

## CARA Minutes

**Date & Time:** December 16, 2009 10:00 am

**Host & Location:** CPRA Office in Wheatridge

- I. **Recognition of Host:** Jayna thanked Lenore for setting up the training last month. It was very well presented and all the sports professionals in attendance thought it was well worth there while. After today's meeting we will eat, compliments of the Water World fundraiser and Hershey Track and Field Colorado, and have a gift exchange.
  
- II. **Roll Call: Full Members (22):** Arapahoe, Boulder, Columbine Knolls, Commerce City, Edgewater, Estes Valley, Evergreen, Ft. Collins, Golden, Highland Ranch HRCA, Highlands Ranch Metro, Lafayette, Lakewood, Longmont, Louisville, Loveland, Northglenn, Parker, Pueblo, South Suburban, Superior, Windsor  
**Associate Members (0):**
  
- III. **Associate Member Updates:** none
  
- IV. **Introduction of Guests:** Melissa Murray from Reunion Recreation Center was in attendance. Reunion Metro District would like to become involved with CARA. They are CPRA members.
  
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** Bob Bullock (Parker) motioned and Dana Redford (Loveland) seconded that the minutes be approved as sent. Motion passed.
  
- VI **Reports and Discussions:**
  - A. **Adult Sports – Lenore Knox (Boulder):** no report
  
  - B **Gymnastics – Misty Gowdy (Commerce City):** René reported for Misty that the committee is still working on the 2010 meet host schedule. They are currently looking at increasing their league fees, non-meet host fees and gate admissions in 2010 to help offset the costs incurred by the meet hosts – no formal proposal has been written yet. The DU Pioneers college gymnastics program has agreed to do a workshop for the CARA gymnastics program. It will be athlete demonstrations and a motivational speech on Monday, December 21 from 10 am to noon at the Ritchie Center. The event is free and can take up to 200 participants. In addition, the DU home gymnastics meet on Saturday, March 13 will be CARA Gymnastics night – they will reduce admissions costs from \$9 to \$6 for CARA members to attend.

- C. Hershey Track – Marc Rademacher (Ft. Collins):** Marc handed out a Hershey Track and Field Colorado water bottle to everyone in attendance. 2009 Hershey Track Colorado had 27 agencies and around 2500 participants at the local level and 710 athletes participate in the State meet. Hershey made one change for 2010 – they cut the 9/10 and 11/12 relays at the National Meet. Those events will still be held at the local and State level. Marc handed out the 2010 dates (attached with this e-mail) and thanked all who hosted a local meet in 2009. If you do not host a local meet, please consider it – they are low cost to run and free to the participant. Call Marc if you need more information or have questions.
- D. Tennis – Michele Crouse (Apex):** No report
- E. Track – Reed Davis (South Suburban):** The committee will get together after the beginning of the year. There has already been some interest in hosting meets in 2010 – if you are interested, let Reed know.
- F. Youth Volleyball –** invoices have been sent out for the fall season. Please get them paid by the end of the year.
- G. Youth In-Line Hockey – Becky Richmond (Golden):** 2010 rule changes were sent out with the agenda. The changes passed unanimously.
- H. Youth Sports – Bobby Warner (Windsor):** the committee will meet early next year.
- I. PP&K – Mike Sexton (Pueblo):** The Broncos finals were held on November 22 at Dove Valley and everything went very well – great job to everyone that helped. There are two team competitions left – and as of now, we have an 8/9 boy from Wyoming in third, an 8/9 girl from Montana and a 10/11 girl from Lakewood in second and 12/13 boy from Ft. Collins and a 14/15 girl from Pueblo in first. The top 4 finishers will move on to an AFC playoff game – the Denver Broncos will have at least 4 participants move on to the finals.
- J. NSC – Brian Magnett (Northglenn):** Brian has ribbons and flyers for all those hosting a local Nuggets Skills Challenge. As of now, there are 40 locals signed up. We will finalize sectional competitions soon.
- K. RSC – Jill Nunes (Highlands Ranch Metro District):** no report
- L. Fundraising – Marc Rademacher (Ft. Collins):** the committee would still like to host a poker tournament – and are looking into the logistics. We could open the tournament up to all CPRA sections.

- M. Financial Report – Jayna Lang (Lakewood):** please get your outstanding payments in to the CPRA office. Jayna asked all committee chairs to please keep track of all the agency payments.
- N. CPRA Update – Dana Redford (Loveland):** The first meeting with the new board was held in Grand Junction on December 4. The budget is tight and there is a \$12,000 deficit. CPRA is charged \$14,000 per year in credit card charges – so starting in 2010, if you pay CPRA with a credit card, you will be charged an additional \$2.00 for each transaction. That will cover the deficit without raising any fees.
- In other discussion they voted no to moving the conference to the Metro area – 2010 conference is in Breckinridge and 2011 is in Grand Junction.
- The CPRA board is going to make professional development a priority at Conference.

**VII. Unfinished Business:** none

**VIII. New Business:**

- A. Meeting attendance** – all full members have made the meeting requirements.
- B. Committee Sign-up** – have all been updated and are in the rules on the CPRA website.
- C. CARA Rulebook and Directory** – is updated and on the CPRA website.
- D. Professional Development** – Jayna mentioned that the Rocky Mountain Revenue Management School is at the Interlocken Resort in Boulder on February 6-10 – it very worth your while to go. The deadline to sign up is December 31.
- Reed mentioned that he was asked to be on a committee for conference. There purpose is to make Conference appealing to more professionals. They would like to know:
- How important are the networking portions of conference? The consensus was that it is very important. Is networking the same as socializing? Yes.
  - Would round tables sessions be valuable? They are valuable, but most of the time don't meet CEU requirements. Could each CPRA section do their own round tables? Maybe the round tables could be at the beginning of Conference so that you could meet new people. The round table need to have pertinent topics for discussion.
  - Are the vendors at Conference adequate? The consensus is that it is what it is – they pay to be there and it's a nice gathering place.

Jayna asked about a Progressive Development Course or mentorship in the Parks and Recreation field? CPRA does have a mentorship. Maybe there could be a series of classes to help those who are interested in moving up in the field.

**IX. Discussion Items:** Marc Rademacher asked if anyone ran a wrestling program – no one in attendance does. Jayna asked if any agencies use texting in RecTrac to contact participants. Bobby in Windsor does, other agencies said they were looking into it.

**X. Next Meeting:** January 20, 2010 10:00am at the Parker Field House, 18700 East Plaza, Parker 80134

**XI. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

René Kingsley