



ROGERS AREA YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, March 22nd, 2009

Call to Order: 6:12 pm President Noel Samlaska

~ Jamey Puttin will be taking minutes in place of Margaret Wieker who cannot attend meeting.

Treasurer Update: Mark Donley

~ We received checks of \$2,500-RRTOC and \$1,000-Lions Club for the replacement of the Rogers Elementary backboards. We will send a check for \$7,100 to Elk River school district which includes \$3,600 from RAYBA.

Spring MYAS Tournament: Mark Donley

- ~ The majority of travel parents have signed up for a time slot at the tournament on April 18-19. A reminder notice will go out to those that haven't responded.
- ~ We will open doors on north and south end of school and have gates on both end of hallway with access to gym via the doors along the hallway.
- ~ Both the north and south concessions will be used. South concession will include hot food.
- ~ Board coverage will be determined at next board meeting.
- ~ A mock-up of a shirt design and pricing from Raghead was shared with board to sell at the tournament as a fundraiser. The preference to change from RAYBA to Rogers on the front of the shirt was agreed to.
- ~ We will begin sourcing concessions from Reinhart Foods to simplify sharing of leftovers with RRTOC at multiple tournaments throughout the year.

House Update: Mike Noto

- ~ Overall the Boys 2009 In House season went well.
- ~ 1st/2nd Grade

Backboard issue – parents overall were flexible with the rescheduling.
Delivered all trophies and all medals except 2 teams.

~3rd Grade

Issues - One team went 0-8 and parent complained of evaluations and it not working, team ended up with consolation and was really excited.

Issue was due to 1st year coach not knowing the kids to select.

~4th/5th Grade

Tournament spread out at different locations. Not super well received.

Some winning teams played back to back and would prefer if had to happen than it should be the losing teams.

~6th/7th Grade

Issues with referees being too lax and low numbers on teams. Need to make sure we handle at the evaluations the number of teams to make sure we have enough players on each team (8 or more).

~8th - 12th Grade

Season went well overall. Issues with players and coaches. Need to reign them in or we are going to lose the good refs we have and get junior ones and it will get worse.

Had some issues with kids showing for games and not practices and coaches frustrated with having to have equal playing time for them.

~Tournament

Concessions – Good mix of items at RMS

Gatorade, water and low profit items sold well at Elementary schools.

Overall it was a lower revenue tournament than in years past with sales.

Skills went very fast and well. Can shorten time in both Girls and Boys tournaments and make sure we have teams and refs ready to go right afterward to stay or get ahead of schedule.

~Learnings

1st/2nd Grade: Limit to even number of teams for scheduling purposes.

17 teams was great but very hard to schedule.

Skills – standards for each week need to be followed. What is being called and not called and instructional level.

3rd Grade: Good

4th/5th Grade: Good – split of the divisions and then the split at tournament was received well by both.

8th-12th: Tighten up the game schedule timings. 70 – 75 min. max.

Conduct needs to be addressed or we will lose good referees and be assigned junior ones.

General: Player/Parent meetings at evaluations to set expectations. Coaches meeting will be needed as well to address conduct and expectations.

RAYBA referee meeting with the house coordinators so that they are aware of who they are and if they ever need anything on the court they know who to look to.

Travel Update: Curt Sagehorn and Tammy Miller

- ~Overall the Girls and Boys travel season went well.
- ~Collectively they earned over 100 trophies throughout the Winter Season and several teams placed at the State Tournament.
- ~Team trophy from the State Tournament can be placed at Rogers Middle School (including 5th grade).
- ~A copy of the first year end Travel Parent Survey through Survey Monkey was reviewed. An electronic copy is to be sent to board for review/edit with deadline of March 25th. It is scheduled for release to travel parents in early April and will be open for 14 days. At a future meeting we will discuss the results.

RAYBA 2009 Coaches' Appreciation Dinner: Mike Noto

- ~Everything is set for the 2009 Coaches Appreciation Dinner which will be held at Daytona Country Club on Tuesday, March 24th. Starts at 6:30pm.
- ~Dinner is broasted chicken and over 55 have RSVP (name tags provided).
- ~We will be gathering in groups by leagues to hold discussion of the season (what worked/what didn't) with each group having a board member facilitator.
- ~All board members are planning to attend.

Harlem Ambassador Fundraiser Event: Noel Samlaska

- ~Met with Lions Club and RRTOC to define roles and responsibilities and ticket pricing. Primary role for RAYBA is ticket sales and PR assistance.
- ~Tickets will be printed in early Summer to begin ticket sales.
- ~We will plan to leverage the RAYBA registration site for ease of purchasing tickets, if operational in time for Fall House and Travel season.

Bylaw Committee Update: Mike Mittelstaedt, Theresa Sjerven, Jamey Puttin

~In process; will be a long term project.

~Working to get better flow and direction in Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.

Board Member Election: Noel Samlaska and Mike Noto

~This year we have six 3-year term and one 2-year term to be filled.

~In their final year of term is: Chris Darr, Stephanie Anderson, Mark Donley, Theresa Sjerven, Curt Sagehorn, and Dave Kampsen. All have expressed interest in re-up for another 3-year term with the exception of Dave Kampsen.

~Discussion ensued of process to re-up. In lieu of the current efforts to update the bylaws and articles of incorporation, this topic will be discussed in more detail and voted on at the appropriate time. Therefore all five members will re-up for another 3-year term (exception is Chris Darr who will assume the 2-year term).

~There are two 3-year terms that need to be filled.

~Board Member application has been posted to the web site. April 9th is the deadline and those interested will be directed to submit to info@rayba.org.

~Applicants will be interviewed at next board meeting on April 15th and informed of decision on April 16th.

New Business:

~Joel Tjeerdsma: Rogers Elementary Backboards have been ordered and they used our recommendation for make and model. Thank you will be sent from school district to RRTOC and Lions Club.

~Joel Tjeerdsma: The McCarthy family has endured financial hardship due to limited medical insurance as a result of their daughter, Tessa, breaking her arm in a travel basketball game. She required major surgery to fix the break.

Suggestion was made to refund her travel registration fees.

Motion was made: PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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