Minnesota Recreation and Park Association Athletic Management Group Meeting

April 20- 10:30 am

Deb- MRPA, Tiffany Bushland, Nick Thompson, Scott Heitkamp, Chris Morrow, Scott Berggren, Melissa Bernhard, Tonya Love, Lacelle Curtis, Scott Berggren, Evyn Hubbard, Bartt Gevens, City of Nisswa, Sherry Dvorak, David Pribbenow, Jen Graham, Jonathan Moore, Josh Thygesen, Kelly Distad, Kelsey Coy, Liz Malloy, Marvin Johnson, Matt Wiitala, Melissa Bernhard, Meredith Lawrence, Mike Ramirez, Phil Vargas, Rachel Mikel, Tonya Love, Jody Griffin, Joe Vaughan, John Stutzman, Robert Petersen, Ben Boldt, Jim Lombardi, Jerome Kriger, Neil Breneman,

Guest: Allison Hopkins- Skyhawks- information about Skyhawks, used to supplement what communities offer, camps during school year and summer, SuperTots, non-traditional offerings

RevSports, Sports Unlimited

Mask mandate in sports

Indoor sports was good

Last summer didn’t have to wear the mask

Push back from associations from the Return to Play guidelines

Follow MDH guidelines

Lacelle- impossible to get people to wear masks

Not putting in rules

Difficult to put it on umpires-

People saying they are vaccinated and don’t have to wear

United front with all surrounding communities

How do you handle exposure? – SLP- lost some games and made up some; Maple Grove- doubleheaders against same team, on teams to follow the rules so we can play the season

Youth Soccer Associations

Anyone have agreements with soccer? City takes registration and association runs program.

Different structures- have associations run program and pay the city a fee, have conversations at different city programs to allow them to recruit, coaches clinics, meetings, camps

Field Use Guidelines

Following state mandate

Spring/Summer Registration numbers

Roseville- strong- looking for help for volleyball officials

Bloomington- turned volleyball into self-officiated

Bloomington- 113 softball teams- down

Short season softball- St. Paul tried it- still dropping every year – 100 teams total

SLP tried it- no takers

SLP- numbers down but have picked up some new teams

MRPA Board Updates

Tournament updates- have hosted two tournaments!

First tournament- filled within an hour (10 teams)

Second tournament- 18 teams

Teams are grateful

Preparing for trial verdict-