

# Athletic Management Network Meeting Minutes

Date: May 9, 2023

Location: Maple Grove & Zoom

## Attendees:

Courtney John – Saint Paul	Deb Weinreis – MRPA
Mitchell Czech – Chanhassen	
Chris Morrow – Maple Grove	Jared Flewellen - Eagan
Evyn Hubbard – Bloomington	Angie Gornik – Mounds View
Anthony DiBella – Bloomington	Jim Lombardi – St. Louis Park
Greg Simmons – Golden Valley	Rachel Walters - Edina
Jessica Christensen Buck – Corcoran	
Jackson Shipley - Corcoran	
Lacelle Cordes - Rosemount	
Scott Heitkamp - Burnsville	
Jarod Meyer - Duluth	
David Peters - Roseville	

Meeting called to order by Courtney John at 10:35am.

## Agenda Items:

- Summer season has started. How are numbers, any issues?
  - Hammer Sports will potentially be dropping softball next year for umpires.
  - USSSA new rules, any issues?
    - A few complaints about the pitching rubber rule.
      - Many cities didn't adopt the rule.
- How do your teams report scores?
  - Teamsideline – teams can report scores themselves.
  - Physical scorecards that are turned in them recorded.
- Do you employ site supervisors?
  - Many do, those that don't have umpires handle behavioral issues & injuries.
- Umpires: If certified through USA/USSSA, do you still do a background check?
  - City employed umpires all go through a separate background check.
- AMG League & Facility info Workbook: Please update!
  - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tss80ldIpSnAlQKQHKiVbBH3gasN1AS2NRtQwUxinNU/e/dit?usp=sharing>
- MRPA & Board Updates
  - Race Equity workshop is happening today!
  - Softball team registrations coming in.
  - Umpire numbers are down overall.
    - If you have interested umpires, talk to Terry or Mark!

## Additions to Agenda:

- Athletic Management Institute
  - Topics you'd like to discuss or speakers to include? Let Scott or Courtney know!

- Field policy: When it's cold & rainy on turf fields & the fields aren't technically closed, how do you handle?
  - Do you refund?
    - Not many have turf fields or policies surrounding, but for regular fields or picnic reservations many cities are lenient on rescheduling or resting fields.
- Mentorship Program in Bloomington – last one is Friday, May 19. Register Here:  
<https://form.jotform.com/231135515372146>

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 13 at 10:30am