



## **Rogers Area Youth Basketball Association**

Board Meeting

January 17, 2010

Attendees: Noel, Joel, John, Patrick, Tammy, Theresa, Mike M, Curt, Mark, Steve, Greg, Brian, Jill, Jamey & Stephanie

Absent: Mike N & Chris

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

### **1) Opening Comments**

Noel reported that the youth nights were a success. We went back to the old way of lining up the teams at half time. Thanks to everyone who showed up to help out.

We paid the RTOC a \$500 Sponsorship fee. This is an annual fee. It includes having RAYBA listed in their program as well as on the scrolling scoreboard at home games.

Brian has decided to resign after this season is over. This is one year short of his 3 year term. Due to his work and school schedule, he doesn't have the time to commit that he would like to.

A motion was made by Theresa to approve the 11/15/09 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jill. All present at the meeting voted to approve. The minutes can be posted on the website.

### **2) Treasurer Report**

Mark reported that financially everything looks fine. He e-mailed the latest financial information to board members to review before the meeting.

We have renewed our B&O insurance coverage. This insurance covers the Board and Officers if any type of lawsuit were to occur. The coverage is \$1000.00 annually.

RAYBA received a \$200 donation from Mark's employer, United Healthcare. We also received \$165.47 for the Harlem Ambassador event.

### **3) In-House Update:**

Boys In-House pictures are all done and pictures should be done in two weeks. Stephanie will notify coordinators when they are done.

Patrick reported that the scoreboard at Rogers Elementary is broken. We need to look into getting that fixed. It was reported that it hasn't worked in a couple years.

The boy's house tourney is scheduled for 2/27. We are hoping it will be a one day tournament. Planning for the tourney will start in a couple weeks. Mike N will be contacting coordinators to help with the planning.

Mike M and John T are going to work with Mike N in setting up the 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade girls winter scrimmage league. The season runs 4 weeks on Saturday afternoons. It will need to start on 1/30 so that it doesn't run into the boys house tournament. The fee is \$25 which covers the gym time. An e-mail will be sent to St. Michael, Elk River and Maple Grove to see if they are interested in joining the league. Mike M thought it would also be a great training opportunity for the younger refs. We will pay the refs \$5 per game

The girls in-house tourney in November went well. No complaints were heard.

Patrick will now be coordinating the 4/5<sup>th</sup> and 6/7<sup>th</sup> grade boys house program.

An email will need to be sent out to parents of 4<sup>th</sup> graders regarding Spring MYAS ball, making parents aware of how it works and RAYBA's involvement in it.

### **4) Travel Update:**

The girls travel out of town tournament in Alexandria was cancelled. Tammy was able to find other out of town tournaments for the teams wanting to play in one. Some are going to Brainerd and some are going to Owatonna as their out of town tourney.

Our girls and boys travel teams combined have placed in two-thirds of the tournaments so far this year. This is great news! It shows us that we are playing in the right tournaments and competing well.

### **5) Board Member Terms:**

We have 5 open terms this Spring and there was discussion on developing a policy for board members who would like to re-up and for new members coming on board. We currently do not have a policy.

We will need to know by February 20<sup>th</sup> if any of the current board members are interested in re-upping for another term. Their plans will be shared at the 2/21 board meeting for information purposes to help with recruiting efforts. We will then send out

an email to all RAYBA families alerting them we have open terms on the board and if they are interested to please fill out the form which is on the RAYBA website.

Deadline for all applicants will be 3/16/10. The March 28th board meeting will be used to interview and vote on all interested parties.

The April meeting will be the first meeting for all new board members. The May meeting will be the last meeting for all out-going members. The April meeting will also be used to discuss Officer elections. Jamey will start the process of looking through the information he has found online on officer elections and report back to us at the next meeting with his findings.

A motion was made by Steve to agree to the new process above and Tammy seconded. All present approved the new process.

### **6) Fundraising Vision:**

Mark brought this topic to the board to discuss RAYBA's future fundraising efforts. The Fall MYAS tourney and the Harlem Ambassador event did not bring in much money for the time that was put into it. We used about half of our parent volunteers for the Fall tourney.

Discussion on having a Event/Fundraiser Coordinator position on the board. This person would be responsible for running the various tournaments, both inhouse and travel that we hold every year as well as any other types of fundraising.

If you have any suggestions/ideas on this topic, please feel free to contact Mark.

### **7) Board Meeting Time Limits:**

A discussion was held on the length of our board meetings. We would like to get them back down to 2 - 2 1/2 hours. An idea was to prioritize the agenda, which we have already been doing. Another suggestion was that when a member sends an agenda item to Stephanie, to send along a brief description of what will be discussed as well as how much time you will need for your topic. This will start with the February meeting.

### **8) Rule Interpretation and officials:**

Greg brought a few different examples of things that need to be looked at in the current inhouse rules. Our rules need to be more specific. Patrick has been making notes on some of the things he's also noticed. We also need to go over the rules at the coach's meeting before the season to make sure all coaches are on the same page. We will discuss this topic in more detail at a future meeting.

Discussed subbing in for the 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> league, and that we will add an extra time out rather than let them sub before the half-way point of each quarter, so that coaches are not tempted to abuse the playing time minimums.

There have been some issues with the cone dribbling drill and the cones not being set up properly. Patrick will draw up a diagram showing how this drill needs to be set up. He will send this out to the coaches and to Mike M so that the ref's are aware of how this drill needs to be set up.

### **9) Timberwolves Clinic:**

The Timberwolves would like to know if we would like to try and reschedule this clinic. We had to cancel the clinic over Christmas due to low enrollment. There were only 18 kids signed up. It was decided that we will wait and do it again next Fall. Brian will contact the Timberwolves and let them know.

### **10) Refund Policy/Fee Collection:**

We need to have a policy for families who mark "Pay by Check" on their registration form and never mail the payment in. We currently have 10 boys in-house families that haven't paid. They've been contacted and they do not respond. Jill is going to contact them on 1/18/10 and let them know that they must bring their payment to the game on Saturday or their child will not be allowed to play. Next year, we will make a note on the check-in form on evaluation day, and the child will not be allowed to participate in evals until the payment is received.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40

### **Future Meetings:**

February 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 - Rogers Davanni's – **NOTE LOCATION CHANGE**

March 28th – 6:30 – Rogers Community Center

April 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 – Rogers Community Center

### **Action Items:**

- 1) Post 11/15/09 meeting minutes to website - Chris
- 2) Change Board Member wording on website - Chris
- 3) Cone Dribbling Drill Sample - Patrick
- 4) Policy wording for Election of Officers – Jamey
- 5) Fee Collection Calls - Jill