



Minnetonka Girls Basketball
Board Meeting Notes
March 7, 2012



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Voting Members in Attendance: Lisa Simmons, Dave Endy, Dianne Dick, Laural Johnson, Lisa Ehlers, Lisa Martinson, Evan Vaala, Brad Hamilton, Clare Pitera, Leah Dasovich, Rich Baker, Beth Hallett, and Wendy Melz

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Jim Willems, Andy Cerisier, Scott Fransen, and Matt Allen

Call to Order and Introduction of Attendees:

The meeting called to order at 6:38 pm at Minnetonka District Service Center by Lisa Simmons.

Secretary Report:

Leah Dasovich reported that the HS will not need a camera next year as suggested at the last meeting. Maybe in the future, but it does not need to be in the budget for next year.

A motion was made by Lisa Ehlers to approve the February minutes, seconded by Lisa Martinson. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Endy reported on the following:

- We have a net income of \$15,850.92.
- We have paid most bills now; however, we still need to pay gym rental fees from the Holiday Tournament (could be anywhere from \$3-5,000), insurance (about \$1700), and HS receipts from the banquet. We have not seen a bill for the HS team posters.

- A copy of the recently passed School Board policy on gym usage was passed around for review. Unfortunately, no fees were listed in the policy.
- We've been refunded \$700 from the SuperSaver tournament for the teams that did not play. This will be deposited.
- Dave Endy looked into the concession check that came in at \$1800. He reported that according to the Booster Club, we really did that poorly in concession sales. This is down from \$2338 from last year, and this is down significantly from years before where we were responsible for concessions independent from the Booster Club. Discussion needs to occur prior to next year's tournament as to how to handle this in the future; if we do concessions on our own, someone needs to be Food-Certified.
- Rich Baker suggested that at some point we need to clarify and get a handle on the FUND 9 balance—where it is coming from (high school or youth program) and where it is going to (high school or youth program) before it gets “fuzzy.” Lisa Simmons and Dave Endy agreed that some of the “buckets” regarding where money comes and goes should be relabeled. Dave Endy is currently working on some labeling issues.

A motion was made by Diane Dick, seconded by Clare Pitera, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

President's Report

Lisa Simmons reported on the following items:

- **Volunteers** – The Project Report has been posted to the website. People need to sign up for positions and projects within the report based on their availability. The organization depends on volunteers. Volunteers may be eligible to be voting members on the board.
- **Election**—The election of positions will take place in April. The President/Vice President position is a 2-year position and up for reelection. Lisa reported that she will not seek reelection of her position but will continue to help and support the organization in other capacities. All other positions are one year positions.
- **HS Liaison** – Lisa suggested that we formalize our relationship with the high school by appointing a board position as the primary high school liaison. Leah Dasovich commented that we may want to consider separating the High School “booster club” from the youth travel management responsibilities of the MGBA since many other clubs operate that way. While there are potential benefits to separating the groups, there are also many benefits to keeping the groups together. This issue will be tabled for future discussion.

Marketing Report

- **Website** –Rich Baker commented that people will use the website when there is good information to share. Continue to send information to put on the website. Encourage rec players to sign up for newsletter information on the program as well.

Travel Program Updates

- **State Tournament** – Teams didn't fare as well as hoped. Many teams participated in Friendship games and didn't bring home trophies as in the past.

- **Team Updates** – Matt Allen commented that for a district our size, we may seem underdeveloped compared to other communities. He commented that the expectation should be set to practice “championship basketball”. Scott Fransen commented that team sizes, especially in the upper grades, might benefit from being set at 8 instead of 10. Discussion continued that the philosophy regarding playing time and coaching philosophies in grades 7 and 8 might need to be different than grades 4 through 6 in order to prepare the girls for playing high school basketball. There needs to be expectations set in certain areas by the board and communicated, so it takes the pressure off coaches. Rich Baker and Lisa Simmons reported that discussions such as these come up every year and are discussed and voted on before tryouts. Everyone with an interest in these issues are encouraged to attend the board meeting when topics of concern to them are being discussed. When votes are taken, they only represent the opinions of the voting members that are present at that meeting. Rich Hirstein noted in his absence that it was a pretty *quiet* year compared to other years. Jim Willems noted that with Minnewashta being the largest elementary school, there are very few players coming out for the program. Lisa Simmons reported that getting information out to the youth is difficult in some schools more than others.
- **Coaches**—Coaches completed evaluations on their team players. There should be a process where coaches give feedback and share this information directly with the girls. They also need to turn in their equipment bags.
- **Evaluations**—Leah Dasovich reported that after tryouts, player evaluations may be reviewed to gather additional information on kids who may be on the “bubble.” They are all filed. Families need to take time to evaluate the program as well by using the link sent out after the state tournament. It can be found on the website. Reminders will be sent out.
- **Spring Basketball**—It was determined that MGBA will continue to go ahead with a spring program that will meet two nights a week at Minnewashta Elem. It will be open to 3rd through 6th grade girls. More information will come. Leah presented information on a spring/summer program run in connection with the boys program where students of all level can choose to practice in small groups with menu-like options that won’t start until May. More information will come.
- **MN Lynx**—Information will be put on the website for an MGBA day/night watching the MN Lynx when a date has been determined.
- **MYAS**—Teams can be formed independent of MGBA for spring/summer tournaments through MYAS.

High School Report

- **Summer Workout**—Information has been sent out and registrations are coming in. We’d love to get the word out better to girls in the rec program, but MCEC makes it difficult to get distribution lists.
- **Coaches for Cancer**—The donation will come from concessions and t-shirt sales. Money from the gate cannot be used to donate. There are leftover t-shirts that may or may not be used next year. The final dollar amount hasn’t been tallied. It was a good night.
- **Half-time**—It was suggested that we look into having youth girls play at the half-time of varsity games next year—either our own team or we could have one of our teams play one of the opposing teams youth teams.
- **Youth**—A question was asked if it would be possible to set up something where the 7th and 8th grade girls could visit the locker room, attend pregame meetings, etc. to get them interested in high school basketball.

2011 – 2012 Season Planning Discussion:

No information was reported.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made by Lisa Martinson and seconded by Leah Dasovich to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**The next MGBA meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, April 11, 2012
From 6:30 – 8:30 pm @
Minnetonka District Service Center, Room 109**