

Edmonton Basketball Officials Association

AGM Agenda Minutes

April 28, 2009

7:00PM

Location: Rosslyn School

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

- II. **Adoption of Agenda** – Agenda was adopted, with allowing the guest speakers from the GO Center to speak first. Motion by Fred Goldring, seconded by Al Ward. *Passed unanimously, 1 Opposed.*

Ken Fletcher and Bob Butlin presented an update on the GO Centre. The Go Centre will be located at the University of Alberta South Campus, close to the Saville Centre. The design has completed its final stage; they are now looking at the design particulars.

Tendered contracts hoping for October 2009 with a construction start date of February 2010 in hopes of opening March 2011. The budget is \$36 Million. Province of Alberta has committed \$10 Million; City of Edmonton has committed \$9 Million, subject to agreement. Government of Canada has been asked to commit \$10 Million through the University games, if no University games they are working on a plan B for funding. A Campaign manager has been hired to launch a Capital Campaign for donations and is looking to target Businesses and Philanthropists.

- III. **Adoption of minutes** from the 2008 Annual General Meeting - Moved by Angie Celino, 2nd by Robert Mah to adopt the 2008 AGM Minutes. *Carried, No opposition.*

IV. Officers Reports

Education and Development Officer – Karen Lasuik

A. Provincial and National Results

- a. Our Officials performed very well at High School Provincials: 11 medal games, 6 semi-finals
- b. CIS Women's Nationals: Perry Stothart worked the Championship Game

B. Camps

- a. FIBA
 - i. NEW: Bill Crowley's Camp in Edmonton – June 26-28th
 - ii. Prairie Dog in Saskatoon – July 3-5
- b. NCAA
 - i. For more information check out www.stripezone.com
 - ii. SOWB in Seattle – October, 2009 (not on Stripezone yet)

C. ABOA Clinic 2009-1010

- a. Clinic will be held on September 11-12th, with the location to be announced.

- b. All ACAC level officials who did not attend last year in Red Deer must attend to be eligible to officiate at the ACAC level for the upcoming season.
 - c. This is an excellent clinic for ALL LEVELS as it goes over rules, mechanics, and other topics that pertain to all officials.
- D. Rules/Mechanics Changes – Next Season
- a. Right now, there are no proposed changes as far as rules and mechanics are concerned.
- E. Scholarship News
- a. EBOA - 4 candidates to be selected to receive \$250.00
 - i. Application letter in to the EDO (to be located on website)
 - b. ABOA - Traditionally 2 candidates to be selected to receive \$250.00
 - i. Application form on www.refalberta.ca
 - c. CABO - 6 candidates to be selected to receive \$500.00 Scholarships given out to officials who attend Post Secondary school.
 - i. Application form on www.cabo.org
 - ii. Reference letter from your local Board or the ABOA must accompany the application.
- F. Examination Process
- a. ABOA is planning to approach CABO with the idea of putting the required exam online for officials to take. This would not be in place next season, but it's hoped to be in place for the following year.
 - b. As far as the paper one we write now, Boards are encouraged to have members write it closed book, as when they are written in groups with a large number of officials getting the same grade, we do not get a true sense of problem areas/questions.
- G. National Tournament Application Process
- a. The ABOA will be looking at a new system for officials to express interest in applying to be considered for a National Championship by October 1st, and will be required to submit a \$25.00 application fee.
- H. National Officials Certification Program
- a. CABO has designed a new, national training program that places officials into 5 levels.
 - b. We will no longer have Novice, Sophomore, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior categorization.
 - c. Levels 1-3 training will be the responsibility of the Local Boards – EDO
 - d. Level 4 – ABOA/CABO
 - e. Level 5 – FIBA
 - f. The Executive will be rolling out the new program this fall.
- I. Evaluations
- a. Thank you to Kandee O'leary and all others who agreed to be on the Evaluation Team – Dante, Frankie, Dave, John B, Angie, Orville, Gil, Fred, John I, Kristen, Stephane, Cam, Warren, Jim, Kandee, Neil, Heather, Kathy, Matt R, Rick, Derek, Al, Lanny.

- b. Reports from the Evaluators are that they were able to get out and see at least 3/4 , if not all of the people on their team. Reasons for missing a few individuals here and there were:
 - i. Officials did not make themselves available by not returning Evaluators messages.
 - ii. Some officials quit officiating or moved.
 - iii. Difficulties with the Evaluator and Official matching times.
 - iv. Some officials choose to not be evaluated.
 - v. Some Evaluators claimed it was their own negligence that they did not see all of their people.
 - vi. All in all, it seemed like a pretty successful endeavour.

JDEO 2008/2009 Annual Report – Fred Goldring

Once again the EBOA had a very successful year in junior official development. A total of 3 clinics at the Community League-Novice levels were conducted. Over 120 new officials, 54 Novices and 116 odd community league were involved in the training. This year saw the most novices ever join the EBOA. As well there were 17 in attendance at the Spring league clinic in April for new and 1st year officials.

Also a total of six clinics at the novice to Int levels were conducted in St Albert, Barrhead/Westlock area, Drayton Valley, High Level/Lacrete area (half way to Yellowknife), Kinuso (Slave Lake) and the Enoch Reserve where over 150 officials and coaches at various levels participated.

On the evaluation side of things in the EBOA all but 6 community league and novice officials were evaluated with several getting some battle field promotions. The six that were not evaluated was because either they did not officiate; only came for the clinic or moved away. There were 6 new officials at the Spring league clinic and they will be evaluated before the Spring league is over.

I would like to thank my evaluation team for their cooperation and dedication to take on and complete this large job. Bob Sexsmith, Barry Dunn, Bill Adamoski, Kristen (Hutch), Angie Celino, and Amanda Goth.

I would to thank my clinicians, Karen Lasuik and Sue Yackabowski for their efforts in the fall clinics.

Next season will bring some changes in clinics and clinic format as a CABO basketball officiating level program is scheduled this fall.

Our first novice and community league clinics will no doubt start again in late September to early October.

Again I felt we had a very good season, I am looking forward to next year and all its challenges. Do some recruiting this spring and summer and get some of your friends involved in the game as officials.

Assignor - 2008-2009 Year-end report

From September 1, 2008 to March 30, 2009, your assignors handled over 6000 games, almost 13,000 assignments with a payroll of over \$450,000.

As usual, the most difficult times were tournament weekends and all of February. The membership was very responsive when we put out the call for help. No high school or EBA games were cancelled or postponed because of unavailability of officials.

This is not true for junior high games, however. On many occasions, your assignors had to contact schools to tell them only one referee or no referees were available. The biggest difficulty was providing enough referees in Sherwood Park.

Two possible solutions come immediately to mind: a) eliminate service to certain programs e.g. grade 7-8 leagues anywhere within our jurisdiction; or b) conduct an intense recruitment program in Sherwood Park.

When elected assistant assignor Ken Kha was forced to relinquish his position, Franco Panizzon was appointed by Executive to assist for the remainder of the year. He did a wonderful job. The biggest problem from previous years was virtually eliminated – communication with the schools. Because two of us were ‘on the job’ we were able to maintain an open communication line to all junior high schools and although we weren’t able to fill all their needs, they were very appreciative of the advanced warnings.

Another big help was putting all the junior high games on the self-assign board. This proved to be very successful, 43% of games being picked up by officials from the board. It’s easy to speculate that this number could be surpassed next year.

Spring Leagues are still active at this time with EYBA and Jasper Place games. The “super league” (my term) of college level players is also going to operate this year. It’s a good opportunity for officials to learn and practice 3-person officiating.

Have a good summer everyone. Hit ‘em straight and don’t leave the putts short!

Jr Assignor – Year End Report

This report will focus on the two items:

- Self Assign for Junior High games
- Supply and Demand for Junior High games

Self Assign

The Arbiter software tool has an option to allow officials to “self assign” games. For the first time, the EBOA implemented this option for Junior High games. The result of this trial is as follows: Of the 2840 slots (officials) assigned, 1256 were self assigned.

In other words, 44% of Junior High games were self-assigned. Based on this result, it appears that this trial was very successful. It shows that our members have embraced this method and secondly, it also alleviates workload for the assistant assignor.

Recommendations:

- Continue to use Self Assign for Junior High games for the upcoming season.
- Monitor the stats and report back next year.

Supply and Demand

For Junior High games, there was an analysis of the supply of officials versus demand for officials. The results are as follows:

The peak month for Junior High games was February, with the peak day being Tuesday. Overall, there were 197 slots (officials) that were not filled. These were games where there were no officials available, or only 1 official assigned. In other words, the EBOA filled **94%** of its demand for junior high officials. Further analysis showed that over 80% of these unfilled assignments were from Sherwood Park and Ft. Saskatchewan.

Also, a new procedural change this year was the 24 hour notice period. In the event that the EBOA was unable to fill a game, the assignor would notify the school 24 hours in advance of game time that either no refs are available or only 1 ref available. The response from schools was extremely favourable.

Recommendations:

- Recruit more officials in Sherwood Park by holding a local referee clinic this fall.
- Continue to provide schools with 24 hour notice.

V. Financial Report

VI. Old Business

- Kent Heine will be appointed Treasurer for a two-year term from 2009-2011.

VII. Considering matters specified in the meeting notice

VIII. New business

Notice of Motion by Susan Yackabowski, Seconded by Rob Beeston to be tabled at the next meeting in September.

IX. Election of Officers

- President – Dave Buffie moved Nominations for President be closed, 2nd by Angie Celino. Stephane Labonne wins by acclamation.
- Vice-President - Nominees Kristen Kwiatek and Leo Mangano. Dave Buffie moved Nominations for Vice-President cease, 2nd by Angie Celino that nominations be closed. Leo Mangano elected Vice- President
- Assignor – Moved by Barry Dunn, 2nd by Dave Buffie that nominations for Assignor be closed. Gil Desmerais wins by acclamation.
- Development and Education Officer – Nominees Karen Lasuik and Susan Yackabowski. Moved by Barry Dunn, 2nd by Fred Goldring that nominations for EDO be closed. Karen Lasuik elected EDO.

- Community League Assignor – Moved by Robert Mah, 2nd by Barry Dunn that nominations for Community League Assignor be closed. Ed Harasem wins by acclamation.

Moved by Stephane Labonne, 2nd by Orville Chubb, moved that the ballots be destroyed.

X. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM