

Athletic Management Network Meeting Minutes -

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 | 316 Brookview Parkway S. Golden Valley – IN-PERSON!

AGENDA

Meeting was called to order by Scott at 10:30 am

Additions to the Agenda: Water usage

Meredith Lawrence, Mendota Heights	Scott Heitkamp, Burnsville
Jim Lombardi, St. Louis Park	Jerome Krieger, Blaine
Bridget Lindemann, Minneapolis	Greg Simmons, Golden Valley
Courtney John, St. Paul	Chris Morrow, Maple Grove
Deb Weinreis, MRPA	David Pribbenow, Faribault

Summer programming and softball:

- Increase in poor youth behavior at events & venues
 - Lack of respect to staff & not listening to lifeguards
 - Bullying, taunting, stone throwing, picking tops of flowers off, damage to property
 - Showboating (re: cartwheels across home plate)
- Staffing challenges
 - Quality coaches in demand, shortage of volunteer coaches
 - Part-time & seasonal staff more demanding to accommodate their schedules (re: time off/vacations)
- Softball
 - Adult attitudes have improved, less behavioral challenges compared to youth programs
 - Less rainouts this summer so more time between summer/fall season
 - Some communities considering one season (14 weeks) rather than 11 weeks/summer & 7 weeks/fall
 - Zero tolerance for problem teams as other teams do not return
 - MRPA State Softball tournament flyers have been sent to league directors
 - Tournaments scheduled August 7-8 in Coon Rapids and August 14-15 in Woodbury. Tournament deadlines are the Monday before each tournament
 - Roster challenges for play-offs with teams adding/bringing “outside” players
 - Field protests need to occur at that time as it’s challenging after the fact
 - Most leagues have teams/players all sign waivers

Programming software:

- Max Galaxy ending in October
- Others: Silver Light, Team Sideline, Active.net, Rec. Track, Civic (good for public use)
- Challenging to find software to accommodate both programming & facility rentals

Fall planning:

- Touch football (adult) less in demand while flag football(youth) doing better
- Kickball not as popular overall, although doing well in Minneapolis
- Cricket popularity continues to increase

Additions:

- Water usage
 - Irrigation and policies currently in place to better monitor usage
 - Infields and outfields not being watered due to restrictions
 - State could step in to place restrictions due to drought, cities are currently determining their own policies/restrictions
 - Blaine water usage spiked in June

MRPA Updates:

- Conference brochure at printer to be included in summer magazine/mailed out soon
- Hall of Fame Golf – June 17 had 12 foursomes
- Eagan Pickleball Tournament – June 26 & 27 had 85 teams
- Eden Prairie Pickleball Tournament – July 3 & 4 had 85 teams
- Maple Grove Pickleball Tournament – July 15 had 65 teams
- Maple Grove & Slice of Shoreview Sand Volleyball Tournaments both held in July
- Network meetings in the future will be hybrid whenever possible to accommodate members adjusted schedules since co-vid and encourage greater MN participation
- Recognized retiring member & RSC member, David Pribbenow (Faribault)

Board Updates:

- Board received the annual audit/review report from the independent audit firm
- Discussed the legislative session summary from the MRPA lobbyist
- The Board reviewed the progress of the strategic plan,
- Discussed the budget year-to-date
- Received an update from the MRPA Race and Equity Advisory Committee.

Next Athletic Management Network Meeting: August 17, 2021 at site TBD -

Adjourned