

RIVER VALLEY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
2012 ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 18, 2012
Lions Community Center

Present

Keith Thomas	Natalie Wilkins	Tony Wilkins	Andrew Miller
Barb Thomas	Danny Hoyt	Katie Langmaid	Heather McNulty
Chuck Beyea	Shelley Morgan	Jim Palmer	Todd Lambert
Jaimie London	April Lambert	John O'Keefe	Julie Vicente
Melanie Lively			

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Barb Thomas read the Notice of Meeting, as printed in the Telegraph Journal, March 23, 2012.

VOTING PROCEDURE

Keith Thomas presented the voting procedures as outlined in the RVBA Constitution.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting were reviewed for acceptance.

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Heather McNulty

SECONDED: Natalie Wilkins

ALL IN FAVOUR: Motion Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Keith Thomas presented the President's Report – copy attached

Questions followed:

- Q. Can all rep teams secure a sponsorship similar to that of Canaport LNG's assistance with the Mini girls team?
- A. Absolutely, the RVBA recognizes that corporate sponsorship is an important vehicle to secure funding to offset costs for team expenses. In the case of Canaport LNG, it was noted that a parent of one of the mini girl players inquired about and received approval from the company to get support for the mini girls program. Canaport was very pleased with how the team showed their appreciation for this support and ultimately this led to their support of overall league activities such as the sponsorship of league T-shirts etc.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Katie Langmaid presented the Financial Report for review and acceptance. Copy attached. Noted was the positive influence on the Association's bottom line by sponsor donations and fundraising activities. The operation account balance, as of April 18th 2012 is \$9,688.60, buoyed by a net income of \$4,037.89. The account balance of the Special Projects fund, as of April 18th 2012, is \$8,906.26, buoyed by income from fundraisers and the Provincial Tournament, which totaled \$3206.44. It was also noted that some spring league registration money was still to come in, as well as this year's annual donation from Scholten's Convenience Store.

Questions:

- Q. What was the result of the Application to the Crane Mountain Enhancement Fund.
- A. The application was approved by the Crane Mountain Enhancement Fund Board of Directors, but was split into two parts. The CMEF has an 'A' list and a 'B' list. Approximately \$3600.00 of our application was placed on the 'A' list, which is the funding for the purchase and installation of back boards and rims at Morna Heights School, as well as for a portable score clock. Approximately \$2600.00 was placed on the 'B' list, which in the funding requested was for Spalding T-1000 Basketballs. It was indicated that 10 of these balls were already purchased in order to have an appropriate supply for the Provincial Tournament in March. \$650.00 was spent on this purchase. It was explained that funding for items on the CMEF 'B' list would only come through if there is money left over from the 'A' list projects. This would happen if, for example, a group failed to complete their 'A' list projects at cost that was lower than their approved applications. The deadline for completion of 'A' projects and for invoices submitted is October 1st 2012.
- Q. Are there any plans for the surplus in the RVBA accounts. ex. Funding for schools, Pro Kids organization etc?
- A. It was noted the RVBA has been supportive of Pro Kids, in that players who register through Pro Kids for funding to register with the RVBA, are instead covered by the RVBA itself, leaving the required funding with Pro Kids to use for children elsewhere. Pro Kids Executive Directors is pleased with this arrangement. It was also noted that the \$5000.00 donation coming from Canaport LNG later in the year will be utilized strictly for equipment for schools. Also the RVBA has many areas of potential use for such funds including the potential "in-kind" donation toward a prospective high quality outdoor court which would, in and of itself, require many thousands of dollars from RVBA sources
- Q. Should we decide at this meeting how much we may agree to spend on items for the school we use?
- A. No, this would be for the Board of Directors to decide. It was noted a meeting has been requested with River Valley Middle School. A potential significant donation would be presented at that time. This meeting shall take place by mid-May. Also noted were examples of things donated over the years for schools, such as pinnies,

library funding, volleyball nets, stacking cups, etc. Recently, a request was made of RVMS for a list of items they would like for their athletic programs. The RVBA had previously offered a donation to the school, but since it wasn't on their priority list, the Board decided to ask the school for suggestion. The school has yet to respond.

Discussion on registration levels followed.

The following points and suggestions were made:

- The RVBA numbers equate to approximately 13% of the roughly 1000 students K-8 in the community. Of the remaining 870 children we may assume 500 do some other activity, hockey, music, dance, Tae Kwan Do, Scouts and Guides etc. that would still leave 370 that don't do anything. We need to tap that group. 13% of that group would up numbers by almost 50 participants.
- Bring a friend day was successful this year, bringing in around 10 new players.
- Steve Lavoie runs a basketball Jamboree at Westfield School each year - needs support for officiating etc. Good opportunity to be involved and promote the sport to new kids.
- Perhaps offer clinics at schools in the fall to encourage new sign ups.

MOTION TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MOTION : Katie Langmaid

SECONDED: Chuck Beyea

ALL IN FAVOUR: Motion carried

REPORT ON PUPPY DIVISION

Jim Palmer reported on this season's activities at Puppy Division - Copy attached

REPORT ON JR. MINI & MINI DIVISIONS

Jaimie London reported on this season's activities at the Jr. Mini and Mini divisions. Copy attached.

REPORTS FOR BANTAM – MIDGET HOUSE LEAGUES

No reports presented.

REPORT ON MINI GIRLS REP

Chuck Beyea reported on this season's activities for the Mini Girls Rep Team. Copy attached.

REPORT ON MINI BOYS REP

Julie Vicente reported on this season's activities for the Mini Boys Rep Team. Copy attached.

REPORTS FOR MIDGET AND JUVENILE REP TEAMS

No reports presented.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION

- All rep teams have the ability and opportunity to post info on the website.
- No web person at present. Chuck developed the site and posts info for his team. Each team may designate their own communications person.
- Regarding RVBA rep teams starting later than other associations - this occurs due to other associations restricting their rep players from participation on house teams. The RVBA is unable to do that as it would collapse the house league program.
- The effect of the Middle Schools use of previously contracted RVBA gym time was discussed.
- The access and viability of Westfield School and Morna Heights for additional use was discussed.
- The poor quality of facilities at the mini boys and bantam girls provincials was noted.
- A question was asked as to why parents have to pay an admission fee to watch their kids play in Provincial tournaments. It was noted that some associations in the province do this. The RVBA does not. The RVBA actually made a Motion at a BNB annual meeting that admission fees not be charged at any Provincial Tournament. This motion was defeated as many associations use these tournaments as their principal fundraiser.

NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were received.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers make up the 2012-2013 Board of Directors:

President	Keith Thomas
Vice President	Todd Lambert
Treasurer	Katie Langmaid
Secretary	Barb Thomas
Director Of Officials	Ralph Johnson
Director	Jim Palmer
Director	Chuck Beyea
Director	Jaimie London
Director	John O'Keefe
Director	Natalie Wilkins

All positions were filled by acclamation with the exception of the position of Vice President, which was decided by vote.

MOTION: IT WAS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS LISTED

MOTION: Chuck Beyea

SECONDED: Natalie Wilkins

ALL IN FAVOUR: Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION:

Move acceptance of the proposed Constitution, with provision that the original Constitution be attached as a reference document, and with the condition that in cases of ambiguity or uncertainty, the original Constitution shall be followed. Further, that any such ambiguity or uncertainty be clarified through reference to the original, and presented at the 2012-13 AGM for ratification.

- Q. Are there significant changes to the Constitution?
- A. Changes are mostly wording changes to make the document more readable, and there are a couple of changes as to procedure for voting in the Board of Directors at an annual meeting. Noting again that this coming year will have the revisions accepted on an interim basis with the previous documents for reference.

MOTION: Chuck Beyea

SECONDED: Katie Langmaid

ALL IN FAVOUR: Motion carried

COACH SELECTION

- Q. How are coached identified for house league teams?
- A. Primarily through a section of the registration form, which asks if a parent would be interested in particular duties eg., coaching, fundraising, tournaments, etc.

FUNDRAISING

- Q. Who is on the fundraising committee?
- A. While a couple of meetings were held identifying a few initiatives for this year, an actual committee was not formed. People who checked off the "fundraising" box on the registration form were asked to attend. A committee should be established prior to next season to continue this work.

BACKBOARDS AT MORNA HEIGHTS

- Q. Is there a date set for the installation of new backboards at Morna Heights School?
- A. No specific date is set, but the deadline is effectively September 30, 2012.

REP TEAM GUIDELINES

- Q. Should we look at having consistency in the rep team programs?
- A. The RVBA has a set of guidelines for rep teams, which are slated for a review and updating. This will take place this year.
The branding of RVBA would be an initiative to look at. It was noted steps have

taken place in the last few years, where all uniforms for rep teams have the same logos and colours. The RVBA logo itself is now appropriately identified in all print materials, merchandise and uniforms. As per the guidelines, all rep teams are identified as the “River Valley Selects”. Once the guidelines are reviewed, all rep coaches will receive them prior to the season.

YEARBOOK PHOTOS

- Q. Where did informal photos in the yearbook come from?
- A. They were submitted by parents or coaches, and some were taken by Jaimie London on game days, specifically for this yearbook.
- Q. Do we need authority from a parent to post a photo of their child?
- A. It isn't a requirement, but a good idea may be to put a notice on the registration form where people give their ok to do so.

UNDER 13 BOYS TEAM AUCTION

- Q. Does the RVBA have an item to donate to the auction?
- A. Items with RVBA logos etc, are all special ordered and as such would not be available in time for the event.

MOTION

It is moved that the U-13 Boys Rep team be given the authority to hold an auction at their upcoming fundraising dinner.

MOTION: Chuck Beyea

SECONDED: Natalie Wilkins

ALL IN FAVOUR: Motion carried

CLOTHING DONATIONS TO MINI BOYS REP

A Thank You was given to Andrew Miller and Natalie Wilkins for arranging the fundraising to purchase warm up shirts and track pants for this year's Mini Boys Rep team.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION: Chuck Beyea

SECONDED: Katie Langmaid

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.