



**EYBA Community Directors Meeting Agenda**  
**Sunday September 9th, 2018**  
**Saville Community Sports Center**  
**U of A South Campus, Classroom # 1, 6:30pm**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Jay Ouellette, President & Parkland  
Carr Miceli, Vice President & NW  
Lynn Hyska, Treasurer  
Darlene Anstice, Secretary  
Taylor Anstice, Executive Director  
Chad Bowie, Past President  
Pierre Farage, SE  
Tim Wadson, SE  
Donna Haggstrom, NE  
Rick Nisbet, SW  
Jeff Rollins, Beaumont  
Andy Rivet, St. Albert  
Sheri May, Leduc  
Jeff Rawlings Beaumont  
Samantha Ringuette, Morinville  
Rob Cross, Wetaskiwin  
Bob Mitchell, ABA  
Paul Sir, ABA  
Noelle Metrunec, EBOA  
Will Horner, EBOA  
Teigan Lawton, EBOA

1) Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions @ 6:36pm

2) Acceptance of Previous Minutes

a) Community Directors Meeting - April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- i) MOTION to accept minutes of April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as circulated
- ii) MOTION made by Sheri May
- iii) SECONDED by Andy Rivet
- iv) MOTION CARRIED

3) Additions Approval of Agenda

- a) MOTION to approve agenda as amended with additions: SW Basketball, Mini line changes, St. Albert bantam tournament, A team tryout, Basketball Technical Director.
- b) MOTION made by Rick Nisbet
- c) SECONDED by Lynn Hyska
- d) MOTION CARRIED

#### 4) Agenda Items

##### a) Treasurer's Report

- i) Year-end statements are currently being prepared.
- ii) All funds in General account = \$748,701.03
- iii) Casino account = \$19.62
- iv) Net income \$84,531.88
- v) Gym rentals \$194,230.15 (regular season)
- vi) Gym rentals \$34,887.67 (spring league)
- vii) Summer camp deficit \$3890.18
- viii) Registration fees \$402,850.00 (regular season)
- ix) Registration fees \$152,000.00 (spring league)
- x) Tournament registration fees \$6400
- xi) Grant money received \$16,500.00
- xii) Interest made for the year \$4,547.40
- xiii) Year end is complete as of July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- xiv) Reminder of Casino dates coming; Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>
  - (1) Volunteer workers are not allowed to play the tables or play the slots while working.
  - (2) We decided that July, August and September would NOT be suitable for EYBA to run.
  - (3) Our next casino could be January-March, April-June or October-December. Lynn confirmed that we do not want our casinos between July-September nor during Easter or Christmas breaks.
  - (4) Discussion about and all members attending this meeting agreed to have casino dates to include a Sunday.
  - (5) Lynn advised that we are not able to pick our venue, the location of the casino is selected for us.

##### b) Executive Directors Report

- i) Summer Skills Camp
  - (1) Number of participants increased especially for the Girls camps. We had 128 participants in total this year.
  - (2) Without a profit, unfortunately, we could not donate any funds to KidSport.
  - (3) As an Organization, we used 28 of the 44 freebies, allowing every zone to declare (4). Thoughts to give players of the month for Bantam & Midget categories as well as give them out at the Bears/Pandas U of A nights.
  - (4) Jay advised that we would like to see more freebies being utilized allowing more kids to attend free of charge.
- ii) Bears/Pandas Night Out
  - (1) Tickets will be available for November 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> at a later date as they were unable to prepare them for tonight's meeting. The Friday night is designated for the Pandas Girls night while the Saturday is designated for the Bears Boys night.

- (2) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Bears/Pandas U of A EYBA event will be held on the weekend of January 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- (3) Chad offered to take on the task to get the other local Universities to do an EYBA night (Grant MacEwan, Concordia, NAIT, Kings).
- (4) For the High School Showdown, U of A will be asked to promote the EYBA players in their program as that has not happened in the past.

c) Declaration & Seeding

i) Minis Round 1

- (1) Email vote passed.
  - (a) Issues that may apply:
    - (i) Confusing to go from different rules back to regular season. We don't see that as an issue so each Zone must advise their Coaches accordingly. The changes don't affect game play that much, just the shooting fouls differ.
    - (ii) More teams will be in the schools at the same time. Spectator areas will be affected, people shuffling in and out of the gym. It will be asked that team's spectators ALL vacate the seating area so that the next group of fans can sit for the next game. Taylor to send something out prior to first round. Taylor wants to receive any/all feedback after the round is completed.
    - (iii) Back to back games was a noted concern but Taylor confirmed that playing two half games is no different than playing a full-length game.

ii) 2019 Seeding Tournament

- (1) Taylor advised about an idea for next year in that the A teams from this year, e.g.; 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, get their spot held in the A division for the year following.
- (2) Discussion had that potentially each zone puts in one team into the A mini seeding tournament and one team in B mini seeding tournament and not multiple teams. Discussion that we would like to see Zones put their best players on the top teams and not dilute their teams with varying skill levels.
- (3) Rick Nesbit shared his idea that might work for mini line changes in that due to whistles not being blown as much at the Mini level, when both teams have substitutions to make, the score/time keeper could buzz them in after a made basket during any part of the game (such as like the regular last two minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter). This could not work if only one team had subs coming in.
- (4) Discussion that Parkland & SBA's house league U11s do have a clock timing each line change at 3-4 minutes. Will Horner advised to stick to the FIBA guidelines as much as possible. Paul Sir spoke that he agrees with ensuring that we stick to

FIBA but also subbing as a whole line at minis would deter any Coach from keeping their best player on the court more often. Feed-back on the above notes will be discussed and tabled for discussion for next year (2019-20).

d) Policy/Rules Creation/Adjustments

i) Zone Defense Consequence

- (1) Currently our rules state that the penalty for a team playing zone defense is a technical foul that is put towards the team. This past spring league it was evident that some teams were using it to their advantage, because they knew no player(s)/coach(es) would get ejected.
- (2) Taylor advised that we are looking to change the consequence to reprimand the Coach directly with the technical fouls.
- (3) Will Horner agreed with keeping within the FIBA guideline which states that the Coach may be given the penalty of the technical foul with no technical given to the team.
- (4) Paul Sir advised, for future discussion, that for the last three years at the Canada Basketball level there have been a no-screen no-zone policy at the U15 National championships.
- (5) Paul advised that for the future and it ties into FIBA rules that we look to allow teams to play zone, putting the emphasis less on defense especially at the development stages and to teach kids how to dribble, shoot and pass. If they learn those skills, there will be no problem with them playing against any zone defense. Every year there is countless hours spent arguing of whether a defense is a zone or not. He advised that other nations around the world do not have a rule against zone and kids just learn how to improve their individual skills.
- (6) Will Horner advised that he has read over the current EYBA rule book. With EYBA's approval, EBOA has completed a reorganization of our divisions' modifications, by putting those in one section for ease of reference for Referees and Coaches.

e) RAMP zoning maps

- i) Jay advised that on the RAMP system, you can actually print a report to state who has registered in a different zone.
- ii) Carr advised he tried to use it in NW, but the boundaries were not correct with some of his players listed incorrectly outside of the NW zone on the RAMP map.
- iii) Jay advised that RAMP needs to be contacted to change and soften the verbiage of the mapping message.

f) Alberta Basketball Association

i) ABA Fees

- (1) Paul Sir discussed ABA changes and apologized that the changes they made didn't happen until the ABA AGM that was after the EYBA AGM.
- (2) ABA Fiscal year has changed to go from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>. The calendar year did not accurately reflect the basketball calendar.
- (3) Paul advised that ABA has implemented the beginning of the sanctioning program. All sports have a variety of sanctioned programs, but it all starts with membership within the provincial sports Organization as the governing body of the sport. Canada Basketball states itself as the sole governing body for the sport of amateur basketball across the country. There is a movement for alignment nationally with Canada Basketball trying to get more symmetry between provincial sports organizations in terms of their basic structure.
  - (a) Paul advised that ABA is making a movement for more governance. ABA is trying to align more with clubs, grass roots organizations, etc. They are trying to unify the sport across the province. We are hoping that in the not too distant future, all grass roots organizations across the province playing with the same rules, but this requires input and collaboration from all organization from across Alberta; EYBA, EBOA, ABOA to use best practices using FIBA as the guideline.
  - (b) Paul advised that ABA was under some pressure from CB to use a different web platform. ABA decided to go with RAMP to stay within what organizations, like EYBA, were using in the province.
  - (c) Paul advised that for leagues and for tournaments, ABA would be sanctioning different events making sure that everybody that participates in the events are properly insured so everybody is safe and protected.
  - (d) Bob Mitchell advised that we need to ensure that we all legalities in place and ensure that we all meet the standards.
- (4) Discussion that ABA membership fees are now increased to \$25 per participant, this being from \$11 per member which in fact only brings in \$3 to ABA with \$5 that goes to Canada Basketball and the rest to insurance. Bob advised that at \$3 per member it is very difficult for ABA to operate. Due to the timing of the increase, the fees for EYBA for the 2018-19 season will be \$17 per participant; then for 2019-2020 the fees will become \$25 per member moving forward.
- (5) Jay advised the members that they would not be out of pocket in order to increase our insurance costs to \$17 per member for the 2018-19 season. He advised that EYBA would be covering the extra \$6 cost for all membership for the upcoming season.

- (a) MOTION that EYBA subsidize for their membership the difference in from 2017 to 2018 season for Alberta Basketball.
  - (i) MOTION by Donna Haggstrom
  - (ii) SECONDED by Sheri May
  - (iii) MOTION CARRIED
- (6) Lynn Hyska advised the group that next year when the budget is presented then our team registration fees will need to increase. We will cover the \$6 per member this year and we must cover the \$25 per member from next year (2019) and moving forward.
- (7) Chad Bowie advised that we need to ensure that Alberta Basketball needs to discuss their sanctioning program with their insurance company to make sure that a plan is in place to have every basis covered for all of our insurance needs (e.g. facility safety).
- (8) Discussion with regards to the ABA \$25 membership fee and that we further discuss having a signed contract between EYBA and ABA. Discussion that we have any increases brought forth to EYBA prior to our AGM held in June each year.
- (9) Paul Sir expressed his appreciation to EYBA and he would be happy to be able to attend all of our future Director's meetings. Paul advised that our Association is always welcome at their meetings as well.

g) Club Teams

- i) Jay advised that this fall a YEG club league that is being pitched to be started as well as notification from AYBC on their future club endeavors with regards to leagues and tournaments. EYBA will have to look at the long term to see if we need to have inclusion with these other programs. Jay advised that as we move towards our oldest group (Juvenile divisions), kids are being torn in different directions. Jay advised that at the Juvenile level, kids are looking to better themselves for their high school teams.
- ii) In the past, we have always said no clubs are allowed to enter in the EYBA for the fall seasons. Jay advised that we should possibly consider working with them as long as we fall under our rules and regulations. We would only deal with ABA sanctioned clubs. In our future, we may need to consider having a club Juvenile program in our EYBA league. Those leagues will start up regardless of our involvement and we will end up being in direct competition with them.
- iii) Paul Sir advised that he feels it would benefit the EYBA to get together with the new Juvenile club programs and become leaders to a new system when it comes to the Juvenile aged players.
- iv) Rick Nisbet advised his concerns to be with regards to having enough gym time to extend our league to new club programs.

h) A Division Tryouts

- i) Donna Haggstrom advised that members in NEBA have concerns with Rule 5.28.2 "A" Division Team tryouts and whether the rule is a regulation or a suggestion. A spring league club team played within EYBA, the person that ran the team is part of another Edmonton zone. He recruited kids from NEBA to go play in his zone. The result has been that kids have registered in the other zone with false addresses, they are on the A team of that zone. They are going school in NE zone. Donna advised that she doesn't think there is a consequence when this happens. Donna advised that this particular situation is (3) kids that could have followed proper protocol and asked for a release. Discussion that the way that was handled by those individuals was not acceptable.
- ii) Chad advised that if a rule has been breached, the EYBA Executive needs evidence on who the person(s) are and get more information about the situation.
- iii) Donna confirmed that one of the persons involved has parents that own a property in another zone, so they used that address to register in that zone; while she also stated that the rules state the zone, they register in must be primary address. She advised that another player had given an address outside the zone, but when a parent had driven that player home after a friendship event, it was to an address in NE.
- iv) Donna advised that our rules allow for imports and releases and she believes the other zone does know this happened, so everybody should have been upfront and followed proper protocol in this case.
- v) Jay advised Donna to communicate with the other zone in order to have further discussion about the situation so that rules are obliged.
- vi) Chad advised that as an Executive we have an obligation to investigate any complaint.
- vii) Donna advised that she noticed that the release mechanism has been removed from RAMP. Discussion that along with Zones discussing releases/imports openly between them and staying within our rules for those, Taylor will investigate with RAMP about the online release mechanism being workable.

i) Change in SW

- i) Rick Nesbit advised that after many years, SW is now an official Organization. He advised that Lynn Hallson has retired, and a new Administrative Director has replaced her. He advised that in SW they have 1048 participants (approx. 80 teams this year), plus a wait list.

j) Technical Director

- i) Chad advised that he believes EYBA needs to hire a Technical Director. He advised that CMBA has two Directors. Jay advised

that we have an immediate need with regards to research we have done in order to get set up with a new facility and when that happens, we would like to bring in another Director.

ii) Discussion that we ensure that our Technical Director is fully certified under Alberta Basketball as a Facilitator as well.

iii) Lynn Hyska asked if Chad Bowie could do up a job description for the new position of Technical Director. Chad accepted and advised that in the position his thoughts are that this is a full-time position that would be working under our Executive Director. Zones would contact Taylor and Taylor would schedule the TD to go out to teams' games/practices; he/she would work with Alberta Basketball to facilitate some of their programming for EYBA and as well he/she should be a certified Trainer/Coach. In the meantime, Jay advised that EYBA would be looking to hire a Commercial Realtor to begin the process of looking at a potential site for a new EYBA facility. Jay advised that having a new facility does create more working positions that need to be considered.

k) Andy Rivet advised that St. Albert will be hosting a Bantam tournament for both boys and girls on the same weekend EYBA runs their Midget tournament (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>). He advised that all teams in EYBA are invited, as well as CMBA teams. Details coming out soon and cost will be the same as the EYBA Midget tournament.

5) Adjournment @ 9pm

a) MOTION to adjourn meeting.

b) MOTION made by Tim Wadson

c) SECONDED by Andy Rivet

d) MEETING ADJOURNED