

CARA Minutes

Date & Time: April 15, 2009 10:00am

Host & Location: Highlands Ranch Metro District, 3280 Redstone Park Circle,
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

- I. **Recognition of Host:** Dana thanks Jill Nunes for hosting this months meeting. Jill welcomed everyone in attendance. Jill explained that Shea Stadium (next to their office) is owned by Douglas County, but operated by HRMD.
- II. **Roll Call: Full Members (26):** Apex, Brighton, Colorado Springs, Commerce City, Denver, Englewood, Estes Valley, Evergreen, Foothills, Golden, Hershey Track, Highland Ranch Metro, Highlands Ranch HRCA, Lafayette, Lakewood, Longmont, Louisville, Loveland, Northglenn, Parker, Pueblo, South Suburban, Superior, Thornton, Wheat Ridge, Windsor

Associate Members (2): Berthoud, Sterling
- III. **Associate Member Updates:** Sterling – Dennis reported that there is nothing new going on in Sterling.
- IV. **Introduction of Guests:** Alamosa Gymnastics is here to petition to be an associate member of CARA. Evergreen introduced Brent who will be working with outdoor sports. South Suburban introduced Roger Fern, athletic assistant
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** Vicki Holthus (South Suburban) motioned and Greg Farmer (Estes Valley) seconded that the March minutes be approved as sent. Motion carried.
- VI **Reports and Discussions:**
 - A. **Adult Sports – Lenore Knox (Boulder):** The committee is finalizing the information for the November CEU class.
 - B **Gymnastics – Misty Gowdy (Commerce City):** Misty reported that the mandatory coaches' meeting is this Saturday at 10:00 in Commerce City. The first meet is scheduled for May 2.
 - C. **Hershey Track – Marc Rademacher (Ft. Collins):** Reed Davis (South Suburban) reported that the Hershey State Track meet will be in Fort Collins on Saturday, June 20. If you have registered your local meet on-line, thank you – if not, please do so ASAP. CARA agencies that have not yet registered are Montbello Cheetahs, Windsor, Greeley, Denver, Durango, Gypsum, Aspen and Ute Mountain. Welcome to new agencies hosting local meets – Wray, Glenwood Springs, Meeker and the Grand Junction Home Schoolers. If you have any questions, or cannot register

on-line, please call Marc Rademacher at 970-221-6309 or e-mail at mrademacher@fcgov.com.

- D. Tennis – Vicki Holthus (South Suburban):** The committee met last week in Golden. The league match schedules will be put together at the mandatory coaches meeting on Saturday, June 6 at 10:00 in your respective district. The next committee meeting is Wednesday, May 13 at 10:00 in Loveland. There will be a Quick Start Tennis demonstration after the meeting today at the Redstone Tennis Courts.
- E. Track – Reed Davis (South Suburban):** The Track coaches meeting is May 27th from 6:00-7:30pm at the Brighton High School Track. All agencies participating in the CARA track program need to have representation at the meeting. Please pay your team fees to CPRA and send a copy of your commitment form to Reed. Reed also needs each agency's coordinator and coach contact information.
- F. Youth Volleyball – Rich Valdez (Aurora):** The tournament season has begun. All agencies have been notified and are currently registering.
- G. Youth In-Line Hockey – Becky Richmond (Golden):** Becky asked all agencies participating in CARA in-line hockey to pay their dues to CPRA. There are 25 teams this season from the 7 participating agencies.
- H. Youth Sports – Bobby Warner (Windsor):** The committee will meet on Thursday, April 30 at 4:00pm at the CB & Potts on 120th. The agenda will include the Volunteer Youth Coach of the Year award and the Fall Conference session.
- I. PP&K – Mike Sexton (Pueblo):** The good news is that we will have a program – bad news is how much will change? Mike received news from the NFL Youth Football Division. The NFL has been undergoing an internal re-organization over the past several months and took steps to decrease its work force as a result of the economic downturn. Unfortunately, the NFL has laid off some of its staff, particularly some individuals who worked directly in the organization of the program. In addition, the NFL PPK will no longer be sponsored by Pepsi. Due to these and other factors, the NFL is still uncertain about the status of the PPK programs for 2009. Kim Javernick reported for Mike that the only immediate changes is that the NFL will only have one person working on the PPK Program instead of two and that the timeline for registering and mailing out kits is later than usual. If you go to the PPK website, you will be directed to e-mail NFL@active.com to be alerted when the 2009 season opens for registration. If you have any questions, please contact Mike.

- J. NSC – Kristen Trbovich (Castle Rock):** We had a great year, there were 50-60 local competitions hosted. The state event was at Metro State College – no one expressed any concerns about not being at the Pepsi Center. Kristen is stepping down as chair – Dan Maples (Evans) and Brian Magnett (Northglenn) have both expressed an interest in being the chair. If anyone is interested, please contact Kristen. We will vote next month on the new Chair.
- K. RSC – Jill Nunes (Highlands Ranch Metro District):** Registration for local hosts is up 4 teams. Dave Parks (Englewood) volunteered to host another metro sectional. You can download the rules and changes from the CPRA website or pick up a CD from Jill after the meeting. If you are hosting a local and/or sectional, please pick up posters, ribbons and/or medals and certificates from Jill after the meeting.
- L. Fundraising – Marc Rademacher (Ft. Collins):** Bobby reported that the committee is looking at selling beer at the July 11 wiffle ball tournament in Northglenn as a fundraiser for CARA.
- M. Financial Report – Jill Nunes (HRMD):** Copies of the current budget are available at the head table.
- N. CPRA Update – Bobby Warner (Windsor):** CPRA is meeting next week. The call for sessions for Conference deadline is April 30 as are scholarship applications. June 8 is the CPRA Foundation golf tournament at Red Hawk Ridge in Castle Rock. For more information, please see the website.
- O. Website – Marc Rademacher (Ft. Collins):** Please forward any tournament information to Marc.
- VII. Unfinished Business:**

 - A. CARA Sports Fee Survey** – The survey is set up and ready. It should be available on the CPRA website soon.
 - B. Update on Professional development Workshop** - tabled
- VIII. New Business:**

 - A. Alamosa Gymnastics** – read a letter and mission statement to the CARA Board – they are applying for associate membership into CARA. They are members of CPRA and know the meeting requirements to stay an associate member in good standing. Misty Gowdy (Commerce City) motioned and Reed Davis (South Suburban) seconded that Alamosa Gymnastics be accepted as an associate member. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. City of Evans** – congratulations to the City of Evans - they won the Excellence in Youth Sports Award from NAYS. Allison (South Suburban) reported that the award is an application process and is available internationally. The City of Evans has a very good training program for coaches and parents.

IX. Discussion Items:

A. Open Air April

- Dennis (Sterling) is interested in finding suppliers for Pool Chemicals.
- Reed (South Suburban) mentioned that Musco Lighting is interested in presenting a session at Conference.
- Adult Sports – are agencies up or down in teams for summer leagues?
 - ◆ Greeley is down 70 teams
 - ◆ Loveland is down 50 teams
 - ◆ Broomfield and Apex are both up teams

X. Announcements and Door Prizes:

- Matt Miller received his service award for 2008 past-chair position.
- Kim Javernick took Mike Sexton's service award for 2008 PPK Chair.
- There will be golf at Lone Tree Golf Course following next month's meeting in South Suburban

- XI. Next Meeting: South Suburban is hosting at Prairie Sky Park**, which is on the west adjacent side of the Lone Tree Recreation Center (10249 Ridgeway Cir, 80124). Golf will follow the meeting at the Lone Tree Golf Course. The cost will be \$23 walking, \$32 riding for 18. Please have groups confirm with Reed at reedd@sspr.org if they will be participating in golf.

XII. Adjournment

Bob Bullock (Parker) motioned and John Krumpholz (Brighton) seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

René Kingsley