

Osseo-Maple Grove Basketball Association
Board Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2003

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Secretary Report - Approved as is

Visitors- Nancy Bourbonais visited for the first time (but has volunteered at many board functions).

Sue Drag (attended more than two board meetings) and Chuck Schwalbe (2nd time). Both were unanimously voted onto the Board. Chuck will run the Concession. Sue has been working the Referees and Scheduling.

Equipment – Joe will work with the Junior Traveling Coordinators to fill their needs (meeting Sunday – 10-26). Chuck Schwalbe, Bob Hicks, Rachel Olson, and Don Henderson have keys to the locker. No equipment shall be taken without notifying Joe Butorac.

Bob Hirshkorn / Steve Schafgen presented the opportunities to make a custom program for OMGBA that will do everything from soup to nuts (as long as there is a spec from OMGBA). No cost data was given, but “it would be less than our on-line registration”. The initial cost maybe cheaper, but any changes would need to be paid for. This would result in an increase of our web site costs to include secured credit card access (and as such, OMGBA would incur any liability if someone’s card number was stolen from our web site). During the discussion, it was brought up that Bob left the board with a bad situation when he would not support the previous program that he wrote for the OMGBA. No Motion was made. Suggestion was tabled.

Treasurer’s Report – Gary LaPlame presented the treasurers report. The report is just a point in time and not to be considered an excess or deficit for the entire year (many expenses have not been sent in for payment).

Tom Anderson brought up the disparity between 5th and 6th grade traveling fees (~\$40). The fees were kept the same as the last year (the fees were raised for 6th, 7th, and 8th last year to cover golf dome fall practices). After much discussion, the topic was tabled for review at a later date.

Board Sign up Sheet – To expedite filling board jobs, their needs to be a sheet filled out as to the positions open and their jobs duties. Bob Hicks to coordinate.

Concessions- it was agreed that Krispy Kremes would be at the tournament, if possible. For the boys fall tournament, there is only Maple Grove Senior and Osseo Senior. For the girls fall tournament, there is Maple Grove Senior, Osseo Senior, Maple Junior, and Osseo Junior (as well as the community center). Chuck is looking for help in setting up and tearing down the locations. Anyone that can lend a hand, please contact him.

Scheduling – Sue Drag is getting some feed back from Comm Ed about not showing up for practice or coaches and/or players pounding on doors before 5:55PM for a 6 PM practice at the High Schools. If the practice continues, OMGBA could lose the schools for practices or games.

Mark Saari indicated that Sue is doing an excellent job considering that the Comm Ed contact has been out much of the summer. Coaches need to communicate when they are not going to use a practice. Last week the 6PM coach never showed and the Comm Ed and janitors went home, leaving the later coach with no practices.

Referees – In scheduling games, try to keep the games to 3 or 4, as refs do not like to show up for only 2 games.

Player Recognition – Jan has pictures. Everything else seems to be going OK.

OMGBA Clinic – It was good to see many Traveling coaches at the clinic. House coaches were notified, but none showed up (3rd and 4th had games). To increase participation next year, ideas were thrown out to have the clinic in September, before 3rd and 4th grades start and hand out or e-mail all coaches that indicate they would coach.

OMGBA views – Bob Hicks started the conversation by indicating that OMGBA has three parts that all complement each other; Osseo Traveling, Maple Grove Traveling, and the house league. If the house league were to revert back to Parks & Rec, it would affect our gym times, as P&R would get times first.

Tryouts – There was some problems in assigning a coach to a B team where the coaches' child made the A team. Bob Prow and Bob Hicks interviewed the two participants, and chose the most qualified individual.

Questions arose about why Osseo added a 6B team. Answer was that there was a 5B team slated for last year, but there were not enough participants. This year, there were enough participants, so a 6B was formed.

Tom Anderson suggested that the tryout number should be added to the minutes.

	Osseo		Maple Grove	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
5 th	24	15	48	28
6 th	22	22	35	32
7 th	27	20	38	38
8 th	25	21	38	30

Tom indicated that part of our community is not being served by limiting the number of traveling teams to two for each high school attendance area. Even though they can play house ball, it is not the same as traveling. Super Saver tournaments were suggested for house teams that want to play in tournaments. These tournaments have C teams in them and would give them an exposure to the traveling program. The participants would need to practice more during the summer to make the traveling teams. Some coaches indicated that some players move up to traveling and some drop down to B level. After a good deal of discourse, this was tabled for future considerations. No vote was taken.

Leagues –

1st & 2nd Grade – OK.

3rd & 4th Grade - OK.

Traveling – OK.

Junior Traveling – Meeting with the North Suburban Junior traveling league will be at Maple Grove Junior High school.

Senior League – OK

Board members Missing-

Dave W., Dale N.

Old Business-

A. Traveling Fees for next year. Estimated date for review - ?

B. Number of Traveling teams per school and grade need to be indicated before tryouts – date ?

New Business

A 1st/2nd grade parent asked why the league only ran during the fall season. The league was integrated into OMGBA to fit the available space and time.

Meeting adjourned 9:17 (way TOO long!!)