



**Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**February 5, 2014**

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**Voting Members in Attendance:** Rich Baker, Lesley Longval, Alison Shoemaker, Josh Hawes, Jim Willems, Kelly Wischmeier, Shonna Travis, Stacy Pagano, Kerri Hexum, Geri Radke

**Non-Voting Members in Attendance:** Ann Fandrey and Judy Vankirksmith

**Call to Order and Introduction of Attendees:**

The meeting called to order at 6:40 pm at the Minnetonka District Service Center.

**Secretary Report:**

The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Lesley Longval and seconded by Josh Hawes to approve them. The minutes were approved and will be posted in final form.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Lesley Longval reported using the financial spreadsheet as a reference:

- Travel coach's fees have been paid--\$250 to each; there is one "paid" coach for 8A, and he was paid \$2500.
- Crunch's fee for Youth Night of \$600 was paid.
- The state tournament payment was made in the amount of \$3200 for all of the teams.
- HS: The superfan shirts are taken care of and the uniform down payment of \$2500 has been reimbursed.
- Our tax return is due March 15.

A motion was made by Jim Willems and seconded by Kelly Wischmeier to approve the treasurer's report. The report was approved.

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

- Youth Night was deemed a success!
- Teams' winning percentage is increasing which leads to the question, How do we measure success and/or where we are? Do we care?
- We need to increase the number in the younger grades and keep the girls playing. For example, OMGBA had 80 4<sup>th</sup> graders try out. Do we go into elementary schools in the fall? Do we start travel basketball earlier? Do we recruit at rec games?
- The end-of-season survey will be sent out March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Spring teams: How do teams form? Do we need to identify a policy? It can be uncomfortable if some are left out. Mtka uniforms will be used AFTER winter season return. They will be reissued for Mtka girls only.

### **High School Report**

Leah Dasovich was absent.

### **Player Development:**

Kerri Hexum reported:

- A clinic at Minnewashta for grades 3-7 will be held for 5 sessions in April.
- A Hoopology Classic will be held in Andover in March.
- Kerri continues to look for volunteers interested in forming a sub-committee to work on player development ideas. Please contact her to get involved!

### **Marketing:**

- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. accounts for MGBA (or Tonka Buckets) are set up and active. *Like* Tonka Buckets on Facebook, *Follow* @tonkagirlsbball on Twitter, and *Follow* Tonka\_Buckets on Instagram.

### **Tournaments:**

Jim Willems' reported:

Holiday Tournament-

- Looking at next year—subdivide duties so not so much for the director, need a site director at each site, look into raising team admission fee, use Victoria site again next year, working with MCE to use middle school space (Rich H will work with MCE). We will revisit this in June.

Tournament Schedule-

- The seeding meeting is coming up. One coach must attend.
- Rochester: There is a hotel reception on Friday evening from 6-9 for all teams. On Saturday, a banquet room is reserved for Mtka teams only from 4-midnight. Kelly Wishmeier will organize food and water. An email will go out. Stacy Pagano will prepare signage. Brackets and locations have been published by the tournament.

## **President's Notes**

Rich Baker reported:

- Discussions are being held with area basketball organizations regarding a "league" model vs. a "tournament" model. The handout summarizes a plan. We are looking at piloting it in the west metro for grades 4 and 8 only.

## **Meeting Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

**The next MGBA meeting is scheduled for  
*Wednesday, March 5, 2014*  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Minnetonka District Service Center, Community Room**