



EYBA Regular Meeting Minutes
Sunday, September 10th, 2017
Saville Community Sports Center
U of A South Campus, Classroom # 1, 6:30 pm

PARTICIPANTS: Jay Ouellette, President & Parkland
Carr Miceli, Vice President & NW
Lynn Hyska, Treasurer
Darlene Anstice, Secretary & SBA
Taylor Anstice, Executive Director
Al Lee, SW
Lynn Hallson, SW
Shannon Taylor, NE
Donna Haggstrom, NE
James Bedford, Morinville
Pierre Farage, SE
Tim Wadson, SE
Chad Cochrane, Parkland
Jeff Rawlings, Beaumont
Andy Rivet, St. Albert
Chad Bowie, Past President
Vincent May, Leduc

REGRETS: Chuck Hebert, Wetaskiwin

- 1) Call to Order Welcome @ 6:35pm
- 2) Acceptance of Previous Minutes
 - a) Community Directors Meeting – Sunday May 28th, 2017
 - i) MOTION to accept previous minutes made by Lynn Hyska / seconded by Tim Wadson / MOTION CARRIED
- 3) Additions Approval of Agenda
 - a) MOTION made to accept agenda with additions made by Al Lee / seconded by James Bedford / MOTION CARRIED
- 4) Agenda Items
 - a) GO Community Centre - Michael Presniak
 - i) Michael introduced himself as the Sponsorship Manager of the GO Community Centre, which is a non-profit and registered charity.

- ii) Michael commented that sponsoring is a good way for Individuals/Families to give back as well as leave their legacy in the building GO Champion and for as little as a \$100 membership, names can go on the wall at the Centre.
 - iii) Gymnasiums and board rooms, etc., are all up for sponsorship.
 - iv) Some companies may benefit from sponsoring for advertising.
 - v) All fundraising dollars go towards facility improvements, etc., sound baffling, air conditioning, etc..
 - vi) Michael left brochures and members can contact him anytime.
- b) Shaun Pope – Executive Director, Edmonton Grads
- i) Parking pilot project evaluated after this weekend.
 - ii) Shaun warns any parking ticket given in the Saville parking lot will NOT be a U of A ticket, but from the City of Edmonton.
 - iii) Any complaints about flooring, etc., should be brought forward to EYBA's Executive Director Taylor Anstice, who will in turn forward it to Shaun.
- c) Treasurer's Report/Budget
- i) Casino account = \$19.62
 - ii) General account = \$142,325
 - iii) GIC (at 4%) = \$525,000
 - (1) August 9th, 2018, 525K adjusted when we get fees in. Lynn will redeem that GIC and then add to it.
 - iv) Team Fees \$1475, in town, refund \$200; \$1325, \$225 juvenile refund
 - v) Fees are due two weeks after first games, being October 13th.
 - vi) Referee fees will be included on all invoices for (15) games, \$34 for Mini/Bantam (up \$.50 from last year) and \$40 for Midget/Juvenile (up \$.50 from last year).
 - vii) EYBA covers any time that gyms are cancelled at the last minute, we pay for all that and any time that a ref must go out of town to referee games elsewhere.
 - viii) The books are in accountant for year end.
 - ix) Lynn will be meeting with them in next week or so.
 - x) Casino report has been filed and accepted by Alberta Gaming Commission.
 - xi) Next casino will be July, August or September of 2018.
 - xii) Donna Haggstrom commented about financial statements being presented at every meeting rather than bank balances. Lynn advised that she doesn't have an update at every meeting, because Lynn only goes to the Accountant's every four months. Jay advised that we look to be more transparent when it comes to the financials. Lynn presented Donna with her year-end financial statements and offered for anybody to look at them.
- d) Rulebook Changes
- i) Jay Ouellette advised of a few rule changes and sent a document around for everybody to look at and ask questions of if need be. Jay advised that the Executive made the decision to NOT print hard copies of rule books. Therefore, the rule book is only available online so that it makes it much easier to adjust.

e) A/B Seeding/Games

- i) Taylor advised that all games are at the Saville Centre for the mini seeding tournament being held Friday/Saturday, September 15th & 16th. Time slots will be Friday between 6-9pm and Saturday between 8am to 5pm.
- ii) For A & B divisions, as outlined previously, there will be a cap of (6) teams in each division.
- iii) The B division teams that lose drop out to C go from playing weekdays to weekend games. Jay advised Zones to be prepared for that as that may have some effect on when teams practice, etc..
- iv) With it all being new, it won't be a perfect model so we just have work through the growing pains. The model should be better than teams not declaring at all.
- v) It was announced that the real scores will be posted on the website throughout the season.

f) Commissioner

- i) Last meeting, we had concerns about two people from two Zones offering to do the position together. However, it was decided that we put together a committee. All Zones are to put forward one name per Zone. This could be a well-respected Coach/Volunteer/Manager, anybody that the Zone has in good standing with their Zone and feels would be a good fit for the Committee. That person would be called upon by EYBA when we have more drastic discipline incidents that come up.
- ii) Vincent May advised that this 'discipline committee' scenario is the way it is done in the Edmonton Metro Athletics where every sport has a Commissioner in each school and contact is made between 3-4 of them when issues arise. The Committee deals with it so that the Metro Executive doesn't have to. Vince advised that it has worked really well in the past.
- iii) Jay will send a formal request to the Zones to get their selected person on the Committee.
- iv) Pierre Farage advised that the Zones should improve and become more communicative with each other.

g) Volunteer of the Year

- i) Carr Miceli spoke of the awesome Coach of the Year awards dinner that was held in March. Many well deserved awards were handed out. Carr advised the group that the Volunteer of the Year award was given to a person that is an avid Coach, great Volunteer and Administrator, Builder and a Friend of EYBA. This Volunteer has been so influential in building the game in the City and we wanted to recognize his incredible contributions by naming the Volunteer of the Year after him. Carr presented Chad Bowie with the newly named 'Chad Bowie Volunteer of the Year' award. EYBA had also recognized Carr Miceli as well, thus both names are on the first-time award.
- ii) Jay added that he wouldn't be sitting now as EYBA President if it wasn't for Chad's guidance and leadership. Jay thanked Chad for all his help and allowing him to be involved last year.

- h) 2018 Casino
 - i) Casino will be during any of the three months, July, August & September; 2018.
 - ii) It's an odd time of year to get Volunteers in line.
 - iii) Discussion that in the future we don't check off to have any summer casinos as to make it easier to get our Volunteers.

- i) EYBA Summer Skills Sessions Report
 - i) Taylor advised that the camp went very well considering when we launched it. We did get out 100 kids, more boys than girls.
 - ii) The Boys camps had 30 participants each (Bantam/Midget).
 - iii) Concordia's Men's team did the coaching at the Boys camp. Head Coach, Raegan Wood was out and brought up to four players each night.
 - iv) The Girls camp was run by The Kings University Women's team Head Coach Brian Anstice and he had about (7) Players involved in coaching.
 - v) The Midget/U15 girls was the smallest camp at only had 12. Each participant was paired up with a Kings player, so the participants just loved that experience they got with the older University players.
 - vi) The camps were very well received and we hope to double the number of participants next year.
 - vii) Taylor advised that he will be able to promote the camp during next spring league season.
 - viii) Jay advised that the camp fee was only \$50. As cool as it was to have (7) female coaches for 12 girls, his concern is that it wasn't full. Jay advised that he wants to make sure that for next year we find the people that would take advantage of the free camps. Zone Directors need to ensure that they promote the camp and ensure there are participants that join from their zone for free. If Zones do not put names forward as their free participants, EYBA will get the list and randomly select people to participate.
 - ix) Discussion that it can be much better promoted next year with better promotion and more time to advertise.
 - x) Donna asked why EYBAS doesn't give it to the Player of the Month. That led to discussion that more awards will be given to the Player of the Month this year; possibly a basketball, maybe the picture that was posted will be laminated and given to them.

- j) RAMP
 - i) Jay advised that we held an interactive session to learn about the RAMP system. There were about seven zones were out for that session. The session was helpful to those that attended.
 - ii) Jay advised that we could run another session if need be.
 - iii) Player Release between Zones
 - (1) A Player needing a release still has to register with his/her original zone they are from (with zero payment) and then they can be tracked accordingly.

- k) Exemption for two (2) Bantam Boys
 - i) Carr Miceli discussed two 10-year old boys in the NW zone whose parents have asked to play down in mini rather than their designated by-age division of Bantams. Both boys are both born in late December (27th & 29th). Both boys are small and undersized for their age. Carr proposed for their exemption.
 - ii) Discussion that we will deal with these sorts of exemptions on a case by case basis and will not look to change any rules.
 - iii) MOTION presented to allow the two boys from NW to play down in the mini division for the 2017-2018 season made by Pierre Farage / seconded by Vincent May / MOTION CARRIED

l) Further Discussions

- i) Pierre Farage spoke that he is having negative feedback within his SE Zone regarding teams playing Sundays.
 - (1) Discussion about ensuring everybody is aware of the move up rule, so that players from lower divisions and/or lower age groups can move up for games.
 - (2) Taylor asked the Zones if it would be worth it for him to only schedule Juvenile teams to play on Sundays.
 - (a) Lynn Hallson advised that the issues will still be there regardless of age group.
 - (3) Jay offered support and asked that the Zones let EYBA know if, after this year, we have bigger issues about Sunday games that need to be further investigated.
- ii) Lynn Hyska advised that after a past meeting, she thought that there was put forth the need for more Zone Director meetings. Discussion that we currently hold (5) meetings per year; September, Semi-AGM, January and prior to Provincials & the AGM. Lynn advised that we do go with more ZD meetings, we need to ensure there is a commitment from all Zones.
- iii) Jay advised that we should be OK without adding more meetings as long as we stay in touch over the course of the season between the meetings we already have.
- iv) Donna advised that she wanted to see 'City of Edmonton Zones' added to this agenda. This topic is to be discussed at next meeting.
- v) Lynn Hallson led discussion with regards to the lack of Juvenile girls involved in EYBA. Carr advised that possibly we consider including girls going into the Juvenile division when it comes to our summer camps.

- 5) Adjournment @ 7:50pm / MOTION to adjourn made by Al Lee / seconded by Andy Rivet / MEETING ADJOURNED