



EYBA Regular Meeting Agenda
Sunday May 28th, 2017
Saville Community Sports Center
U of A South Campus, Classroom # 3, 6:45 pm

PARTICIPANTS:

Chad Bowie, President
Carr Miceli, Vice President & NW
Lynn Hyska, Treasurer
Darlene Anstice, Secretary
Taylor Anstice, Executive Director
Brian Anstice, Commissioner
Jay Ouellette, Parkland
Donna Haggstrom, NE
Shannon Taylor, NE
Pierre Farage, SE
Tim Wadson, SE
Lynn Hallson, SW
Rick Nesbit, SW
Dean Rootsart, SW
James Bedford, Morinville
Andrew Rivet, St. Albert
Robert Guppy, St. Albert
Sheri May, Leduc
Steve Flowers, SBA
Steve Wilson, Beaumont
Paul Sir, Basketball Alberta

REGRETS:

Marvin Washington, Past President
Wetaskiwin Zone Director

- 1) Call to Order Welcome @ 7:50pm (this meeting followed 2017 AGM)
- 2) Acceptance of Previous Minutes
 - a) Community Directors Meeting – Sunday January 29th, 2017
 - i) MOTION to accept previous minutes made by Tim Wadson / seconded by Lynn Hyska / MOTION CARRIED
- 3) Additions Approval of Agenda
 - a) MOTION to approve agenda made by Sheri May / seconded by Steve Flowers / MOTION CARRIED
- 4) Agenda Items

a) Ramp Interactive

i) Carr Miceli advised that EYBA made the move to RAMP already to improve our current website platform.

(1) Benefits include:

- (a) Cost efficiency: GoalLine costs \$3800 per year not including additional \$100+ for email hosting. RAMP does it all for \$600 per year for EYBA site and \$600 for each additional Zone member.
 - (b) RAMP costs include no advertisements and they waived set up fees for EYBA and Zone members.
 - (c) EYBA has opted to pay the first year for all Zones to switch over to RAMP, \$600 per Zone.
 - (d) RAMP will work with EYBA & Zones to adjust the system anytime we require changes for FREE.
 - (e) The look/style of RAMP is very clean and easy to find what you're looking for, so better experience for all Members, Coaches, Players, Parents, etc..
 - (f) User Friendly Backend: The administrative part of the site is more user-friendly and eliminates many of the unnecessary complications that GoalLine had (too many toggles).
 - (g) Tech Support: RAMP is locally based in Edmonton, so tech support is there when we need it and we can even visit their office if there was an emergency. EYBA and Zones who have been on GoalLine have experienced many support issues (delayed responses and/or no response at all).
 - (h) Online Registration Tool: RAMP's online registration is not only very easy to use, it's also most cost effective in Canada to run in terms of the per transaction fees. This will help Zones to streamline their processes so that they can get their teams made sooner and declared to EYBA sooner.
 - (i) TeamRAMP App: The app helps teams stay connected and organized throughout the season, similar to TeamSnap, with capability to send notifications about game changes, practice cancellations, etc.. The per-team cost is \$25 (whole season) and is significantly cheaper than TeamSnap (\$50 per month).
 - (j) EYBA Zones are under NO OBLIGATION to use RAMP. We/EYBA would LOVE for all Zones to come aboard in joining us on RAMP, but we are not making it mandatory. If Zones do not move to RAMP, it's business as usual and EYBA being on RAMP doesn't change platforms so it doesn't affect Zones with their existing website platforms or how Zones currently do business with EYBA.
- ii) Lynn Hallson from SW stated that she would have liked more notice from EYBA to move forward with the new website provider, so that all costs are discussed openly and put forth to their membership.
- iii) There is a \$1.50 cost per player that registers, so Zones need to implement that into their 2017-2018 fee structure.
- iv) Player transfers will be done online

b) A/B Committee Proposal

i) Carr spoke with regards to the A/B Seeding Committee Recommendation

(1) Stage 1: Tryouts & Declarations

- (a) Zones conduct their A tryouts/evaluations and make A teams.
- (b) Zones could create B teams at the same time based on A evaluations and final cuts, etc..
- (c) Zones would declare their A & B teams (Bantam/Midget only) to participate in the EYBA tournament/jamboree so they can be seeded.
- (d) We can also include the option for stronger C teams to enter the tournament (@ each Zone's discretion), if they want to see how they stack up.
- (e) Declaration deadline: September 10th, 2017.

(2) Stage 2: Seeding Tournament

- (a) All declared A & B teams would participate in the seeding tournament two weeks before the official start of the season.
- (b) Tournament would be a Friday/Saturday format with shortened games of 20-minutes (two 10-minute halves).
- (c) All teams would play one 'mini' game vs. one another.
- (d) Results of these mini games will determine who plays in A and who plays in B for the regular season. Stronger B teams that do well in the tournament would be seeded up to play in A division. Weakest A teams would be seeded down to play in B division.
- (e) Ideally, we would like to create divisions of at least six teams (eight at the most).
- (f) Seeding Tournament/Jamboree: Sept. 15 & 16, 2017@ Saville Ctr..

(3) Stage 3: Implementation

- (a) Based on tournament results, A & B teams would start the regular season:
 - (i) Boys (Bantam/Midget A & B) play on Tuesdays
 - (ii) Girls (Bantam/Midget A & B) play on Wednesdays
 - (iii) Mix night: To accommodate the increased number of games, both boys/girls teams would play games on the odd Thursday night in addition to their regular Tuesday & Wednesday game.
 - (iv) Gym availability and access: In order to accommodate the increased number of games with B division moving to weekday:
 1. We would tap into each major Zone (SW, NW, SE, NE, SBA & St. Albert) and ask them to give us one practice slot (ideally, three hours every other week on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday).
 2. We suggest Zones to consider doubling up some of their teams for practices on occasion to accommodate this and lessen the impact of giving up a regular practice slot... it is not ideal but definitely doable.
 3. EYBA would look to compensate the Zone by giving them a comparable weekend practice time (Saville court of City of Edmonton Facility).

- (4) Stage 4: Mid-Season Re-Seeding
 - (a) Before Christmas break, teams in both A & B divisions will be assessed again to determine if any re-seeding of teams is required.
 - (b) Bottom teams in A could move down to B and top teams in B could move up to A. Multiple top and bottom teams in each division could be moved.
- (5) Objectives/guiding Principles to support/implement this recommendation:
 - (a) Recognize that all players have a choice to play either 'tryout' (A/B division) or 'community' (C division and lower) basketball. Some players may play in EYBA to be friends or have a more 'relaxed' experience as they may also play school basketball.
 - (b) Work towards having 'tryout' divisions that are both competitive and developmental while optimizing the number of players and teams playing within these categories.
 - (c) Work together to optimize the number of players participating in the A/B divisions:
 - (i) The goal is for Zones to promote the 'tryout' divisions NOW – before summer. Get info out of parents/players now so they can keep it top of mind and possibly gear some of their summer activities/camps towards this.
 - (ii) Zone directors could canvass their 2nd-year mini/bantam/midget Coaches to identify and get info out to players who feel have the skillset and attitude to play at this level to try out.
 - (d) Make each major zone (NE/NW/SW/SE/SBA/ST.ALBERT) in EYBA more accountable in getting their teams seeded correctly. Require each major zone to declare at least one team (ideally two) in the A and/or B division.
 - (e) Work together to minimize forfeits of B division teams during Jr. High School Tournament season in Jan/Feb (players choose to play in tournaments for school teams on Saturdays instead of playing for their EYBA team which results in teams not having enough players to play a game).
 - (f) Share knowledge, information & resources to help us continue providing positive basketball experiences for all youth.
- ii) Mini Tournament – Sept 10 Declaration
 - (1) MOTION made by Sheri May to accept the A/B division proposal but amend it to state (under Stage 3: Implementation), we would like major Zones to give up a practice gym, 3-hour slot 'once a month and dependent on Zone gym availability' / seconded by Andy Rivet / MOTION CARRIED
- c) EYBA Summer Skills Sessions
 - i) Taylor advised about the EYBA summer camps that will be held during the whole month of July, being weekday evenings from 7-9pm (U13G/Mondays; U13B/Tuesdays; U15G/Wednesdays; U15B/Thursdays).
 - ii) We will be charging \$50 to EYBA players and \$100 to non-EYBA members.

iii) All Zones will get few free-bees as follows: (4) zones in Edmonton area able to send (5) players; outside zones will send (2) players. We would be looking to fill camps at (50) totals per camp. Coaches, U13/U15 girls Brian Anstice to coach the girls camp with his Kings University team members. Boys Coaches are yet to be determined. Jerseys for all kids to keep and to wear during camp participation.

d) Gyms

i) Donna Haggstrom spoke with regards to the issues we have with lack of gyms and she had spoken with Carr about the situation. One suggestion she made is to keep Edmonton teams playing only in Edmonton while outside zones teams play each other in their own zones. This way the Edmonton teams don't get less gym time because we are putting outside communities/zones into the gyms in Edmonton. She suggested separate leagues, inside Edmonton & outside Edmonton, that only meet at time of playoffs. Fees associated with outside communities are getting a break on team fees, but there's an additional cost to send referees to outside zones, so the per team cost may have to end up being the same with outside city zones not getting a break on the per team fees. Donna suggested that the four zones in Edmonton should meet to discuss the future of the gyms within the city. Lynn Hyska advised that the referee costs for outside of city is an EYBA cost and not a Zone cost.

ii) Dean advised that EYBA contact School Principals to try to gain more gym time. He advised to send letters on behalf of EYBA to ask for more gym time and advised that we do that within the next week. EYBA Executive asked Taylor to prepare a letter to send to individual School Principals. Donna advised not to have any of our volunteers' names from Joint Use's on these letters.

e) Policies

i) Donna commented that since there have been discussion within EYBA over the course of last few days; for example, EYBA's RAMP acceptance email, expenditures and budgets that have been passed, talking with Carr & Brian about he-said she-said situations, etc.. Donna advised that she thinks there are some policies that we can create that would help in our administration. Eg; Financial Policies, can the Executive pass things that are not in the budget after the fact; is there a dollar amount that needs to come to the committee; is there a conflict of interest policy in place so that if its perceived or real, there is something in place for that; racial harassment, we should have a policy in place for that so that when we have the he-said she-said situation, we have a policy to deal with that. Brian advised that no matter what policy you put in place when it comes to he-said she-said situations, there's nothing you can do about those. Jay advised Donna to send her policies from her Lacrosse organization and she agreed to do so.

5) Adjournment @ 9pm

a) MOTION to adjourn meeting made by Andy Rivet / seconded by Steve Wilson