**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:



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