



EYBA Regular Meeting Agenda
Sunday September 11, 2016
Saville Community Sports Center
U of A South Campus, Classroom # 1, 6:00 pm

PARTICIPANTS: Chad Bowie, President
Carr Miceli, Vice President
Lynn Hyska, Treasurer
Darlene Anstice, Secretary
Taylor Anstice, Executive Director
Brad Coleman, NW
Donna Haggstrom, NE
Shannon Taylor, NE
Lynn Hallson, SW
Pierre Farage, SE
Sheri May, Leduc
April Jones, Beaumont
James Bedford, Morinville
Andrew Rivet, St. Albert
Alan Buckley, Parkland
Leo Mangano, EBOA

REGRETS: Brian Anstice, Commissioner
Marvin Washington, Past President
Jay Ouellette, Parkland
Basketball Alberta

1. Call to Order Welcome @ 6:00pm
2. Acceptance & Approval of Previous Minutes from the meeting on April 24, 2016
 - 2.1. MOTION to approve previous minutes made by Lynn Hyska / 2nd by April Jones / MOTION CARRIED
3. Additions Approval of Agenda
 - 3.1. MOTION to approve agenda as presented by Andrew Rivet / 2nd by Lynn Hallson / MOTION CARRIED
4. AGENDA ITEMS
 - 4.1. Executive Director Position
 - 4.1.1. Chad commented with regards to Shaun Pope's resignation back in June, noting he's still involved working for the Grads Basketball Association that runs the Saville Centre. He spoke of (22) applications, short listed to (7) interviews. Selection went to Melany Rumble, worked for two weeks and decided it wasn't for her. We went to our 2nd selection which was Taylor Anstice and he accepted the position. Chad welcomed Taylor to the EYBA.

4.2. Shaun Overtime

- 4.2.1. Chad reported that Shaun recorded many hours of overtime over his ten years; he trained Melany and will train Taylor; therefore, an agreement of \$4500 was paid out to Shaun.

4.3. Treasurer's Report

- 4.3.1. Lynn Hyska reported that the books have gone into Accountant for preparation of financial statements. They should be ready this week and will be presented at November's semi-annual general meeting.
- 4.3.2. Casin account = \$22.75
- 4.3.3. General account including investment = \$555,470.38

4.4. Basketball Alberta/Provincial

- 4.4.1. Chad met with Paul Sir this summer on a number of officials. He advised new members of the yearly provincial tournament and how teams can declare to attend from anywhere in Alberta, but typically we get mainly Edmonton and Calgary teams. He advised that more teams tend to enter from north when its in Edmonton and more teams from south enter when it's in Calgary.
- 4.4.2. Tournament date for 2017 is weekend of Saturday to Sunday, March 10th & 11th. Basketball Alberta advised that the A division provincials will be held in Calgary; B and other divisions will be in Edmonton. Chad has voiced to BA about the split of tournament on the same weekend and some issues that may be caused with splitting up Coaches/Families/etc..
- 4.4.3. Qualification for coaching, Learn-To-Train course, historically we look to do that February or March. Chad advised that we should have more courses earlier in the year (Oct., Nov.) so things that are taught can be applied to a season ahead, rather than a season behind. The courses are not in the EYBA calendar just yet. An email will follow and/or a posting to the EYBA website. For the last two years, EYBA has picked up the tab for your Coaches to attend a coaching clinic, so that will continue with reimbursement after the season is over.
- 4.4.4. There is a FUNdamental clinic through BA scheduled on September 17th, which is a bit too early in the season as many Coaches haven't been designated to teams yet. There is also a FUNdamentals clinic scheduled for Sept. 24th in Spruce Grove.

4.5. EBOA/Payment of Officials

- 4.5.1. There will be no more cash payments made to Officials at games. He advised that EYBA will deal with EBOA and each Zone will pay EYBA for referee fees. Once we know all teams and declarations are complete, all Zones will be invoiced (Mini, Bantam, Midget) for (15) games in advance, per game costs is \$33 mini/bantam team & \$39 midget. For Juvenile, we are going to invoice those teams for (9) games (\$39 per game). EYBA will be holding the money, in turn EBOA will collect cheques from EYBA at each month's end.
 - 4.5.1.1. Referee fees per mini/bantam team: $33 \times 15 = \$495$
 - 4.5.1.2. Referee fees per midget team: $39 \times 15 = \$585$
 - 4.5.1.3. Referee fees per juvenile team: $39 \times 9 = \$351$

- 4.5.2. Leo Mangano advised that there will be even more monitoring and teaching of Officials during games this season. At games, there will be introductions made by the Officials/Mentors to the Coaches prior to games that entail Referee training.
 - 4.5.3. Referee funds as listed above are due with each team's registration fees.
 - 4.5.4. Team declaration deadline is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th, 2016. 'A' Division teams start dates are Sept. 27th/28th. Regular community teams start Oct. 1st, 2016.
 - 4.5.5. Lynn Hallson (SW) & Donna Haggstrom (NE) were both concerned about not being able to declare teams by that date. Therefore, Chad changed declaration/payment deadline to Friday, September 23rd.
- 4.6. Bantam 'A' pilot program
 - 4.6.1. Carr read out his 'A' bantam team proposal to help strengthen our bantam 'A' divisions. This model will help align EYBA with CMBA that runs a tiered seeding round to determine top 'A' & 'B' teams for the season. First round would be potential 'A' & 'B' teams into one round and they would play each other once, ideally seeing 10-12 teams to start. After a seeding round, the stronger teams are listed in 'A' division, while the lower 'A' teams would move down to 'B' division for the regular season. Regular season would begin in January as per usual.
 - 4.6.2. This idea stems from the struggles we typically have for the 'A' division. Last year, (3) bantam girls teams and (4) bantam boys teams. Move Bantam B division games so they coincide with 'A' division games.
 - 4.6.3. Lynn Hallson advised that all teams are scheduled to play on Saturdays, although the idea is good, we should try to implement next year and not now due to registration being done and parents expectations already with Saturday games.
 - 4.6.4. It was discussed that historically we don't entertain changes to the schedule. However, there may be the odd exception where the schedule could be changed, which would only be considered well in advance.
 - 4.6.5. Chad spoke with regards to the mini 'A' division tournament that used to run prior to the the season starting. Membership liked the idea of a pre-season mini tournament started up again to determine 'A' teams.
 - 4.6.6. MOTION to accept the Bantam 'A' pilot program made by Lilly Hebert / 2nd by Sheri May / MOTION CARRIED
 - 4.6.7. MOTION made by Lilly Hebert to have midget teams declare to have the option to either play through to December or to regular end of season in March / MOTION DEFEATED
- 4.7. EYBA Calendar
 - 4.7.1. 2016-17 Calendar was discussed with noting the team declaration being changed to September 23rd, with the posting of schedules to be done by Tuesday, September 27th, 2016.
 - 4.7.2. Player Goalline registration is due for completion on Friday, October, 7th, 2016. It was advised to all zones that scores need to be posted as soon as possible, winners or losers, doesn't matter who reports the scores.

- 4.7.3. November Ultimate Tournament will be held for Midget teams (boys & girls) on the November 11th-12th weekend.
- 4.7.4. Membership was advised that the November semi-annual AGM is moved to November 6th, 6pm (rather than Nov. 13th).
 - 4.7.4.1. Round (2) of seeding ends on December 17th. Juvenile declaration for season #2 is December 14th.
 - 4.7.4.2. Late player registration deadline is Friday, January 13th, 2017 (main round) starts 2nd week in January; playoffs starting in February.
- 4.8. Gym Allocation/Joint Use
 - 4.8.1. It's only applicable to Edmonton based teams. EYBA seems to lose more gyms each year due to more user groups that pop up to use gyms.
 - 4.8.2. EYBA lost a few gyms in SW recently, with schools cancelling time for our use. This year, other Zones (SE/NW) may have to pitch in and share gyms with SW.
 - 4.8.3. We know the problem of lack of gyms does exist. Darlene has reached out to Sherwood Park and has succeeded in finding more Saturday gym time there.
 - 4.8.4. We paid \$250,000 towards the building of the Saville Centre. We still deserve a little more time, we get a preferred user rate of \$55 per hour. We get dibs on certain times. However, on Saturdays we don't quite get all the times/courts that we want.
 - 4.8.5. Carr reached out to Concordia and received about (9) Saturdays there to run cross-court games for bantams or full court for midgets. We also are reaching out to a few more high schools.
 - 4.8.6. Chad advised membership that aside of joint use, if we have a good relationship or athletic director, we should try to get access to a gym in Edmonton. Leduc and Wetaskiwin advised there are gyms in their areas that would be available for games on Saturdays.
 - 4.8.7. SW's Lynn Hallson also advised of the lack of schools is a huge issue in their zone and she is attempting to see about some church gyms possibly being made available to use.
 - 4.8.8. Cancellation of gyms must be done (16) days in advance but they can cancel with any notice. It was advised that Coaches take contracts to every gym.
 - 4.8.9. Chad advised the membership that we are looking at the U of A Butterdome. If it's an option, we are willing to purchase portable hoops if we can get three courts going Saturdays. Glenora community has a gym that we could also look at using.
 - 4.8.10. Carr has all practice gym allocations. He advised that on September 15th more gyms will come available online. Anne Fitzgerald and St. Thomas More are two that may open up for our use. Chad advised that Rick Nisbet had previously suggested that we write letters to School Trustees to voice our concerns about the lack of gyms.
- 4.9. EYBA Players Of The Month
 - 4.9.1. 'Player Of The Month' candidates need to be send in to Taylor on the last Sunday of each month by way of email. Winner will be published online (EYBA website). One-person Executive will decide on the winner. We can look to get

sponsorship to purchase a winner's bag or some other such award. Taylor will advise Zones of the winner and will ask for a picture that can be posted online and up on the wall.

4.9.2. Chad advised that it's in process that we get an EYBA wall somewhere in the Saville/GO Centre where we can post pictures of the 'Players of the Month.' We looked at a few spots. The Grads Basketball Board is very supportive of this. They just have to figure out which area in the building that it will work for this to be posted.

4.10. Website/Social Media

4.10.1. We hope to become more interactive on our current website.

4.10.2. Chad advised that we want to be able to boast our past EYBA players who have done well in post-secondary. We will try to track kids and ask members to advise EYBA about any they may know that came out of the EYBA community program.

4.11. Casino

4.11.1. Dates for casino are Tuesday, November 8th & Wednesday, November 9th. We already did due diligence and filled out (5) applications due to the deadline. If workers assigned to not show up, the fine is \$200 each no-show. Casino is the Palace Casino @ West Edmonton Mall. October 24th is the deadline to get names in from Community Directors. NE's Donna Haggstrom announced that NEBA may have a couple of extra people willing to work casino.

4.12. Year end Coaches/Volunteer Banquet

4.12.1. More details to follow with deadlines on how many people, etc.. We will host it at a hall, catered meal, pass out Coaches awards then. We are thinking of recognizing various players at that event. EYBA would pick up the tab for this event. Right now this is in the early stages of consideration. We have designated March 18th to try this. RSVP is necessary so we know what size of facility is required.

4.13. Coaching Clinics/Coaching Director

4.13.1. Chad commented that we tend to be just about games, we need to be more about Coaching development. We want to make coaches better. He commented that EYBA is big enough now where we can do this ourselves rather than rely on Basketball Alberta. Last winter season there were (236) teams in Calgary and we had (234) in EYBA. We are looking at a type of model as far as coaching development. Chad shared facts about our competitors to the south (CMBA). They have two people full time paid positions. One focuses more on the programming and coaching/player development; while the other focuses more on administration. We can look to consider to move in that direction in the near future. If we look to run any coaching clinics, we would pick up the tab for your coaches to attend.

4.14. Winter Season Fees

4.14.1. Cost is \$1275 for Edmonton teams, \$1125 for out of town teams. Two years this fee has stayed the same. We have always given a break to out of town teams. The reality is even at the

\$1275 we have frozen fees, we have lots of funds in the bank. CMBA charges \$2300 per team for their winter teams; however, we don't know if that includes referees charges. We are approximately half of what they charge. Chad advised is we won't get there in one year but we are currently too cheap. We've lost out on gyms that charge more money. We've looked at the idea of finding a bankrupt Target stores, find some grants and look at running our own facility. We are looked at warehouses in the SE that are vacant. We are looking at ideas to dissolve the gym crisis. It may end up coming down to increasing our fees so we can get access to the higher cost gyms. The Grads organization runs the Saville Centre, there is an agreement in place that the Grads runs the GO Centre. With our \$250,000 donation over five years, we do get a \$55 per hour preferred rate for certain gyms at certain times. If we want additional time, we have to pay the going higher rate. If the Grads Organization does not keep a handle on running the Centre, potentially this will handicap our ability to have access to the SCSC facility. Grads and U of A don't always work together on issues and if Grads can't run the facility accordingly, it will be taken over by U of A. At that point, we have no idea what sort of gym time we can continue to get at the Saville Centre. We have to consider seeking other avenues: one is increasing our fees and another is taking funds and opening a warehouse. We are also looking at grants, etc., to cover some costs.

4.15. Spring League 2017

4.15.1. April to early June, last year there were (100) teams and we would like to see that grow. The cost has been \$1500 per team. We are gaining ground and now and broadly speaking we are becoming as competitive as the spring league at Jasper Place High School.

4.16. Summer League 2017

4.16.1. We plan to launch a summer league next summer that will see same cost as spring league. Teams register and not individuals. We will include all age groups, with all games at the Saville Centre. We will keep you posted on plans. Chad advised that the Saville books a year in advance. We could likely get two nights in the competition gym, split into three, games last one-hour long. Looking at running this for July & August, 2017. Bears/Pandas may get involved with player development and camp/training for players. We will discuss with EBOA about Officials, but maybe we help Pandas/Bears by letting them do reffing as well, since many EBOA Officials take the summers off. More discussion to follow.

4.17. Player Development

4.18. Bears/Pandas EYBA nights are Friday, November 4th & Saturday, November 5th.

4.18.1. Friday night is Pandas "Girls Night Out," while Saturday is Bears "Boys are Back in Town." Tickets are ready and available to hand out after meeting tonight.

4.19. Mites/Jr. NBA program

4.19.1. This is a program more for Kids that are Mites/U9. If anybody is interested, they need to contact the program leader. Andrew Rivet's St. Albert group did go with Jr. NBA's program for their youngest group.

4.20. EYBA Rulebook

4.20.1. Books will be ready this week. It will be posted online. Because the Bantam Pilot program was approved, Chad discussed Rule #5.29.1 contemplates how Zones pick their 'A' division teams. 5.29.2 talks about division team tryouts. The 'A' teams have tryouts. Some teams that get bumped up to 'A' could be community based teams. You could create two types of 'A' teams; one that would be a definite 'A' division team and the other that is a potential 'A' team. We are not proposing to re-write the rule. What we propose we do is we are run the pilot to see how it runs without any rule changes to the current rule book.

4.20.2. Rule #1.4: Age Groups: juveniles for the 2015-2016 season were those born in 1998, 1999 & 2000. It doesn't have the month; so a few years back we opened up our juvenile division to 18 year olds that were still in high school. The 18 year olds that are playing juvenile are not playing on their senior varsity teams.

4.20.3. A discussion was held that we change the 2016-17 rule book to show juvenile age to be 1998, 1999, 2000 & 2001 and the 1998's cannot turn 19 years of age during the juvenile season.

4.20.4. MOTION made by Brad Coleman that we accept Juvenile individual exceptions be brought to the Board for review, decline or acceptance / 2nd by Andrew Rivet / MOTION CARRIED

4.20.5. MOTION made by Brad Coleman that Beaumont Becky Munchratch born December, 1998 and NW Spencer Bird born December 1998 both be allowed to play on their respective Juvenile teams this fall 2016 / 2nd by April Jones / MOTION CARRIED

4.20.6. Chad advised EBOA's Leo to advise his senior officials that our EYBA rule book is different. EYBA allows kids to play with colored shirts under their uniforms (they don't have to match uniform color).

4.20.7. For any import rule exception, Chad advised that Zone Directors send email to President and Executive Director for specifics.

4.20.8. MOTION made by April Jones to let the Juvenile team from St. Joe's High School play in NEBA and the Juvenile team from O'Leary High School play in NW / 2nd Shannon Taylor /MOTION CARRIED

5. Adjournment of meeting @ 9:00pm

5.1. MOTION to adjourn meeting made by Andrew Rivet / 2nd by James Bedford

6. Distribution of materials completed