



EYBA Regular Meeting Agenda

Sunday January 28th, 2018

Saville Community Sports

Center

U of A South Campus, Classroom # 1, 6:30 pm

PARTICIPANTS: Jay Ouellette, President
Carr Miceli, Vice President, NW
Lynn Hyska, Treasurer
Darlene Anstice, Secretary, SBA
Taylor Anstice, Executive Director
Chad Cochrane, Parkland
Andy Rivet, St. Albert
Sheri May, Leduc
Rob Cross, Wetaskiwin
Rick Nisbet, SW
Donna Haggstrom, NE
April Jones, Beaumont
Tim Wadson, SE

REGRETS: James Bedford, Morinville
Edmonton Basketball Officials Association
Alberta Basketball

- 1) Call to Order Welcome @ 6:40pm
- 2) Acceptance of Previous Minutes
 - a) Community Directors Meeting – Sunday Nov. 26th, 2017
 - i) MOTION to accepted previous minutes made by Sheri May / seconded by Andy Rivet / MOTION CARRIED
- 3) Additions / Approval of Agenda
 - a) MOTION to accept agenda as presented made by April Jones / seconded by Donna Haggstrom / MOTION CARRIED
- 4) Agenda Items
 - a) Treasurer's Report
 - i) Lynn Hyska spoke with regards to the presented overhead projection with regards to the financial balances.
 - ii) General Account = \$36,598.09
 - iii) GIC Account = \$850,000.00
 - Lynn advised that she will move some funds from the GIC into the general account in order to pay upcoming invoices, etc..

- iv) Casino Account = \$19.62
 - v) Donna Haggstrom enquired with regards to the cancellation of some Juvenile games due to lack of Officials and asked if some fees will be refunded due to those cancellations. Taylor Anstice confirmed to her and the membership that those particular games were already rescheduled.
 - vi) Donna asked about paying extra fees in Edmonton for Mites practices and whether EYBA would pay for those. It was advised that EYBA will look into this. Jay advised that we need to make sure that any such fees are entered properly in the EYBA budget.
 - vii) MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Lynn Hyska made by Tim Wadson / seconded by Andy Rivet / MOTION CARRIED
- b) Executive Directors Report
- i) All Star Games Report
 - This year we added Bantam games to the all-star experience. Kings University hosted again, and the night was very successful. TKU hired their game day Announcer and included the 3-Referee system. The kids all had a great time and Parents/Fans enjoyed watching the games. Talk to give the Coaches something in the future.
 - ii) Bears/Pandas – Jan. 27
 - Last night, Carr attended the games. Lots of kids in the stands. Compared to the first night, it was probably about the same if not maybe a little more attendance. Mini girls game went well NW vs. SBA all had a great time.
 - It was discussed that we want to get more signage and more of a feeling that it is EYBA night. We will talk to Shaun about getting more banners to put up at the events to show that it is EYBA's night.
 - It was discussed that possibly there are noise makers purchased for future games to hand out at the door for all the EYBA kids to receive.
 - iii) Oil Kings Night
 - Taylor advised we did decide to keep the event on Saturday, March 17th, their other option was too soon.
 - Sam Sanderson has had some good feedback about the event. He advised Taylor that the event sounds like it's going to be a great success.
 - Beaumont has (3) mites teams signed up for their honor role.

- Lynn Hyska advised that she would like to see all Board members (Zone Directors) attend and EYBA could pay their entry into the game.

iv) Coach Appreciation Night

- Date is set for Saturday, March 24th at the Sawmill Banquet Centre, which can hold over 200 people. We are looking for a guest speaker and we want to see LOTS of donations come in so that many can leave with a prize!
- Deadline to advise EYBA of their numbers for the Coaches' banquet is Wednesday, February 28th.
- Deadline of Friday, February 23rd for the Coaches' Coach of the Year / Volunteer of the Year awards.
- It was discussed that we need an Emcee for the event. Rick Nesbit and Jay Ouellette advised they can co-Emcee the event.
- There will be no charge for the Coaches and guests to attend the event.

v) Mites Tournament

- Date is set for Saturday, March 17th; deadline to join is Friday, February 23rd. \$100 per team is noted as a ghost cost. However, 'no shows' will be charged \$100.
- The tournament will be capped at 50 teams.
- Suggestion from Donna Haggstrom to have three games done in a quicker window. All members were in agreement of the scenario of having two games back to back, a break then a third and final game.
- Jay advised he would reach out to the new Jr. NBA program Director to possibly bring some colored balls and represent the event.

vi) Spring League

- Taylor advised information about this year's 14th annual spring league. Registration is now open with an email to go out to Zones tomorrow, Monday, January 29th.
- Fee is same as last year; \$1600 per team; for ten games.
- Deadline for spring league is March 9th, 2018. Games commence on April 3rd, end date is approximately May 30th.
- ALL Coaches MUST have a police/vulnerability record check.

vii) Playoffs

- First week is February 10th, skip Family Day weekend (February 17th); then February 24th is the semi-finals with finals being March 3rd.

- Divisions A/B; playoffs start February 13th/14th.
 - Taylor advised that two-hour slots are assigned to all Zones for help with medal presentations.
Championship games are all at the SCSC.
 - Taylor advised that he will need medals dropped off at other locations.
 - List of each Zone's specific presenters need to be sent to Taylor the week before playoffs.
- c) Facilities Committee
- i) Committee is set up to include Jay Ouellette, Carr Miceli, Lynn Hyska, Al Lee, Tim Wadson & Pierre Farage.
 - ii) First meeting will be after this season's playoffs are completed.
 - iii) Jay advised that we are looking at various options; open warehouse space to put floors down or a brand new building.
 - iv) Jay advised that he spoke to the St. FX Sports Centre builders who offered to give some of their expertise to help with the process.
- d) Discipline Report
- i) Things have been going well with communications with zones have been good. All Zones have been very responsive with incidents. We haven't had to reach out to any committee members and we will look to do that if any incidents require it. Jay advised that he has set to the tone of zero tolerance.
 - ii) Jay advised that he has asked EBOA to be consistent when it comes to discipline issues that come up.
 - iii) For the most part the reports we've received from EBOA have been very detailed minus a few that we've had to make more calls about to get more details.
 - iv) Jay advised that as new issues come up that are not part of our rule book, we discuss it and add a new rule to the book.
 - v) Jay advised that there is no appeal process when minimum discipline is handed out as per the rule book. Any appeals must go to their Zone Directors.
- e) EBOA
- i) Cancelled Games
 - On January 13th, Taylor advised that he was contacted by Ed Harasem of the EBOA who advised that we hit our cap with EBOA, so they couldn't fulfill all of their scheduled EYBA Juvenile games. They capped the Juvenile level only.
 - Taylor advised that one idea to prevent this

happening would be to cap the number of teams that we allow into the league. Discussion that nobody wants to do that.

- Discussion that Zones may possibly have to look for capping within their zones due to the gym time they have in their zones.
- Jay advised to have our own outside zones House League Officials that EBOA come out and train some of our HL Officials, so they can train them for EYBA games.
- Jay advised that he discussed with EBOA that the level of our Juvenile division for season #2 drops as those higher skilled players are then playing with their respective school teams. Therefore, EBOA should not be as concerned with their level of Officials that could officiate the Juvenile season #2 games. Discussion that the EBOA and EYBA has to keep communication open when it comes to an sort of situations that see us not having Officials at our games due to their reasoning.

ii) Juveniles

- Taylor advised that the best solution for lack of Juvenile Officials at times may be having all of his Sunday gym time be used by Juvenile teams only. This means that 1/3 of a Juvenile team's games would be on Sundays. In turn, this means that the EBOA would have more qualified Officials available for Juvenile games if more were on Sundays. This avoids the conflict on Friday/Saturday with school tournaments that take up the higher-level Officials.
- Taylor advised he would also like to keep the Juvenile teams playing more games on Sundays for Season #1 (Fall) as well. His experience has been complaints have been received about Sunday games from all other divisions, but never from Juvenile teams.
- Discussion that 4-8 game slots that Taylor has on Sundays would be used for Juvenile games, rather than split them up between other divisions (being 1-2 Sunday games per season).
- Rick Nesbit advised the Board that the SW Zone would have major issues with having Juvenile teams more prominently playing on Sundays (1/3 of their games). He prefers to see it stay the same for Juvenile Season #1 with all teams/all divisions playing 1-2 games

potentially on Sundays. Then for season #2, should EBOA have issues working our regular Juvenile games, then we look to move to more Sunday games for Juveniles, during season #2 only.

iii) Scheduling Changes

- Taylor advised that when he started in his position with EYBA, he was asked to be more flexible with game changes than it was in the past. The first year, he felt it went OK trying to make accommodate changes for Zones/Coaches. However, this year Taylor feels that there are a lot more Coaches/Zones that are advising him to make game schedule changes. There were many more changes during the season and this has affected his working relationship with EBOA.
- Taylor is proposing that next year he would give the Zone Directors three dates before he does the three rounds. Then if any Coach say he can't play on a specific day, Taylor is able to make a list and schedule around those days.
- The issues have been when changes are requested after the schedule has been posted; thus, being after the EBOA has the schedule and starts their process of scheduling Officials.
- Taylor advised that he did his best in accommodating game change requests as much as possible, but it has now really snow balled where it's becoming impossible to make all the changes without affecting his relationship with the EBOA.
- Taylor advised that next year he would contact the Zones about four days before he does the next round's schedules and in return, before posting the schedule, he gets all the dates/times that Coaches cannot make the pre-scheduled games work.
- As a result, once the schedule is made and posted, it then becomes solid scheduling that cannot be changed.

iv) EBOA Q&A (if in Attendance)

- There was not an EBOA member in attendance for discussion.

f) Seeding

i) A/B Default Down Rule

- Jay led discussion in regards to proposing the

way the teams are split throughout the seeding rounds.

- Playoff Move Down Adjustment:
 - If the "B" Division team (Team that moved up to "A" Division after Round 1) finishes last in "A" Division after Round 2, they can move back down to "B" Division for the playoff round. This rule only applies to the "B" team that previously moved up to "A," and will only occur if the team finishes in sole possession of last place in "A" Division after Round 2.
 - The Team has the **option** to stay in "A" for the playoffs or move down to "B" playoffs. If the team does choose to move down to "B" for the playoff round, they will be seeded as the 3rd seed to start the "B" Division Playoffs.
- MOTION to accept the Playoff Move Down Adjustment as stated directly above made by Sheri May/ seconded by Tim Wadson / MOTION CARRIED

ii) Thursday games

- April Jones enquired with clarification in regards to Thursday games and whether they were happening or not. Taylor Her teams didn't have any games just by fluke, so EYBA will still look to schedule games on Thursdays.

iii) Bantam/Midget Round 2 Pools

g) Policy Creation

- i) Donna asked about policy creation at the last AGM. She advised that she hadn't seen any feedback.
- ii) Donna believes that one policy needs to be in place to ensure that there are at least two adults in the gym or on the bench with a team at all times. With a girls' team, there should always be an adult female and if a boys' team, there should always be an adult male.
- iii) Discussion that policies need to start at the level of the Zones.
- iv) Jay advised that he will look to locate other basketball organizations, outside of our province, to see how they deal with their policies.
- v) Jay advised the membership that EYBA is always totally open to discussing policies. He asked that specific policies be brought forward on request rather than requesting just 'policies.'

- h) Provincials/Basketball Alberta
 - i) The last FUNdamentals clinic prior to this year's youth provincial tournament is being held on Saturday, February 9th.
 - ii) The date(s) for youth provincial tournament is Friday & Saturday, March 9th & March 10th.
 - iii) Cost per team for Provincials is \$450 members/\$525 non-members (plus GST).
 - iv) Taylor will send list out for potential A/B/C provincial teams coming out of EYBA, so he can get a list of who wants to attend.
 - v) Jay advised the EYBA membership that as of right now CMBA is no longer a member of Alberta Basketball. He advised that ABA is attempting to meeting with all individual Zones in Calgary. Many Zones in Calgary does have interest in attending the ABA Youth Provincials.
 - vi) It was advised that Basketball Alberta has changed its name to Alberta Basketball Association.
 - vii) Jay advised that ABA is having their provincial sanctioning meeting in Red Deer on February 25th. Anybody is welcome to attend that meeting.

5) Adjournment @ 9:00pm

- a) MOTION made to adjourn meeting made by Sheri May / seconded by April Jones / MEETING ADJOURNED