

CARA Minutes

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 10:00am

Host & Location: Englewood Parks and Recreation
Bellevue Park

- I. **Recognition of Host:** Dana welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked Dave Parks and Englewood for hosting this month's meeting. Dave reported that Bellevue Park was redone within the last two years. It has covered pavilions and shelters, playgrounds and features the Bellevue Children's Farm and Lions Club Miniature Train along with a nature area, dog park and Big Dry Creek that kids can play in.

- II. **Roll Call: Full Members (19):** Arapahoe, Aurora, Boulder, Commerce City, Denver, Englewood, Golden, Greeley, Highlands Ranch HRCA, Highlands Ranch Metro, Lakewood, Longmont, Loveland, Northglenn, Parker, South Suburban, Thornton, Wheat Ridge and Windsor.

Associate Members (0):

- III. **Associate Member Updates:** none

- IV. **Introduction of Guests:** none

- V. **Approval of Minutes:** Dave Parks motioned and Todd from Denver seconded that the minutes be approved as submitted. Motion passed.

- VI **Reports and Discussions:**
 - A. **Adult Sports – Lenore Knox (Boulder):** the committee will meet after next months meeting in Lakewood to discuss if there is a need for the committee. The November meeting will be a training meeting with CEU's available. The head of security of the Rockies will be talking about how to handle difficult people and situations.

 - B **Gymnastics – Misty Gowdy (Commerce City):** no report

 - C. **Hershey Track – Marc Rademacher (Ft. Collins):** no report

 - D. **Tennis – Vicki Holthus (South Suburban):** Reed reported for Vicki that CARA tennis numbers were outstanding – with one agency not reporting as of yet, we had 995 kids involved this year. The next committee meeting will be September 9th and 10:00am at the Holly Tennis Center – please bring your thoughts on the season, districts and state. We will also review rules and decide if any changes need to be looked at for the 2010 season. Thanks everyone for a great season.

- E. Track – Reed Davis (South Suburban):** We had a great season – participation numbers were about the same as previous years. The wrap-up meeting will be soon. The cross country season is starting – meets will begin the middle of September and run through the middle of October. There are 6 or 7 agencies participating.
- F. Youth Volleyball – Rich Valdez (Aurora):** no report
- G. Youth In-Line Hockey – Becky Richmond (Golden):** the fall season begins in 10 days and runs through October 24. Participating agencies will meet after this meeting to set the schedule for fall and determine the spring season dates.
- H. Youth Sports – Bobby Warner (Windsor):** Lisa Hayes from NAYS is hosting two workshops at conference. Bobby asked if anyone has a site set up where coaches can go to get updated rosters – to make sure that all kids are registered before they practice or play. Lakewood has a field supervisor that checks practices. Denver takes pictures and has rosters at each game site. South Suburban will have an internal program later this year. Commerce City requires that participants bring their receipt to practice. Parker tells all their coaches that if they allow a kid to participate with out registering that they aren't covered by the Town's liability insurance.
- I. PP&K – Mike Sexton (Pueblo):** no report
- J. NSC – Brian Magnett (Northglenn):** Dicks Sporting Goods is supplying awards and bags. The Nuggets are working on having a player at the finals event. Brian will be getting together with Kristen soon and will set up a committee meeting at a later date.
- K. RSC – Jill Nunes (Highlands Ranch Metro District):** The finals were on August All Star Stadium in Lakewood and were fantastic. The Rockies game with the Cubs was a great time also. Thanks to all agencies that hosted locals and the 8 agencies that hosted sectionals – Aspen, Colorado Springs, Englewood, Grand Junction, Lafayette, Longmont, Pueblo and South Suburban. A big thank you to all those who helped at the finals and to Dicks Sporting Goods, Sportline of Arvada and Crown Trophy. Jill cannot be the committee chair anymore because of increased work commitments. The RSC Chair is a three year commitment and requires organization and contact with CPRA. If you are interested, please call Jill.
- L. Fundraising – Marc Rademacher (Ft. Collins):** no report

- M. Financial Report – Jill Nunes (HRMD):** Current budget worksheets were handed out to all committee chairs. The final numbers for 2009 need to be to Stephanie at CPRA by the end of August. The 2010 budget needs to be handed in at the September meeting. Please use real numbers, not erroneous projections or status quo, for the 2010 budget. CPRA needs to base their budget on real numbers.
- N. CPRA Update – Bobby Warner (Windsor):** Stephanie reported that everyone should have gotten an e-mail with a link to the ballot for next years board – please vote. Bobby mentioned that Marc Rademacher, one of CARA’s own is running – your support is appreciated. Stephanie mentioned that Evectra, the new membership directory is now up and running, please look at it and make any necessary changes. The next board meeting is August 28 – they will discuss the board structure, term limits and voting rights. All by-law changes need to follow procedure – go to all CPRA members for 45 days for review/discussion, go back to the board for discussion, and then come to a vote. There is a question as to whether advisory board members have voting rights. There was discussion. CPRA will do a much better job of educating members about changes and will have a printed fact sheet available. Stephanie was excited to see all the passion after the last CARA meeting about the CPRA by-law changes – thank you for the phone calls.
- O. Website – Marc Rademacher (Ft. Collins):** no report

VII. Unfinished Business:

- A. Vote on proposed youth volleyball rule changes** – Reed motioned and Robin seconded that the rule changes be accepted as proposed and sent out. Motion passed with one abstain.

VIII. New Business:

- A. CARA Executive Board elections** –
Chair-elect: Matt Kraus – Windsor
Jayna Lang – Lakewood
- Secretary: René Kingsley – Longmont

Results – Jayna Lang is the 2010 chair-elect and René is the secretary

IX. Discussion Items:

- A. Adult Athletic Forfeit policies** – Boulder and South Suburban charge a \$25 forfeit fee for a no call forfeit with the second offense resulting in being dropped from the league. Wheat Ridge uses the forfeits at the end of season when determining standings – each forfeit drops the team down in the standings.

René asked how everyone's adult fall softball numbers are – most were status quo or down a little. Boulder was down from last year, but last years numbers were phenomenal – so they are even with years past.

Bobby asked if anyone had a spreadsheet they use for PPK results on a laptop the day of competition. Mike Coulter has one set up and will forward for distribution – it does not convert inches, so you have to measure in tenths and convert to inches.

X. Announcements and Door Prizes:

Dana said thanks for the great year – the support was great, the discussions were worthwhile. He extends his humble gratitude – it has been a privilege to serve. Remember that the organization is only as good as its members – take advantage and serve. He turns the reigns over to Jill.

South Suburban 24th Annual Rotary Golf tournament is September 11 at the South Suburban Golf Course. \$90/person includes green fees, cart, continental breakfast, post-tournament buffet and prizes. Proceeds benefit community programs in the greater Littleton area, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Employee Benefit Fund and the Littleton Rotary Club Foundation.

Lakewood is hosting the Bearable Adventure Race on September 13 and Bear Creek Lake Park.

Englewood is hosting the Englewood Fun Fest this Saturday, August 23rd here at Belleview Park from 10:00-5:00

Stephanie announced that Ashley in the CPRA office is pregnant – due after the first of the year. Congratulations! If you know of anyone who might be interested in interning next spring with CPRA, let Stephanie know.

Becky reminded that there is a hockey meeting immediately following.

XI. Next Meeting: September 16 10:00am in Lakewood at the Link Recreation Center, 1295 S. Reed St. Lakewood, 80232.

XII. Adjournment – Krista Mayes motioned and Bob Bullock seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

René Kingsley