



Weekly Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 18, 2017

Overall Comments:

- Today's meeting was an off-site event at the new practice facility and business office of the Minnesota Timberwolves and Minnesota Lynx at Mayo Clinic Square.

Meeting Details:

- Club members convened for a continental breakfast and announcements in the "Experience Center" of the Timberwolves/Lynx facility. We were welcomed by our greeter **Steve Rathke**.

President's Comments and General Meeting Announcements:

- **President Jodi Petrich** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to an American flag on her I-phone. Since we were meeting in a basketball facility, **Matthew Prediger**, for his reflection, read a quotation from Michael Jordan about teamwork.

Program/Speaker:

- **Warren Williams**, representing the Timberwolves/Lynx organization [T/L], was the speaker and tour guide for our off-site program. He explained that the "Experience Center," where we had convened, was used for special events and sales meetings for T/L. The first stop on our tour was the public Skyway Center, where T/L features the history of basketball in Minnesota, including the Minneapolis Lakers, Minnesota Gophers, and high school teams. We then went to the third floor of the facility and entered the business offices of T/L. We walked through a hallway of memorabilia for the two basketball teams, a two-story office complex, into an impressive theater used by T/L for staff meetings and special events. As we relaxed in the comfortable theater, Warren told us more about T/L. The final stop on our tour was to the actual basketball courts used by both the Timberwolves and the Lynx. T/L is the **only** combined male/female practice facility in the NBA/WNBA. Each team has its own basketball court, and both teams share a weight room and small players' lounge, with its own personal chef.
- All in all, a very impressive facility and tour. Thanks to our club's Program Committee and to **Scott Benson** for scheduling this excellent off-site program.

Next Week's Program:

On January 25 we will be back at the Minneapolis Club. Our speaker will be **Ryan Kanne**, whose presentation is titled "*Travel Hacking: How to find deals, get status, and use points.*"

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30am

Reporter: **Ben Wright**