



RAYBA

ROGERS AREA YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, July 27th, 2008

~Call to Order: 7:10 p.m. President Noel Samlaska

~Welcome RAYBA Board Members: Noel Samlaska

~Self Introductions

~Treasurer's Report: Mark Donley (Treasurer)

~RAYBA's financial year runs from July 1st through June 30th.

~ Taxes need to be filed. Mark will speak with the same accountant who has volunteered his time to execute and file the taxes in the past.

~ RAYBA's year end financial statement shows a slight increase in revenue which is due to:

~ a \$500 grant from  **Medtronic**
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~\$565 in proceeds from the RAYBA collector's glass promotion through Rockwoods Grill in Otsego.

~A quote from H&B was obtained for two renovation projects. Boards, rims and padding for Rogers Elementary School will run about \$9000 for the four baskets, and padding at the Rogers Middle School will be an additional \$2000. It is noted that the baskets at Rogers Elementary school must be raised to accommodate the renovations to the floor, and to achieve proper basket height. It is recommended that the Board pursues additional quotes for the renovations, and that the Lion's Club, and the Tip Off club are solicited for donations to offset the cost.

~Theresa Sjerven, Equipment Manager, estimates that RAYBA's expenditure on uniforms will be about two-thirds of the budgeted \$20,000, as there is a surplus of larger uniform sizes in inventory.

~Mark Donley summarized the meeting with the Roger's High School Tip Off Club in which best practices were shared. The Tip Off Club's systematic approach to tournament structure will be very helpful to RAYBA.

~New RAYBA Web Site Update: Chris Darr (Web Master)

~The website is at the end of its development stage, and will be ready to launch in August, with the acceptance of fine tuning certain aspects.

~At the beginning of the season, a release form should be added to the registration process for photos.

~Member Login will eventually be added for Board members, coaches, and other key personnel.

~Web site will eventually be a portal for information with each team having its own page.

~Registration will one day be in house, eliminating the need for sports pilot.

~The scholarship page has been written, but the process of application must still be formalized. John Trochlil will research and develop an appropriate form.

~The volunteer schedule must also be formalized for better tracking and documentation of volunteer hours.

~In House Program Update: Mike Noto (Vice President)

~Remember Basketball Night, to create excitement for the RAYBA's girls program before evaluations, planned for 8/27 will need to be rescheduled due to a conflict with open house at Rogers Middle School.

~A place holder for the girl's 7/8/9 league should be placed with Community Ed for gym space. RAYBA's goal to build the program for this age group will be pursued, although it may be a scrimmage league until the numbers increase. The feasibility of creating a partnership with Elk River and St. Michael for this girl's age group was discussed.

~Clinics will continue to be held with Coach Diggs.

~Specific goals for skills will be defined for coaches, specifically for the 1st and 2nd grade levels.

~Dates for evaluations, games, and tournaments are confirmed for the In House League.

~The possibility of moving the boy's 1st and 2nd grade In House League to October through mid December was discussed further and will be tabled until the impact of changing logistics is further researched.

~Equipment Update: Theresa Sjerven (Equipment Manager)

- ~More leather balls will be ordered. It is possible that RAYBA may get some leather balls from Rogers High School, as they are retiring some of their leather ball inventory this year.
- ~Will need to either buy or borrow a new nacho machine this year, as the old one is broken, and nachos drive a great deal of profit at the tournament.
- ~New In House Balls must be inflated.
- ~Jerseys are ordered for the girl's season. Inventory must be taken before ordering the jerseys for the boy's season.
- ~Pinnies are washed, but must be organized by number and color.
- ~The possibility of holding the Boy's In House end of season tournament at both Rogers High School and Rogers Middle School was discussed, therefore streamlining the logistics involved and the concession capability.
- ~New whistles must be ordered for coaches.
- ~More Code of Conduct forms must be printed.

~Facilities Update: Joel Tjeerdsma (Facilities Manager)

- ~RAYBA may experience more restricted use of the Rogers High School field house.
- ~A formal request was given to Community Ed for an increase in hours of practice for the RAYBA Travel program, which was denied.

~Travel Committee Update: Joel Tjeerdsma

- ~The goal of the Travel Committee: to improve the program through implementing change.

A. Immediate Implementation:

1. Increase the pool of coaching applicants through advertising. Advertisements have been placed in the Elk River Star and the Crow River News.
2. Formal request to Community Ed for additional practice time.

B. Issues contingent on further discussion & research for implementation:

1. Paid coached for certain travel teams.
2. Coach selection process refined for B & C teams.
3. Addition of 4th grade travel program.

C. Implementation for the '08-'09 Travel Season (ergo: voting necessary):

1. Five person panel to vote on travel coaches. The panel would consist of two high school coaches, both the boy's and girl's travel coordinators, and the acting RAYBA President. A lively discussion ensued, which resulted in a vote on a modified version of the Travel Committee's recommendation. Before the coaches are interviewed, the RAYBA Board would have an opportunity to voice any concerns regarding candidates to the five person panel. The panel would take these concerns into consideration, and after the interviews, would make recommendations for each coaching position. The Board would then vote on the recommendations. A motion was made to implement these changes. All present voted in favor, and the motion was carried.
2. The current note writing policy which allows parents to request specific team assignments was discussed. A motion was made to table this discussion until the next Board meeting, and the motion was seconded.
3. It is recommended that it be emphasized to aspiring travel players the importance making travel basketball a priority, therefore not participating in multiple sports. A motion was made to implement these changes. All present voted in favor, and the motion was carried.
4. Tryout Recommendations:
 - ~Extending tryout times: Girls: 2.5 hours
Boys: 3 hours
 - ~Full court games
 - ~Tryout guidelines posted on the RAYBA websiteA motion was made to implement these changes. All present voted in favor, and the motion was carried.

D. Blending of 5th grade travel teams, equally dividing players on two teams. A lively discussion ensued. A motion was made not to implement these changes. All present voted in favor of keeping the program status quo, and the motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Noel Samlaska, President
Mike Noto, Vice President (via conference call)
Chris Darr, Webmaster
Mark Donley, Treasurer
Joel Tjeerdsma, Facilities
Theresa Sjerven, Equipment Manager
Tammy Miller, Girl's Travel
Curt Sagehorn, Boy's Travel
Margaret Wieker, Administration
Dave Kampsen, Referee Coordinator
Lori Weinmann, Coach and Player Development
Jamey Puttin, 1st & 2nd grade boy's & girl's In House Coordinator
Mike Mittelstaedt, 3rd grade boy's In House Coordinator
Jill Paige, 4th & 5th grade boy's In House Coordinator
John Trochlil, 6th through 9th grade boy's In House Coordinator

