-year</li> <li>- Possibility of 8th grade appreciation night, so MGBA pays for their tickets (i.e., what other associations do)</li> <li>- <b>Josh Jansen:</b> Send out an email to pick date after the Timberwolves schedule comes out next week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coordinate with Ryan Tanke/Matt Bare and Coach Cosgriff/Barry Cosgriff to make sure the date works for the HS teams</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Include HS girls at the Timberwolves game, so it is a 3rd grade through 12th grade girls travel/HS basketball experience</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Josh Jansen:</b> Begin to organize Gopher women's game night for the girls to support Tori McKinney, with possibility of including HS teams</li> </ul>
8:10 pm	Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2024, at 6:30 pm in MHS Writing Center