

CARA Minutes

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 10:00am

Host & Location: City of Wheat Ridge – Wheat Ridge Recreation Center

I. Recognition of Host: Jill thanked Robin Lofton and the City of Wheat Ridge for hosting this month's meeting. Robin reported that the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center is celebrating its 10th year – she will give tours to anyone interested after the meeting.

II. Roll Call: Full Members (18): Apex, Aurora, Boulder, Brighton, Denver, Englewood, Evergreen, Golden, Highlands Ranch Metro, Lafayette, Lakewood, Longmont, Northglenn, Parker, South Suburban, Thornton, Wheat Ridge, Windsor

Associate Members (2): Sterling

III. Associate Member Updates: Dennis from Sterling reported that they have gotten new tennis courts, an \$8.2M wing at the hospital, a new dorm at Northwestern College and a new Water Park thanks to a generous donor. Everything is going well in the town of Sterling.

IV. Introduction of Guests: no guests

V. Approval of Minutes: Robin Lofton (Wheat Ridge) motioned and Steph Allen (Apex) seconded that the minutes be approved as sent. Motion passed.

VI Reports and Discussions:

A. Adult Sports – Lenore Knox (Boulder): the committee met after last months CARA meeting and discussed the direction the committee should go – they will have agenda topics and use the committee for networking. After the November meeting in Longmont, Don Lyon, head of Rockies security will present “Dealing with Difficult People”. The class will count as .1 CEU for those that need/want continuing education units.

B. Gymnastics – Misty Gowdy (Commerce City): Jill reported for Misty that the committee has cleaned up the rules (attached). There are some members that have not met the meeting requirements – Jill will get with Misty to make sure attendance numbers are correct.

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

D. Tennis – Michele Crouse (Apex): the tennis rules have been cleaned up grammatically and are attached to this e-mail. Michele will get with Vicki on Tennis committee meeting attendance.

- E. Track – Reed Davis (South Suburban):** the committee is great with their budget. The CARA Tennis rules have also been cleaned up. Cross Country wrapped up last weekend and had a great season. Reed will start soliciting for 2010 CARA track meet hosts soon.
- F. Youth Volleyball – no report**
- G. Youth In-Line Hockey – Becky Richmond (Golden):** the fall season ends this Saturday.
- H. Youth Sports – Bobby Warner (Windsor):** we had two sessions at Conference – each was attended by 8-10 participants. The committee will meet next month about putting together a meeting for CEU's in 2010.
- I. PP&K – Mike Sexton (Pueblo):** no report. Robin Lofton (Wheat Ridge) asked how to get on the NFL/PPK website to look at results – she should contact Mike.
- J. NSC – Brian Magnett (Northglenn):** the commitment forms are on the CPRA website today and the playbook should be on the website by the end of the week. Next month he will hand out materials for local competitions.
- K. RSC – Jill Nunes (Highlands Ranch Metro District):** no report
- L. Fundraising – Marc Rademacher (Ft. Collins):** the poker tournament will probably not happen this year. The committee will work on the logistics for next year.
- M. Financial Report – Jayna Lang (Lakewood):** there are updated copies of the budget on the front table. CPRA is working on and will have the 2010 projected budget at the next meeting.
- N. CPRA Update – Dana Redford (Loveland):** Stephanie from CPRA reported that they are wrapping up conference – attendance was down. If you have any ideas on how to entice more participation at the 2010 conference in Breckenridge, please contact CPRA. The new board is in place – the next meeting is in Grand Junction on December 4.
- O. Website – Marc Rademacher (Ft. Collins):** the question about spending \$200 on the website was again brought up. Robin (Wheat Ridge) is working on a template for a quarterly newsletter for CTRS – she would be willing to make one for CARA also. We could send it out to CARA members who could forward it to participants. There was discussion.

VII. Unfinished Business:

- A. 2010 Host Sign up:** the sheet was passed around – January is still missing a host.
- B. 2010 Committee Sign –up:** Sign up sheet passed around. If you haven't signed up to be on a committee, please contact Jill.
- C. 2010 CARA Directory for the rule book:** Passed around for corrections.
- D. Youth Volleyball Chair:** Nicole Stehlik from Castle Rock is interested in chairing the committee – Castle Rock will be re-instated as a CARA member in January.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Rule changes – tennis, track and gymnastics (included in e-mail) –** Changes will be voted on in November.
- B. Columbine Knolls Recreation District reinstatement:** Brett Rodewald was the executive director from 1999-2005, and is back in the same capacity. Columbine Knolls would like to be re-instated into CARA as a full member – they are a member of CPRA. They will offer CARA Tennis and help with Hershey – their track program was taken over by Foothills. There was a roll call vote to reinstate Columbine Knolls – passed unanimously.

IX. Discussion Items:

- A. 10 top reasons to join CARA –** Jill would like to update the description of CARA on the flyer given to new CPRA members. There was discussion and suggestions.
- B. November meeting –** we will begin the November meeting at 9:30am so that we are finished by 10:30 for the speaker.
- C. 14/15 year old baseball -** Broomfield asked if any other agency runs recreational baseball for 14/15 year olds. Aurora, Englewood and Windsor do.
- D. Does anyone run an Ultimate Frisbee league?** There was discussion – some have offered the program but found that private organizations have the market for it.
- E. Creative Strategies for recruiting/marketing for Adult Sports Leagues**
 - ◆ Young professionals want out of the box sports such as dodge ball and kickball and want e-mails and text instead of phone calls.
 - ◆ Is there a way to show sponsors what their buck pays for? Sponsor names on schedules, standings in paper, and schedules on websites.

- ◆ Apex contacted Red Rocks Community College and have teams from there – the college doesn't offer sports leagues.
- F. CARA Aquatics** - Kathy Wallace from Englewood is the CARA Aquatics Chair and asked what CARA would like from the Aquatics committee. They have over 30 teams in the summer and 12-15 teams in the current season. They are facing the problem of not having enough space to host meets. Jill, Kathy and Allison Boyd will get together and talk.
- G. CARA Lacrosse?** - Jill asked if there is interest in forming a CARA Lacrosse league similar to in-line hockey and volleyball. Highlands Ranch joins with CYLA/CGLA to play games. CYLA really doesn't have a recreation league and the HR teams are getting beat badly every game. Dave Parks (Englewood) said the same. CYLA/CGLA is not going the direction that a truly recreational program should. There was discussion. We will discuss the logistics of forming a CARA Lacrosse league next year.
- H. Wait List Rosters** – how do agencies make sure that the participants on wait lists pay when added to rosters?
- ◆ Collect money when on the wait list, then refund if they are not put on a roster
 - ◆ Don't move from wait list to a roster until participant has paid
 - ◆ Make the participant take their receipt with them to the first practice to show to the coach that they have paid
- I. Machine Pitch Baseball** – Katie Kilbey from Lakewood asked if anyone uses machines instead of coach pitch baseball and if so, what kind of machines do they use? Electric, battery and generator powered machines are used. There was discussion. Windsor said they went back to coach pitch because they didn't have enough machines for practices and the kids could not get used to the pitching machines for games.
- X. Announcements and Door Prizes:**
The City of Denver is hosting Gladiator Games to benefit the youth of the City of Denver. The cost is \$250 per 6 person team.
- XI. Next Meeting:** November 18 in the City of Longmont Council Chambers (350 Kimbark Street, 80501). **START TIME IS 9:30AM.** After the meeting - Don Lyon, head of Rockies security will present “Dealing with Difficult People”.
- XII. Adjournment:** Dave Parks (Englewood) motioned and Allison Boyd (South Suburban) seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
René Kingsley

