



ROGERS AREA YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, February 8th, 2009

Call to Order: 6:05 pm President Noel Samlaska

Youth Night 2009 Wrap Up: Noel Samlaska

~Youth night recognizes the huge numbers of players, referees, coaches, and the many volunteers involved in the RAYBA youth program.

~It was difficult to draw numbers this year. The boy's youth night was rescheduled (due to school closing), and the girl's was held weeks after the season ended. Plans for next year are to hold girls youth night at beginning of Varsity season.

~New approach of spotlighting grades 1-5 and having each league be recognized as a group at mid-court was well received.

~Unlike past years, there were no complaints about kids running around, as extra efforts were made to control this behavior.

Travel Parents Concerns:

~Parents of Girls 6A travel team approached the RAYBA board of directors to voice their concerns regarding the dynamics on their children's' team. The issues discussed included the selection process for coaches, coach communication efficacy and style, and concern with official RAYBA rules of play being followed.

~It was clarified that the RAYBA rule that each team member shall play an *average* of at least seven minutes per game *over the course of the season*, not per game.

~To clarify the process of RAYBA's coach selection process, it is emphasized that post season; all parents are asked to fill out a survey to review aspects of their experience and satisfaction with travel ball. These surveys provide RAYBA's board of directors with valuable information, which is not

made public that is used in the selection process of travel coaches for RAYBA.

Travel Update: Curt Sagehorn and Tammy Miller

~The Brainerd and State tournaments are all set, with the seeding expected shortly.

~The 7A girls will continue to play at the A level. Tammy, the travel coordinator, will continue to meet with the coach to work through continuing concerns.

~The selection of the B travel team coaches must be reviewed. There have been issues with B coaches being chosen *before* the team is chosen which causes obvious conflicts with player selection. The B team coach should be chosen after the team is selected to avoid any conflicts, as is stated by the RAYBA rules.

~With the fourth grade MYAS spring ball program RAYBA intends to educate parents on the opportunity for their child to play on a spring team and help guide coaches on splitting up teams evenly. In years past, there have been issues raised about "cherry picking" teams and that has caused angst with parents leading up to Fall Travel try-outs. RAYBA will allow spring teams to wear RAYBA jerseys.

RAYBA 2009 Coaches' Appreciation Dinner: Margaret Wieker

~After several different venue and meal options were presented to the board for their consideration, the 2009 Coaches Appreciation Dinner will be held at Daytona Country Club on Tuesday, March 24.

~Head coaches for Girls and Boys House and Travel teams will receive their invite through web-based format in the next day or so. Consideration was made to inviting Assistant Coaches but due to the large number of teams and cost considerations decision was made this year to include head coaches only.

Treasurer Update: Mark Donley

~We have reduced the number of unpaid registrations down to five families.

~Suggestion was made to sponsor auction items for PTO event in spring as we have in past years. Board agreed to 4 registration certificates of \$100 value.

House Update: Mike Noto

~Details of Boys House Tournament (bracket, concession, skills, and referee) to be held on Feb 28-29 were finalized.

~There are 19 girls registered for the girls 3rd/4th grade scrimmage league which will be divided up into two teams.

Facilities Update: Joel Tjeerdsma

~Replacement of Rogers Elementary Backboards: The school district has requested to take control of this project (they would order the backboards and coordinate the installation). The district would like to combine the backboard project with a few other projects (new winch system to raise & lower the carriages; new safety straps for backboards; new supports/brackets and a full inspection and repair of the carriages themselves). They have requested that our full donation of \$7,100 (\$3600-RAYBA; \$2500-RRTOC; \$1000-Lions) be handed over to the district and put in the general fund (earmarked for this specific project). We have been given assurance that the backboards will meet the specifications presented in our proposal and that this project will be completed expeditiously. Plus these funds will only be used for the backboard project and not shifted to another district project.

Motion was made, voted on: PASSED.

~Incidents involving Community Ed personnel and coaches were shared and discussion ensued about whether or not coach code of conduct violation had occurred. It was determined to be true in the case of one house coach. That coach will be notified by House Director as a first warning offense.

Bylaws: Noel Samlaska

~RAYBA Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation were shared with the board and determined that updating and reformatting are appropriate to reflect changes and current operations. A suggestion was made to establish a Bylaws Committee to review the two documents and bring forward findings. Board members that volunteered to help are Mike Mittelstaedt, Theresa Sjerven and Jamey Puttin.

Motion was made, voted on: PASSED.

Harlem Ambassador Fundraiser Event: Noel Samlaska

~RAYBA was approached by the Rogers Lions Club to join them and the Rogers Tip Off Club to hold a community-based entertainment basketball

exhibition event at Rogers High School on September 24, 2009.
RAYBA's primary responsibility will be promoting and ticket sales.
Proceeds from the event will be split amongst the three organizations.
Motion was made, voted on: PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Attendees: Joel Tjeerdsma, Theresa Sjerven, Tammy Miller, Curt Sagehorn,
Dave Kampsen, Lori Weinmann, Brian Holmes, Stephanie Anderson, Mike
Mittelstaedt, John Trochil, Jill Paige, Noel Samlaska, Margaret Wieker, Mike
Noto, Jamey Puttin, Mark Donley & Chris Darr.