



MGBA Board Minutes

March 19, 2025

Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association

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Present:	Doug Espenson, Amanda Kieper, Lisa Diessner, Rachel Turnbull, Matt Buehler, Brian Kirchoff, Josh Jansen, Meg Montgomery	
Time	Agenda Item	
6:30 pm	Call to Order - Doug Espenson	
6:30 pm	Approval of February 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Brian Kirchoff motioned to approve Minutes; Matt Buehler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.	
6:31 pm	Secretary Report - Lisa Diessner	TO DO:
6:31 pm	Treasurer's Update - Lisa Diessner for Andy Gilles <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Andy Gilles is working on filing the 2024 tax returns and establishing a preliminary budget for the 2025-26 season	TO DO: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reach out to Doc with RFP, if MGBA would like to contribute to the new varsity gym game chairs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A large part of the budget hinges on what the Board decides to do with registration fees and the number of Snow Globe teams we get - Discussed raising registration fees by \$50/player - Discussed raising our tournament registration fee - Do we have a sense of how many teams we will have for the 2025-26 season? That impacts our budget (e.g., the cost to send teams to other tournaments and the funds brought in through player registration) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3rd grade: 2 - 4th grade: 3 - 5th grade: 3-4 - 6th grade: 4-5 (not all teams need 10) - 7th grade: 2 (A and C level) - 8th grade: 2-3 (some players going private) - Doc: Giving the varsity chairs to the back gym <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MBBA said they'd be willing to jump in on cost - Will share opportunity with us - Sponsorship opportunities with signage options printed on chairs for MGBA 	
6:45 pm	<p>High School Report - Lisa Diessner and Rachel Turnbull</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HS Banquet was March 18 - Summer camps and training plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weeks of June 16 and July 14 - Breakfast Club: previously \$250 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For incoming 8th graders and HS - Not intended for younger grades - Focus: enough space and coaches for the HS players 	TO DO:

7:00 pm	<p>24-25 Calendar Update - Brian Kirchoff, Amanda Kieper and Doug Espenson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anticipates a race when MYAS opens registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Probably early September - Let's reach out to Shakopee about their tourney week - Let's talk to associations sooner rather than later to get their teams into our tournament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ideas for giving teams a deal for sending a bunch of teams, especially outstate teams - Let's map out tournaments soon - MBBA would like to share our tournament weekend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Too soon to do that for 2025 but we will discuss with them for years going forward - MBBA also uses Hopkins and Legacy spaces 	<p>TO DO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amanda Kieper: Tell Molly up to 20 teams next year - Amanda Kieper: Let's book the HS for Snow Globe tournament - Jill Vinge: Put the new Snow Globe countdown on our website
7:10 pm	<p>Board Nominations and Discussion - Matt Buehler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nominations and roles to fill, depending on number of interested potential members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteer Coordinator - Uniform/Apparel (possibly needed) - Fundraiser/Sponsorship Coordinator (and bringing in non-food vendors to Snow Globe) - Assistant Tournament Director - Skills Coordinator - Define roles - How to handle Practice Scheduler role: maybe P/VP take this over - Interested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amy Stern: Volunteer coordinator? - Tanya Ng: Would like uniform/apparel 	<p>TO DO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doug Espenson: Reach out to possible board members about opportunities and invite to April 10 meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rebecca Peterson: Has experience in fundraising and organization - Alysa Gardino: Has experience in fundraising - Cole Dixon: Skills coordinator? - Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluation - not all coaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with the evaluators in advance and then present to the Executive Board - Paid coaches - need to start earlier on this recruiting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take the paid coach (at grades 6-8) promise out of the public communication - So many qualified parent coaches - Nate is back (from 7-2) - a competitive coach who could take on an A-level team - Marketing/fundraising overseen by Meg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Divvy up the roles better - Snow Globe tournament overseen by Jill and assistant TD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Divvy up the roles better - Pay MYAS to build the brackets, and then we tweak them 	
7:40 pm	<p>In-Season Training and Summer Training Plans - Amanda Kieper and Doug Espenson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ideas for summer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lacking gym space - Wanted to do six weeks, with players able to pick weeks (Thomas Gorrilla putting on) 	TO DO:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can't get gyms for the first three weeks - Ideas for next season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any ideas beyond Gorrilla? - Midwest Basketball in Chan? Has his own place there now - Legacy Hoops is building a new facility - Survey responses said they want more gym and training options - More open gym opportunities - look at nights for those - MGBA has to pay for gym space after school is out 	
8:00 pm	Adjourn	

Next Meeting: April 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm in MHS Writing Center