



Minnetonka Girls Basketball Board Meeting Notes June 1, 2011



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Voting Members in Attendance: Lisa Simmons, Rich Hirstein, Pam Jensen, Evan Vaala, Katy Vaala, Brad Hamilton, Lisa Ehlers.

Non Voting Members in Attendance: Diane Dick.

Call to Order and Introduction of Attendees:

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm at Minnetonka District Service by Lisa Simmons.

Secretary Report:

Motion by Lisa Ehlers to approve the April Minutes, seconded by Rich Hirstein.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer duties are being transitioned from Dave Kragness to Dave Endy. The following were reported by Lisa Simmons in Dave Endy's absence:

- The profits received from the Minnetonka Holiday Classic Tournament last year were \$4,000 above what we had projected.
- We currently have \$37,000 in the checking account and \$15,000 in a CD account

Motion by Pam Jensen to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Brad Hamilton.

President's Report

Lisa Simmons reported on the following items:

- **Project Chart** – We still have open positions to fill: Secretary, Marketing Director, Gym Scheduling Coordinator, Membership, and Game Program Booklet Coordinator.

- **Gym Space** – Gym space is very limited across the district. MCES is considered a district program. Per Minnetonka School Board policy, all district programs get first choice of the available gym space. Travel basketball is not considered a district program (girls or boys) so we are left with limited availability for practice space. We may need to ask teams to rotate days and gyms or possibly use some rotating Wednesday nights, Friday nights, or Saturday mornings in order for the travel teams to get enough gym space and practice time. The MGBA is actively working with both the Minnetonka district and the MBBA to find a solution.

Marketing Report

Evan Vaala reported on the following:

- **Website** – There is nothing new to report regarding the website. He is currently working on getting the Shooter's Club up and running.
- **Club Branding** – The new name of the club is MGBA (Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association).

Shooter's Club

Pam Jensen reports on the following:

- Shooter's Club is ready to go. A letter announcing registration is to be sent out soon. High school, travel, and in house rec programs are all encouraged to participate. Live action shots and updates will be shown. There is an emphasis on free throw shooting. The program runs from June 13th – September 9th.

High School Report

- **Summer Workout** – Registration is running slow.

2011 – 2012 Season Planning/Brainstorming Discussion:

- **Travel Coaching Director** – Leah Dasovich has resigned from the position. There was a lengthy discussion that the position should be broken down into smaller parts that other individuals could manage. The coaching director should help with coaches only. Other parts of the coaching director position that should be handled by others include 1) mediator – providing parents with someone they can go to when issues arise and 2) scheduling issues with gyms – this should also be taken on by someone else and not the coaching director. Rich Hirstein expressed an interest in handling the coaching director position by helping with coaches only. The other aspects of the position would need to be taken on by others.
- **Club Goals** – We need to better define who we are and what our club goals are. This will be discussed more at the July meeting as we begin to prepare for the upcoming travel season.
- **Holiday Tournament** – It was decided to keep the team registration fee at \$215 for the Minnetonka Holiday Classic tournament, which is the same as last year. We should discuss whether we want a flat admission fee for the tournament or if we should look at offering weekend passes.

- **Membership/Fundraising** – We need to decide what types of fundraising we want to do and how we get the high school families more involved.
- **Uniforms** – It was discussed that we may need to purchase a new set or two of uniforms. Many questions were raised by that discussion – should players be required to purchase their own uniforms, should younger grades get new uniforms, if ordering new uniforms how many new sets are needed, or should we just wait until all uniforms are wore out and then purchase new ones.
- **Coaching Qualifications** – We need to establish a policy regarding coach qualifications
- **Registration** – It is important to start receiving registration counts earlier this year to help with scheduling travel tournaments and arranging gym space for practices. We had many people register for the program at tryouts last year, which caused issues trying to register the extra teams when some tournaments were already full. We need to find a way to have people sign up sooner so we have better visibility to how many girls are interested in playing.
- **Game Program Booklet Coordinator** – Diane Dick has offered to take over the game program book by coordinating the design, solicitation of businesses for ad space, getting it to the printer, etc. She will also work on a new logo for the MGBA.
- **Tryouts** – We need to decide if we want to run tryouts on one weekend day and one weekday night. We also need to get gym space at the high school to run the tryouts. Leah Dasovich is willing to help run tryouts.

Meeting Adjournment

Upon a Motion to adjourn by Brad Hamilton, seconded by all present, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

**The next MGBA meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, July 13, 2011
From 6:00 – 8:00 pm @
Minnetonka District Service Center**