

Minnesota Recreation and Park Association Athletic Management Group Meeting
Feb 16- 10:30 am

Deb- MRPA, Tiffany Bushland, Truelson- Owatonna, Angie Barstand- Prior Lake, Bri Anderson, Pribbenow- Fairbault, Jessica Buck- Corcoran, Jim Lombardi, Jodi Griffin, Kelsey Coy, Lacelle, Matt Wiitala, Meredith Lawrence, Scott Heitkamp, Chris Morrow, Neil Breneman, Jen- Fridley, Bartt Gevens-Becker, Nick Thompson, Jonathan Moore- Eagan, Josh Thygesen- Roseville, Sherry Dvorak, Jeremy Bailey, Jerome Krieger, Marvin Johnson, Mike Ramirez, Ryan, Scott Berggren,

Adult League Updates

- Apple Valley- telling teams don't know what situation will be but will match up with what state says
- Maple Grove- back to back doubleheaders with the same team- will have to follow state guidelines
- Amount of softballs- SLP- ordering more balls, Maple Grove- keeping it the same
- Anything new? Men's volleyball- Apple Valley- tried and got one team.

Pros and Cons about sanctioning for adult softball

- Scott has document outlining benefits
- March 25th league director meeting, umpire clinics in March- remote
- Lacelle- Umpires are vetted and trained if sanctioned, insurance- additional to city insurance, assistance from MRPA and USSSA, scorebooks, RSC

Adult softball state tournaments- increase participation

- Last year had league teams participate in tournaments.
- Lacelle wants to know what we need as League Directors to increase participation
 - Win league- get registration fee covered .
 - Make information available to teams- League Directors forward to teams

Pickleball

- Chris in Maple Grove sent out emails asking questions- general findings below.
 - Maple Grove- group of people using the courts all the time. Group made community members follow the rules.
 - Some cities have annual fees to participate in pickleball group \$15-\$35 and courts reserved at certain times
 - Some cities letting it be
 - Maple Grove- has designated certain times for a certain rotation system- outside of those times it is first come first serve. Limited time the groups are out there. One set of courts is always recreation play.
 - Jerome- has rules with signs and makes people rotate
 - Paddle holder- put your paddle in and rotate, SLP, Eagan, Edina

Open Skate guidelines/restrictions

- Apple Valley- have to preregister- boost in numbers

MRPA Updates

- Call for proposals for state conference

- MRPA Awards of Excellence
- League Director Meeting- virtual
- Pick up scoreboards in Fridley

Lacelle has a women's league manager looking for leagues

Jen Fridley- restructuring field reservation- Maple Grove just restructured, Mendota Heights- update Athletic Management League document

Next meeting March- 16th