

# Athletic Management Network Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/14/23

Location: Zoom

## Attendees:

Mitchell Czech – Chanhassen	Deb Weinreis - MRPA
David Peters - Roseville	Luke Kegley – Maple Grove
Rachel Walters - Edina	Scott Heitkamp - Burnsville
Luke Kegley – Maple Grove	Jessica Christensen Buck - Corcoran
Warren Ellingworth – Elk River	Neil Breneman – Maplewood

Meeting called to order by Mitchell Czech at 10:33 am

## Agenda Items:

- Team names in adult sports.
  - Guidelines for inappropriate, race, religion, or gender-based names?
  - Roseville – if inappropriate, ask manager to come up with another more respectful team name.
  - Maplewood – sometimes needs to use an urban dictionary as the teams have become creative (especially women’s VB) coming up with unique names with double meanings.
  - Elk River – no specific guidelines, just review and/or consider a sponsorship option.
  - Communities offer opportunities for manager, otherwise league director designates a name.
- Softball 2024
  - Requiring 240 bats or allowing 220’s?
  - Most communities will allow either bat in 2024 (since few teams are playing tournaments where it’s mandatory to use the 240). In 2025, teams will need to changeover completely and use designated bats. A majority of teams are not wanting to shell out \$400-450 for a new bat.
- December Meeting, Mitch/Courtney will discuss and look for options to meet (re: Chaska] Curling)
- Meritorious Award 2023 & 2024 Vice Chair Announcement
  - Congratulations to David Peters (Roseville) who will serve as our 2024 Vice Chair.
- MRPA & Board Updates
  - ERLI meets for its last session in Plymouth on Wednesday, November 15
  - Elections are underway.
  - 2024 Membership renewal and Annual General Meeting info. to be out soon
  - Fall magazine should’ve arrived.
  - Butterball Pickleball Classic in Crystal – November 16
  - Survey to be sent out to Programming/Athletic Management Networks regarding Rec. Sports
  - Athletic Management Institute: Wednesday, November 29, 9am – 4pm in Bloomington.
    - <https://www.mnrpa.org/Athletic-Management-Institute>

## Additions to Agenda:

- Edina is wondering if anyone has a write up of expectations for field maintenance/preparation.
  - Both for the staff side and association side would be great.
  - Current troubles with different expectations/standards for different groups & would like to standardize across all.
  - If you have examples or a write up, please send to Rachel in Edina.

Next Meeting: December 12

December 12, in person?