

CARA Minutes

Date & Time: January 20, 2010 10:00am

Host & Location: Town of Parker
Parker Field House

- I. **Recognition of Host:** Jill thanked the Town of Parker and their staff for hosting this months meeting
- II. **Roll Call: Full Members (18):** APEX, Aurora, Commerce City, Denver, Edgewater, Evergreen, Foothills, Golden, Highlands Ranch HRCA, Highlands Ranch Metro, Lafayette, Lakewood, Longmont, Parker, South Suburban, Thornton, Wheat Ridge, Windsor
Associate Members (0):
- III. **Associate Member Updates:** None
- IV. **Introduction of Guests:** None
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** Matt Miller, Commerce City motioned and Robin Lofton, Wheat Ridge seconded that the December 2009 minutes be approved as submitted. Motion passed
- VI **Reports and Discussions:**
 - A. **Adult Sports – Lenore Knox (Boulder):** No Report
 - B. **Gymnastics – Misty Gowdy (Commerce City):** the committee is still struggling to find meet hosts for regionals. Fraser and Grand County have a new facility and have combined to form the Alpine Aerials. All committee meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 12:00 noon in Commerce City.
 - C. **Hershey Track – Marc Rademacher (Ft. Collins):** Reed Davis reported for Marc that the local host meet information will soon be on-line at Hersheytrackandfield.com. The State meet will be June 19 in Fort Collins at French Field.
 - D. **Tennis – Michele Crouse (Apex):** the committee is just gearing up – the first committee meeting is January 27, 10:00am at APEX.
 - E. **Track – Reed Davis (South Suburban):** the committee will be getting together soon. If you are interested in hosting a meet, please let Reed know.

- F. Youth Volleyball** – the spring season begins in March
- G. Youth In-Line Hockey – Becky Richmond (Golden):** there are two new agencies interested in possibly joining the in-line hockey league, Loveland and Highlands Ranch. The spring season starts in late March. The scheduling meeting will be after the March CARA meeting.
- H. Youth Sports – Bobby Warner (Windsor):** the committee will meet in February after the CARA meeting. Main topics of discussion will be the youth sports survey and hosting a CARA meeting that will meet CEU requirements.
- I. PP&K – Mike Sexton (Pueblo):** René reported for Mike that the PPK finals were held last Sunday in San Diego. The Denver Bronco region sent five participants:
- 8/9 Boy – Hernandez – Worland, WY placed 3rd
 - 8/9 Girl – Schlegel – Parker, CO was replaced by Minnesota Viking participant
 - 10/11 Girl – Remley – Arvada, CO placed 4th
 - 12/13 Boy – Hooker – Ft. Collins, CO placed 4th
 - 14/15 Girl – Gordon – Pueblo, CO placed 2nd
- Mike would like to thank everyone for volunteering their time to be local and sectional hosts, and everyone who assisted at the team finals. Signups for the 2010 season will begin in July or August.
- J. NSC – Brian Magnett (Northglenn):** please get your local results and birth certificates to your sectional hosts. There are 10 sectional competitions scheduled with 52 locals divided between them. The State competition is March 20. There will be a committee meeting and a sectional host meeting (to hand out medals) on February 1st – Brian will be sending an email out to inform everyone of the meeting.
- K. RSC – Jill Nunes (Highlands Ranch Metro District):** Stephanie has been in contact with the Rockies. Katie Kilbey from Lakewood will meet with Stephanie and Jill to learn the ropes as she will be taking over as committee chair next year.
- L. Fundraising – Marc Rademacher (Ft. Collins):** Marc is still working on the poker tournament – trying to get information is difficult.
- M. Financial Report – Jayna Lang (Lakewood):** Final 2009 numbers are in. Jayna will get the budget to René to send with minutes.
- N. CPRA Update – Dana Redford (Loveland):** there is still time to register for Rocky Mountain Revenue Management School. Scholarship applications will be available in March. CPRA continues to work on the

program development plan. The member survey results are on the web site. Please share information with and keep CPRA up-to-date on events so they can put it on the website. CPRA is there to help us.

VII. Unfinished Business:

- A. **Newsletter update** – Robin is working on the newsletter and should have something for us to review at the next CARA meeting.

VIII. New Business:

- A. **Castle Rock reinstatement** – Roll call vote taken to reinstate – passed unanimously. Nicole Stehlik reported that Castle Rock has missed CARA, especially volleyball. They are not sure about track. Nicole has agreed to be the volleyball chair.

- B. **Reunion** – Reunion Recreation Center located in Reunion Metropolitan District in Northeast Commerce City, would like to become a full member of CARA. Melissa Murray, the program supervisor and Patrick Hammer, the recreation manager, are both members of CPRA. Reunion Recreation Center offers youth coed basketball, soccer, flag football, and volleyball leagues. Along with these leagues, they also host local Punt Pass & Kick competitions and Denver Nuggets Skills Challenges. Reunion Recreation Center would love the opportunity to become a CARA member to allow their league participants the opportunity to compete against other communities in tournament play. Commerce City has no objections. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously to accept Reunion Recreation Center as a full CARA member.

- C. **Dates of Committee Meetings** – please let René know when committee meetings are so the information can be sent to all members.

- D. **CPRA – Website Access to Member/Agency Information and Sending out e-mail blasts** – information on page 89 of the rule book will be corrected to reflect the change from member clicks.

- E. **Payment Procedures** – information on page 100 of the rule book will be changed to reflect the \$2.00 charge for all credit card transactions.

IX. Discussion Items:

- A. **Current Trends** – if anyone knows who might be able to present a CEU session at one of the CARA meetings on current trends, please let Jill know.

- B. **Home School Programs** – does anyone offer programs to home schoolers? Lakewood and Parker reported that it was cost prohibitive because of the wide age range of kids involved among other things. Denver offered a high school volleyball league for high schools that was

successful. Wheat Ridge is starting a program on an appointment only basis – 6 weeks of sport/s of their choice. APEX is going to try something in the fall. Lafayette’s Rec Center is open during the day for home school kids to drop-in.

- C. **Middle School Programs** – JeffCo, Lakewood, Foothills/Wheat Ridge/APEX all have a combined program. The main issue is transportation – they use school facilities and the program is school based. Coaches are both paid and volunteer. Denver is running club based programs. Jayna would be happy to help anyone interested in starting a middle school sports program.

- D. **Umpire Insurance** – member agencies were equally split on having contractual officials, using an outside assignor to schedule officials and having officials on payroll. Aurora uses contractual officials – the officials need to show proof of insurance or can pay \$13.00 to be put on a policy that the City has. Some are certified and insured through ASA, USSSA or NASA. Reed participated in a webinar with the IRS on the subject of contractual employees – when officials are put on a schedule that is controlled by an entity – it is pretty sketchy as to whether it is legal or not, they probably should be employees. Castle Rock feels like when they are employees, they bite into the program more. Parker uses an on-line service to do background checks on their employees. There was discussion.

- E. **Facebook/Twitter** – is it the future of communication to participants? About 10 agencies use facebook to get information out to their participants. If you have a page on facebook, you need to make sure that their in one person to post information and someone who can check the site a couple of times per day for inappropriate postings. Businesses have fans not friends on facebook and the site can close to postings. They are lots of work. There was discussion.

- F. **Number of required meetings** – Jill is going to try and come up with some alternatives for meeting requirements. There was discussion – some suggestions to make meetings more productive and inviting:
 - ◆ webinars to replace some meetings
 - ◆ 2 meetings per year with attached CEU sessions
 - ◆ 2 meetings with specific networking activities afterward
 - ◆ committee meetings after specific meetings

- X. **Announcements and Door Prizes** – no announcements but lots of raffled goodies

- XI. **Next Meeting – February 17, 10:00am in Golden**

XII. Adjournment – Danny Main, Highlands Ranch Metro motioned and Becky Richmond, Golden seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

René Kingsley