



EYBA Community Directors Meeting
Sunday April 24, 2016
Saville Community Sports Center
U of A South Campus, Classroom #1, 7:45 pm

PARTICIPANTS:

Chad Bowie, President
Carr Miceli, Vice President & NW
Lynn Hyska, Treasurer
Darlene Anstice, Secretary & Sherwood Park
Brian Anstice, Commissioner
Shaun Pope, Executive Director
Kevin Hofstede, NE
Paul Looker, St. Albert
Andy Rivet, St. Albert
Jay Ouellette, Parkland
Lynn Hallson, SW
Rick Nisbet, SW
James Bedford, Morinville
April Jones, Beaumont

REGRETS:

Marvin Washington, Past President
Chuck Hebert, Wetaskiwin
Nathan Drader, Leduc
Pierre Farage, SE

1. Call to Order Welcome @ 7:52pm
2. Acceptance of Previous Minutes
 - 2.1. Community Directors Meeting – Sunday February 21, 2016
 - 2.1.1. MOTION to approve previous minutes made by Paul Looker / 2nd by Kevin Hofstede / MOTION CARRIED
3. Additions Approval of Agenda
 - 3.1. MOTION to approve agenda as presented made by Lynn Hyska / 2nd by Paul Looker / MOTION CARRIED
4. Agenda Items
 - 4.1. EBOA
 - 4.1.1. EBOA was not in attendance for the meeting. It was mentioned that there may be a change coming to the Officials fee structure for next season. There is a possibility that the EBOA wants to see Officials paid the same for all divisions, Mini through Juvenile.
 - 4.2. Basketball Alberta/Provincials
 - 4.2.1. No member from BA was able to attend the meeting. Chad discussed that the provincial tournament was very well run and

he thanked the Executive and everybody who helped for their efforts with regards to the EYBA pep rally, etc.. The EYBA "We The North" jerseys went over very well with all of the EYBA participants receiving one. This pep rally generated a lot of excitement for all of the players, coaches, parents, etc., complete with dancers, entertainment and pizza.

4.2.2. Shaun has heard from Basketball Alberta that possibly for the 2017 youth provincials, there will be a split into two tournaments; A division being held in Calgary and B/C being held in Edmonton. BA may look to run these two separated tournaments on different weekends.

4.2.3. Shaun advised that for the 2017 youth provincials, the weekend we normally hold provincials may be in conflict with CIS Volleyball National Championships, but they will only need the competition gym plus a couple of other courts. This is the reason for BA considering splitting the two provincial tournaments into two different weekends. He also advised that BA may be looking to start games as early as 8am on the Friday, however Shaun believes that EBOA may have concerns with getting Officials out to referee games that early in the day.

4.2.4. Sunday games during the provincial tournament weekend was discussed. Previously, any feedback was provided by Basketball Alberta directly to any person(s) with the concerns. More feedback may be provided to EYBA from BA at a later date.

4.3. Coaching Clinics

4.3.1. Shaun commented that we owe funds for Coaches that attended the FUNdamentals clinics. He will provide Lynn with details so that cheques can be written to the Zones that had Coaches attend.

4.3.2. Discussion held with regards to our Coaches having to complete a mandatory (FUNdamentals) clinic in order to coach at the youth provincials. The tournament already cost each team \$577.50 (including GST). BA's mandatory coaching clinic that they organize and facilitate costs each EYBA Coach just under \$100.00. Discussion had that not every single Coach that coached in youth provincial (2016) were actually certified with BA's training. EYBA was made responsible to pay for the gym time organized by BA for their FUNdamentals clinic. Discussion held with regards to reducing the cost for our Teams/Coaches to participate at the provincial tournament (ie; run our own EYBA Coaches Clinics).

4.4. EYBA/EBA Tournament November

4.4.1. The tournament is being planned for around the Remembrance day weekend. The tournament will be for Midgets/U15 only, boys and girls. As soon as confirmed dates, Shaun will advise CMBA so that they don't run games in Calgary that weekend, giving the chance for teams to attend our tournament.

4.5. Gyms

- 4.5.1. Lynn Hallson led discussion about SW gym times. In the SW, they have increased their teams by ten. SW has least amount of gyms in comparison to other Zones with how many kids they have playing. There will be three (3) new schools that will be opening up but their concern is that none of them will be made available to joint use as they are 'A' sized gyms. There is concern that SW will not have enough gyms in their own zone. SW would be looking to use some other alternative gyms in other zones closer to their zone in the NW and SE. SW may be forced to cap their program, due to lack of gyms, which is something they have never had to do previously. Lynn to discuss with Zone Directors from NW & SE to see if they can come up with a plan to accommodate their total of players/teams.
- 4.5.2. Discussion that we look to try to get more gym time so that teams get back to playing more games. There were teams this year that played only a total of (13) games in the season.
- 4.5.3. Shaun spoke that everybody in joint use receives a 'Standard of Play; which is 33 games / 33 practices in a full year. The city takes how much gym time we get and divides it into three pies (small, medium, large) user groups.
- 4.5.4. Many concerns shared with user groups throughout the Edmonton area and the lack of gym time available. The Edmonton school boards (Edmonton Public, Edmonton Catholic) do attend the joint use meetings to hear user groups concerns.
- 4.5.5. Possibly, going through the School Board Trustees may help our cause in getting into gyms that are sitting empty. The Saville Centre on a regular basis is full capacity (95%) from 6pm to 10:30pm. The number of groups coming into the city of Edmonton has grown. Shaun mentioned that just since January, there have been 310 new casual users. This makes getting gym time very difficult.
- 4.5.6. Saturday gyms are becoming more and more difficulty because Caretakers don't want to go into work. We got kicked out of gyms for the year due to various reasons (storage, classroom space, etc.). We can't keep up to expansions of groups from sports, scouts, etc..
- 4.5.7. Many schools don't want rental groups in their gyms so they don't rent the space out. Shaun advised that going after the Trustees may be an option to start a conversation with our concerns about gym rental space being made more available, so possibly we get a letter to Trustees from EYBA to get a conversation started between us.
- 4.5.8. EYBA has grown 27 teams from the previous season and with other groups growing, gym time is becoming more scarce.
- 4.5.9. Some groups in the joint use are for profit groups and we as a whole are trying to stop them from growing so they don't take up gyms for non-profit youth groups like EYBA.

- 4.5.10. Gym time will continue to be an issue without any control from EYBA.
 - 4.5.11. In Calgary, every high school has to give at least one night to youth groups, where in Edmonton, high schools don't have to give any.
 - 4.5.12. Another issue with trying to get more gyms for more games for all teams is trying to get more Officials involved so that having more EYBA games doesn't cause of problem with lacking Officials.
- 4.6. Timing issues
- 4.6.1. Lynn Hallson brought forward a review of mini playing time now that the division is 4-on-4 (moved away from 5-on-5).
 - 4.6.2. MOTION made by Rick Nisbet that we move mini games to be 8 minute quarters rather than 7 minute quarters / 2nd by James Bedford / MOTION CARRIED
- 4.7. Seeding Round
- 4.7.1. Rick Nisbet proposal (attached)
 - 4.7.1.1. MOTION made by Rick Nisbet that each Zone Director categorize and submit their Mini teams based on the level of play (rating A, B or C) and those teams ranked similarly will play each other first then will split accordingly to level into 3 groups of 4 in A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, B3 and C1, C2, C3. After the first round is complete. the top two (2) teams from the A groups will be put into the A division, the 3rd place A teams and the top B teams will be put into B, the 4th place A teams and 2nd place B teams will be put into C, the 3rd Place B teams and the top C teams will be put into D, the 4th place B teams and the 2nd place C teams will be put into E and the 3rd and 4th place teams in C will be in F Division. After the 2nd round, the bottom two (2) teams from A will move down to B and the top two (2) teams from B will move up to A, the bottom two (2) teams in B will move to C and so on. / 2nd by Jay Ouellette / MOTION CARRIED
- 4.8. Casino
- 4.8.1. Dates will be October, November & December, should know in May/June of exact dates. Volunteer list to follow from Shaun for volunteers needed per zone based on teams in each Zone from last year.
- 4.9. U of A Bears
- 4.9.1. Barnaby Craddock proposed to Chad Bowie a potential partnership with EYBA for a summer league (10-12 games) throughout July & August starting in 2017. U of A Bears & Pandas would be officiating. Teams would get to experience working with the Bears/Pandas throughout the summer. Registration process would be such as EYBA spring league by entering teams. We would need to check on gym availability

for weekday evenings and some Saturdays. More details to follow from Chad.

4.9.2. Chad also discussed the idea that at the end of the year, we along with U of A run an EYBA/Bears/Pandas all-start game for players that were former EYBA players/High School players compete in an all-start game to be held at the Saville Centre.

5. Adjournment @ 9:04pm

5.1. MOTION to adjourn meeting made by Lynn Hyska / 2nd by Kevin Hofstede