



**Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**January 7, 2014**

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**Board Members in Attendance:**

Rich Baker, Nona Nesseth, Jen Prondzinski, Scott Fransen, Rich Hirstein, Michele Lesmeister, Brent Lesmeister, Jim Willems, Lori Carver, Shonna Travis, Wendy Melz, Ryan Fandrey, Josh Hawes, Laural Johnson, Kerri Hexum, Leah Dasovich, Rob Kahlmeyer

**Other Members in Attendance:** Lynn Willems

**Call to Order and Introduction of Attendees**

The meeting called to order at 6:30pm at the Minnetonka District Service Center.

**Secretary Report**

The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. Nona Nesseth is coordinating Communications, not the website. This change will be made in the minutes. A motion was made by Jim Willems and seconded by Josh Hawes to approve them. The minutes were approved and will be posted in final form.

**Treasurer's Report**

Katie Cooley reported:

- The high school side has been moved off our records at this time.
- The tournament went very well. It looks like we made about \$21,000. All expenses have not been paid. While admissions were up some, concessions were down some. It seems to be comparable to last year.
- Katie is working with Nichole Durkee on some apparel issues with the embroiderer and the sock vendor. Once the issues are solved, the records will be updated.

A motion was made by Laural Johnson and seconded by Wendy Melz to approve the treasurer's report.

**Travel Team/Season Update**

- Youth Night: Posters have been distributed to schools with information. MCE has been contacted. Emails and flyers will go out. Rooms are booked, and orders have been made. Rob is looking for a few volunteers.
- STATE: Seeding meeting information has been sent to coaches. One coach MUST attend his/her meeting.
- End of Season survey: A committee will be formed to look into the survey in order to get the information we are looking for in order to use it.
- Spring Ball: Ryan Fandrey discussed getting teams together for spring ball. He verified insurance, uniforms, and team formation. He will send out information to interested coaches.
- Half-time Scrimmages: Rich Hirstein will work with coaches and schedules to implement this during varsity games that are available for half-time excitement.
- Concussion Training: There is significant concern that many coaches have not followed through on concussion training or completing the documentation. The board determined that coaches cannot continue to coach unless this is done. Coaches MUST be trained and/or submit their certificate as soon as possible. Rich Baker will send out a notice to coaches on behalf of the board.
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### **Marketing/Communications Report**

Lori Carver reported:

- Information on travel basketball will be distributed at Youth Night.
- Working on newsletter information to send to elementary schools and MCE players.
- 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.

### **High School Report**

Leah Dasovich reported:

- Adopt-a-Team: The high school girls are in the process of adopting 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams. Contacts should've been made by the players; however, many coaches aren't following up. The players have been directed to be specific with what and when they can help with teams and should invite all teams to Youth Night. Grades 7 and 8 were given an opportunity to attend a practice and have breakfast or lunch with the high school team. About 14 7<sup>th</sup> graders and over 20 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended their respective dates. This worked out well and there was positive response from the teams. Leah is interested in any feedback from all the teams.
- Booster Club: There have been two meetings and things are progressing. For example, the Adopt-a-Team format for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders came out of the booster club.

### **Player Development**

- Open Gyms: Two open gyms were held over the holiday break and seemed to be very well attended.

- Spring Training: Rich Hirstein will organize/run the spring training sessions at Minnewashta.
- Summer Workout: Leah will have information out in early February regarding the scheduled for summer training.

### **MGBA Holiday Tournament**

Brent Lesmeister reported:

- For the most part, the tournament was a lot of fun, went fairly smooth. Brent was pleased there were no significant injuries and no significant craziness.
- There are some things that he is looking at modifying for next year and will present a detailed list at a later date.
- There were few complaints when looking at the big pictures. For example, the number of complaints vs the number of people engaged in the tournament.
- We'll start looking into and trying to book the dates for the 2015 tournament.

### **Tryouts/Team Selection/Coach Selection/Training**

Josh Hawes gathered initial feedback and provided a summary of responses. The board is interested in investigating changes in the process of four areas for the future of our organization: tryouts, team selection, coach selection, and training. The first step was determined to be that a small group of people will investigate what other organizations are currently doing. More information will be shared as this proceeds.

### **President's Report**

- The Spring MYAS tournament that Minnetonka hosts will be April 11-12.
- A Happy Hour at Maynard's will be held in April recognizing the many volunteers of MGBA.
- The March meeting date was rescheduled so it will be held AFTER the state tournament.
- The June meeting date was rescheduled so it will be held AFTER school lets out for the summer.
- There will be no official meeting dates in April or May.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

A motion was made by Rob Kahlmeyer and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

**The next MGBA meeting is scheduled for  
*Wednesday, February 4, 2015*  
 6:30 – 8:30 pm (NOTE WINTER TIME)  
 Minnetonka District Service Center, Community Room**