



EYBA Regular Meeting Minutes
Sunday April 29th, 2018
Saville Community Sports Center
U of A South Campus, Classroom # 1, 6:45 pm

PARTICIPANTS:

Jay Ouellette, President
Carr Miceli, Vice President, NW
Lynn Hyska, Treasurer
Darlene Anstice, Secretary, SBA
Taylor Anstice, Executive Director
Chad Bowie, Past President
James Bedford, Morinville
Pierre Farage, SE
Tim Wadson, SE
Donna Haggstrom, NE
Sheri May, Leduc
Rob Cross, Wetaskiwin
Steve Wilson, Beaumont
Rob Bull, Parkland
Rick Nesbit, SW
Lynn Hallson, SW
Andy Rivet, St. Albert
Robert Mah – EBOA Director of Relations
Will Horner – EBOA President

- 1) Call to Order Welcome @ 7:25pm
- 2) Acceptance of Previous Minutes
 - a) Community Directors Meeting – Sunday January 28th, 2018
 - i) MOTION to accept previous meeting minutes made by Tim Wadson / seconded by Sheri May / MOTION CARRIED
- 3) Additions Approval of Agenda
 - a) MOTION to accept agenda with two additions h) & i) made by Tim Wadson / seconded by Donna Haggstrom / MOTION CARRIED
- 4) Agenda Items
 - a) Executive Director Update
 - i) Playoffs
 - (1) Taylor thanked members for the help he had with medal presentations at the City Championship games. It went far better than it did the previous season.

ii) Provincials

- (1) Provincial note from last meeting (78) teams, increased by more than 20 teams. Representation from Calgary wasn't as strong as in the past so too many EYBA teams had to play the same EYBA teams they faced all year and in city playoffs.
- (2) Jay interjected that he spoke with ABA and Paul Sir advised he is working very hard to get Calgary teams, at the individual zone level, to commit to attending provincials. Jay advised that EYBA would be willing to partner up with ABA to entice those Calgary zones to send teams to provincials.
- (3) Discussion that the youth provincials could continue to be held in Edmonton yearly, not only for the facility we have to offer but also for the lack of support ABA has from CMBA when it comes to the ABA Youth Provincials.
- (4) Will Horner advised that ABOA and EBOA have both met with Paul Sir (ABA) and they publicly support ABA in their sanctioning efforts. He advised that some zones in Calgary and those outlying Calgary that do not support ABA with sanctioning will not be receiving Officials from EBOA. Will spoke that he is happy to see EYBA support ABA as well so that working together can be easier.
- (5) Tim advised that we need more teams from around other parts of Alberta to attend our provincials (Red Deer, Lloydminster, Grand Prairie, etc.).
- (6) Chad Bowie advised that ABA is reaching out to the smaller, farther areas to attend youth provincials. He advised that many areas in the far south would only attend if they had the chance to win. It's a slow working process that Chad advised ABA has to do better at getting more interest from other areas in Alberta.

iii) Mites Tournament

- (1) Taylor advised that (45) teams participated. Taylor advised that Donna Haggstrom's suggestion of using double-headers was really helpful to ensure that teams spent less time in the gym. She also suggested medals are put into the bags separately from the treat bags. Both these changes proved to be beneficial.

iv) Oil Kings Hoops & Hockey

- (1) Taylor advised that himself, Darlene & Lynn attended the Oil Kings game. He mentioned that there were about (40) kids and Coaches from different organizations in EYBA that were able to go onto the ice (corner) to witness the pre-game festivities.
- (2) After that, you couldn't tell it was an EYBA event at all. Discussion that different group logos were flashed up on the screen throughout the game, but EYBA was not mentioned nor was the logo put up on the screen.
- (3) Discussion that although we would like to see EYBA more present at basketball-related events (University games throughout Edmonton), the Oil Kings game doesn't cost EYBA anything, so we opt to keep

supporting the Oil Kings by advising our Zones/Teams when the Oil Kings will have their EYBA promoting game again in the future.

- (4) Taylor advised that he would look to advise the Oil Kings to put our name up on the board at the future EYBA game, but all in all, Taylor advised that it wasn't a very exciting night. Jay advised that if the Oil Kings keep wanting us in their crowd by offering our kids discounted tickets for a game during their season, it doesn't cost us or hurt us, so we agree to keep promoting the event.

v) Coach Appreciation Night

- (1) Up over 220 attended the event this year, up from 100 from last year (2017). It was a really great night that we are always looking to make better.
- (2) Suggestion to have bios on the winning recipients for the Coaches of the Year; noting their coaching information, background, etc. This would be read by the MC who announces the winner(s).
- (3) Suggestion to have nominations notified and attend the banquet to be announced at the banquet with the announcement of the winners at that time.
- (4) Discussion that we possibly look to give the winning Coaches the opportunity to speak.
- (5) Jay advised that Rick Nesbit did a great job co-emceeding the event with Jay with his humour and wit. Jay also advised to have in these minutes that Rick isn't allowed to get a door prize ticket in the future being that he won a TV again this year! ;)
- (6) Carr mentioned that we discussed possibly having some videos of team members from those of winning Coaches teams where they could talk about their Coach and the experience they had being on their team.
- (7) Jay advised that Paul Sir's speech about the 'Love of Basketball' at the banquet was just fabulous and well received by members.
- (8) Jay would like to have some video footage on display at the Coaches' banquet. This could include random players talking about their coaches and their experiences; possibly get footage of games from the Mites tournament and our own EYBA tournament.
- (9) Jay we offer it to members that we run a contest for somebody to put together video clips throughout the season from all different teams/divisions and this video is selected to be presented at the Coaches' banquet.
- (10) Lynn Hyska advised that we discuss having an 'Official of the Year' award given at our EYBA banquet.
 - (a) Will Horner agreed this would be a great idea. EBOA would be willing to work with EYBA for an appropriate recipient.
 - (b) Jay advised that possibly we have EBOA announce the EYBA Official of the Year award at the EBOA year-end banquet (Will advised that their banquet is at the end of May), with a

representative from EYBA in attendance to announce the award winner.

(c) Jay advised members to put together some ideas to emails so that we can make an 'Official of the Year' award as part of our EYBA awards night.

(d) Names could be generated by the Coaches and be sent to Taylor who would send the nominations to EBOA.

vi) Spring League

(1) Taylor advised that all (95) teams have paid their team fees. He started with (97) teams but two U11 boys' teams folded when the U11 division would be co-ed. He noted that we are down (13) teams (last year we had 108 teams).

(2) He mentioned he's half-way through with working on re-seeding teams for the 2nd half of the season.

(3) Jay advised that next year will be more set up for ease of registration rather than the individual forms we've had to date.

vii) EYBA Summer Skills Session

(1) The camp registration will be posted live this week.

(2) The format has changed a bit from once a week (last year). This year it will be done in three weeks, kids going twice weekly and go for 1.5 hours per session. The number of hours from last year is about the same.

(3) The same University Coaches are back again this year; Brian Anstice from The Kings University for the GIRLS camps and Raegan Wood from Concordia University for the BOYS camps.

(4) Dates of the camps are from July 9th to July 26th.

(5) Boys camps are Mondays & Wednesdays, while the Girls camps are Tuesdays & Thursdays. The U13s will have the 6-7:30pm slot followed by the U15s from 7:30-9pm.

(6) The cost is \$65 per participant. There will NOT be a different (discounted) price for EYBA kids as per last year. Taylor advised he would cap each camp at (50) participants maximum.

(7) ALL Zones will receive (4) FREE participants. Taylor asked that all Zones advise him if they cannot give out their (4) free, he wants them to email him so that he can offer another to another Zone.

(8) MOTION made by Tim Wadson to give all proceeds made from the EYBA Summer Skills Camp to KidSport / seconded by Andy Rivet / MOTION CARRIED

(9) Taylor advised that possibly there would be the opportunity to raise funds for KidSport at the Ultimate Tournament in November.

(10) Donna Haggstrom suggested that we possibly look to do a silent auction during a Saturday EYBA game day to raise more funds to be put forward to KidSport. She mentioned that KidSport does a silent auction every year in Glenora and they also apply for various grants. They did a roast previously and they had tons of donations.

(11) Rob Bull advised that in Spruce Grove a few weeks ago the Brewhouse had a 40-ounce steak night. Tickets were \$35-40, and proceeds were donated to KidSport.

(12) Donna suggested that KidSport could license a 50/50 draw.

(13) Taylor will reach out to KidSport about some ideas to get more funding.

b) Facilities Committee

i) Jay advised the members that we had our first meeting and have made some progress... there is a group of people with Alberta Athletics that is working together with a tennis group, hockey/skate group, baseball group and us/basketball.

ii) There would be enough room for 4-6 basketball courts.

iii) All above organizations would all pitch in and there is an Investor that is willing to put some money down for name sake only to help build the building.

iv) Each group would be independently in charge of their own area or facility, meaning we would have full autonomy on the basketball courts, who goes on them and when.

v) They will advise Jay when the next meeting is, and they will bring us on board and we will then have full disclosure on who these parties are. We will then know what their plan is, and we will be able to see the drawings on the building.

vi) Jay advised that we are doing a great job with our finances, however it will take some big money to make this happen whether it's help by way of bank loans. We will have to show them that we can generate revenue, advise what our business plan is to generate said revenue. With the leg work that's already been done by Alberta Athletics, we may be able to piggy back on this. Jay advised that it's all worth a listen with our own EYBA Facilities Committee deciding to hear them out and attend the next meeting to get the actual details and see if it's a fit for EYBA. Anything proposed to us, we would bring back to the EYBA Directors.

vii) The person spearheading this project is a very reputable person, whose worked in the school boards, he was a high school basketball coach for years and he's been with Alberta Athletics for 6-7 years. He has some very good credentials behind his name.

viii) Lynn Hyska advised that the Grads are looking to purchase a FIBA court that they would pay rent for us to store it at our facility with the ability to use it on occasion if necessary.

ix) Plans would be not to leave the Saville but to be able to make use of both facilities would be very helpful with our shortage of courts issue.

c) Casino 2018

i) Lynn advised that the dates for our casinos are Tuesday & Wednesday, September 18th & 19th at the Starlight Casino (West Edmonton Mall).

(1) Lynn asked (5) members today to do up an application for the key positions noted. This doesn't mean you are confirmed to take on the position as the jobs are transferable.

- (a) There will be about 35-40 volunteers needed.
 - (b) Zones must commit their quota as set up by Taylor and if a volunteer doesn't show up there will be a fine.
- d) Policy/Rules Creation/Adjustments – this agenda item will be on every meeting agenda moving forward.
 - i) Jay advised that if there is ever something that happens within a Zone and that a Zone Director feels needs to be discussed and added to the rules, we need to deal with it immediately and on a regular basis.
 - ii) Jay advised what we need to do as far as notice to Zones to get things dealt with on a regular basis.
 - iii) Jay advised the Zones that if there is ever a situation that comes up, it should be forwarded to us so that we can discuss it at the next EYBA Community meeting.
 - iv) Will Horner advised that the EBOA would like all their stakeholders to move away from a 'rule book' for their particular league and move towards a list of modifications. With the EYBA rule book being 41-pages long, the Referees officiate between 8-14 different leagues that have different rules and modifications. The EYBA rule book has many rules that are restating the already written FIBA rules. Will advised that it would be more efficient to look at a 2-3-page document to find rule modifications rather than a thick rulebook.
- e) Zoning & Transfers – Jay let discussion that we need to work together to ensure we take care of mapping and demographics of each Zone on a regular basis. He suggested that every 3-5 years we revisit zoning and demographics.
 - i) Donna Haggstrom commented that we need to have a policy with the parameters so there is a way to review the standards, demographics and physical attributes (river, city boundaries, etc.).
 - ii) Jay advised that we designate a few minutes to put together a policy for any changes to our zoning.
 - iii) Chad Bowie advised that any changes we make need to be made at the semi-annual, annual or a special meeting. He advised that we need to give 21-days of notice to change any boundaries.
 - iv) Discussion held with regards to players registering in their own zone before being imported to another zone. Andy Rivet advised that St. Albert, Morinville and Parkland have been working together in their zones to ensure kids are playing where they need to be in their areas.
 - v) Lynn Hallson discussed that in the RAMP registration system there should be something that when you put in your postal code it confirms you are in the right zone.
- f) Wetaskiwin Midgets
 - (1) Rob Cross was present to lead discussion with regards to the difficulties of the conflicts for players of both their community and junior high teams.
 - (2) Taylor discussed the options of rescheduling games and when those changes can and cannot happen. Taylor advised he will have

three date deadlines starting next year that Zone Directors can advise Taylor of their conflicts and when they cannot be scheduled EYBA games for. Taylor advised that as long as he knows in advance, it's an easy fix to then schedule the games.

- (3) Jay advised that with our set budget and how it works using our whole season when it comes to finances.
- (4) Jay agreed with Taylor that the scenario of changes within the deadline will be accepted and possibly we use more Sundays for those teams with conflicts due to school activities and tournaments.
- (5) The issue that ends up conflicting the most is the EYBA playoffs when teams cannot move up players and schedules cannot be changed. This causes kids to have to choose one or the other at that time.
- (6) It was decided to try to schedule those teams Sundays as much as possible and Wetaskiwin/Leduc/Beaumont are all happy to try that scenario next year.

g) Overage Players

- (1) Jay advised that we possibly add to our spring league rules that overaged players would be considered only on a case by case basis (e.g. medical/special circumstances) that will be reviewed by the EYBA Executive.
- (2) The above rule will also state that if at any time an overaged player is deemed to provide an advantage to their team, they can be removed from the team at any time.
- (3) Upon further discussion, it was decided to leave the rule as is (no over-aged players are allowed) and if we are contacted about individual situations, the Executive will make the decision on whether the situation is warranted to have an over-aged player playing down an age group.

h) Joint Use Gym Allocation Process

- i) Carr advised the members that the allocation process of gym selection has now changed quite drastically.
- ii) He advised that in May the list will be sent out on which gyms EYBA can roll over.
- iii) Each Edmonton Zone is to send Taylor their list of gyms that they want to use as well as those they do not want to use.
- iv) He advised that he and Taylor will take that list and prioritise it in preparation for the July Joint Use meeting.

i) A/B Program & Seeding Tournament

- i) Changes from last year to include a two-minute stop time period rather than a one-minute stop time period.
- ii) Discussion to potentially have a Coaches clinic the same weekend as the A/B mini tournament so that we can start certification for some Coaches sooner.
- iii) Rick advised that he would like to see the Mini age group be set up with a mini tournament prior to the start of the official season. Due to the usual gym shortage issue, Jay offered that we potentially do a mini tournament

during the first few weeks of the season as long as Zones all agree that that part of the season is sacrificed to run a mini tournament for minis so there is the potential that less games are played due to this. Committee is set up for this and those members are: Rick Nesbit, Andy Rivet, Donna Haggstrom & Taylor Anstice.

j) RAMP Interactive

- i) Discussion that the Team app was not very good. Taylor advised that they are scrapping it. Donna advised that the Coaches in NEBA that had experience in Team Snap and the RAMP app advised that they did not like RAMP's team app.
- ii) Discussion to hold a meeting for Zones with RAMP and all agreed they do not want a meeting. Each Zone can deal with RAMP individually.
- iii) Coach Registration – recommend that Zones make it mandatory that ALL Coaches get registered on RAMP, so they are registered for insurance. Donna advised that RAMP needs to make a connection between the Coach registration and the teams.

k) Alberta Basketball sanctioned

- i) Jay advised that the meeting was sadly represented by Zones around Alberta. He believes ABA is on the right track as far as sanctioning and we are on the right track to support ABA in their efforts.
- ii) Donna advised that she had asked ABA about a club permitting a \$100 flat rate membership fee and how that is being handled.
- iii) to get an answer from ABA about club \$100 fee. What is the definition of who we are opposed to club programs. She asked that ABA define what we are as an Organization and what Associations within EYBA are. Jay agreed that ABA needs to define all groups involved.
- iv) Jay answered a question about ABA sanctioning and advised that across the province groups need to be insured and on the same page. He advised that there is a complete conflict of interest when a youth basketball program has its own President that has his own basketball club that funnels to his private business. People need to trust and have honesty with groups that their kids are getting involved with. There must be rules and guidelines involved and Alberta Basketball is attempting to be the governing body across the province.
- v) Jay advised that it was obvious that there was recruiting going on at the ABA provincial team tryouts. Chad spoke on behalf of ABA and the recruiting that had happened at the ABA provincial team tryouts. He agreed that there should be no recruiting to any schools from any ABA Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Chad advised that in basketball we need to catch up to other sports (e.g. soccer) as far as sanctioning.

l) EBOA Q & A

- i) Will advised that EBOA is tracking all of the discipline issues with coaches/players/parents. One challenge EBOA has is that they have a great relationship with Metro Athletics at the high school level, their discipline policies have been quite successful. However, High school athletics are not covered if they happen during weekend

events/tournaments; so, their policies and procedures don't apply. An example is a Coach that is removed from a game on Friday night should not be coaching the next day, but Saturday morning he/she is there coaching. If the removal happened on a weekday, for the next scheduled week-day game, that Coach would not be able to be there. What they see is some of the same Coaches that are coaching in EYBA and at a junior high, that have the same characters and the same issues, but because they are governed by five different organizations with five different ways of managing behaviour, it doesn't get dealt with properly. Will believes that with sanctioning over time, Alberta Basketball will be able to track and handle those issues from the top down having all of the information necessary to make reprimand, etc. 420 members.

- ii) Referee clinic – Will advised the group that they are currently at about 420 members. He advised that their slots have doubled in the last five years. Having 80-100 new Officials attending a new Referee clinic is not really helping in their retention long-term. He mentioned that when EYBA starts there aren't enough games for all the new Officials. He advised that in most other sports to become an Official you have three components before you become one. In EBOA and in basketball across the country, up to now, you attend a theory clinic, write an exam and become a Referee. EBOA wants to change that process. This upcoming year, in September, EBOA will only be running only one clinic for the season, they want to add a practical element to their clinic possibly using our A/B seeding tournament for that purpose. New Referees will attend the tournament, do the first part, then over the tournament weekend they bring their selected candidates in do the practical element. If they start with about 80 Officials and only get 35 qualified people, they may have more success getting them games immediately and there would be more help with their development. Thus, they weed out the better Officials to move on more efficiently giving the better Referees games more quickly.
- iii) Donna Haggstrom advised that mentorship in EBOA is very good. She suggests that the mentor needs to introduce themselves to the team/coaches. Possibly EBOA Mentors need to wear a shirt/jacket that identifies them as well.

5) Adjournment @ 9:30pm

- a) MOTION to adjourn meeting made by Lynn Hyska / seconded by Andy Rivet / MEETING ADJOURNED