**Athletic Management Network Meeting Minutes**

Date: 5/26/22 Location: El Rio Rec Center, Saint Paul

Attendees:

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| Greg Simmons – Golden Valley | Deb Weinreis – MRPA |
| Courtney John – Saint Paul | Jessica Christensen Buck, Cocoran |
| Scott Heitkamp – Burnsville | Jim Lombardi, St Louis Park |
| Noah, Cocoran | Maddie Margo, St. Louis Park |
| Colin, Golden Valley | Chris Morrow, Maple Grove |
| Mike Ramirez, Brooklyn Park | Lacelle Cordes, Rosemount |
| Ryan Hayes, Farmington |  |
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Meeting called to order by Greg Simmons at 10:32

Agenda Items:

* League Updates
	+ Softball players are whiny (Saint Paul), but more patient with lack of umpires (St Louis Park)
	+ Youth Associations upset about late start on fields (St Louis Park)
* Association Field Scheduling
	+ Baseball/Softball associations in Maple Grove have too many schedulers (one per age group)
	+ Burnsville has a master list of who gets what, when. Practice schedules need to be submitted too, so conflicts are minimized.
	+ St Louis Park, Brooklyn Park has 1 person per association
	+ Some cities use Google Docs to be able to check what’s open in real-time.
	+ Golden Valley uses blanket permits. Not working well.
* Maintenance Staffing Shortages
	+ Everyone is short!
	+ High-level associations are being allowed to maintain fields – hand draggers, chalkers etc.
	+ Dragging is the issue – prioritizing games over practice.
* Alcohol at Fields
	+ Multiple cities raising from 3:2 to 5.5% or Beer/Wine clause
	+ No Glass is pretty common
	+ GV and SLP are technically “no alcohol” but umpires/staff are not the police.
* In House Youth Sports Numbers
	+ Big numbers
	+ Associations shouldn’t offer same programing as Parks
* New Offerings for Fall
	+ Pickleball leagues in Maple Grove
	+ Possibly Blitzball in St Paul
	+ Individual Registration Volleyball in St. Paul
		- A lot of leagues are going non-officiated
		- Sand VB is HUGE – waitlists

Additions to Agenda:

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MRPA Updates:

* De-escalation last week, 60 people attended
* Finalizing conference brochure
* Mentorship program finale – 24 people
* Working on website updates
* Legislative – mandated reporter requirement pushed back to 2023
* Paid off USSSA Softball Debt

Next Meeting: June 21st, TBD