

CARA Minutes

Date & Time: September 16, 2009 10:00am

Host & Location: City of Lakewood, Link Recreation Center, 1295 S. Reed St.
Lakewood, 80202.

I. Recognition of Host: Jill thanked Katie Kilbey and Jayna Lang for hosting this months meeting and for providing the yummy breakfast burritos. Jayna reported that Lakewood hired a new City Manager – Kathy Hodgson worked her way up in the City of Lakewood from temporary lifeguard. Lakewood is in the same position as most others – with budget cuts and hiring freezes.

II. Roll Call: Full Members (25): Apex, Arapahoe, Boulder, Brighton, Broomfield, Colorado Springs, Commerce City, Estes Valley, Evergreen, Foothills, Fort Collins, Golden, Greeley, Highlands Ranch HRCAs, Highlands Ranch Metro District, Hyland Hills, Lakewood, Longmont, Parker, Pueblo, South Suburban, Superior, Thornton, Wheat Ridge, Windsor

Associate Members (0):

III. Associate Member Updates: none

IV. Introduction of Guests: none present

V. Approval of Minutes: Lenore Knox, Boulder motioned and John Krumpholz, Brighton seconded that the minutes be approved as sent. Motion passed.

VI Reports and Discussions:

A. Adult Sports – Lenore Knox (Boulder): there will be a committee meeting after this meeting to discuss the future of this committee. Do we want to keep the committee active for networking and brainstorming? We do know that the committee should not have a budget. It was noted that several years ago, most of the committees in CARA were adult sports, now the tables have turned and most of the committee are youth sports. Marc mentioned that there isn't a session at conference for adult sports.

At the November meeting in Longmont you will be able to earn CEU's. The head of the Rockies security is going to talk about how to handle difficult people and situations.

B. Gymnastics – Misty Gowdy (Commerce City): the 2010 budget is done and handed in to CPRA. Carbon Valley will be hosting a boys judging event. Misty would like to know what to do with signed waivers after they have been turned in. We will get clarification from CPRA.

- C. Hershey Track – Marc Rademacher (Ft. Collins):** The National Hershey meet was last month – it was cold and miserable. Colorado sent 4 boys and 3 girls. Rachel Lopez, a 14 year old girl from Brighton took the national championship in the 800M. At their annual meeting, Hershey announced that it was making some changes to the program because of the economy – next year 9 and 10 year olds will not compete in the national meet. Since 9/10 year olds make up most of the program, the state coordinators suggested that maybe the relays be cut out instead, but Hershey is sticking to their original plan. Nothing will change at the State level, 9 and 10 year olds just won't travel to Nationals. The other concern with Hershey is that the money from the gate of our State Hershey meet goes to CPRA – Hershey says that all money made at Hershey events needs to stay in the Hershey program. We will have further discussion.
- D. Tennis – Vicki Holthus (South Suburban):** Reed reported for Vicki – a special thanks to all district and state hosts sites: in the north – Loveland, Longmont, Greeley, Superior and in the south – South Suburban, Columbine Knolls, Highlands Ranch and Apex/Arvada Tennis Center. Over all it was a good season, things went well and the weather cooperated. All outstanding invoices have been sent to CPRA. CARA Tennis supervisors should go over the minutes from the September meeting – the proposed rule changes are in them and will be brought before the main body in October. If there are questions, let's get them addressed now. Tentative dates for state next year are July 26-30. Michele Crouse will be the Chair for this committee in 2010. One person has expressed that they may step up as co-chair. If anyone is interested in co-chairing the tennis committee with Michele, let Vicki or Michele know. Meeting dates for 2010 are January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14 and May 12. Jill expressed a BIG thanks to Vicki for her long tenure as the CARA Tennis chair. THANK YOU VICKI!
- E. Track – Reed Davis (South Suburban):** The committee will combine with Hershey and have a season wrap-up meeting on Tuesday, September 29 at 4:30pm in Longmont.

The CARA Cross Country program is off and running – the first of 5 meets is this Sunday hosted by APEX at Stenger Soccer Complex, 11200 West 58th Avenue, Arvada. Other meets will be in Northglenn, Brighton, Fort Collins and Broomfield. Ages groups are 10 and under and 11-14 years. There are over 100 kids participating from 8 different agencies. Kids can participate at the meets as free agents for \$10.00 with half going to the hosting agency and half to CARA. All meet dates, times and places are on the caratrack.com website.

- F. Youth Volleyball – Rich Valdez (Aurora):** Jill reported that Rich does not want to chair this committee next year. If anyone is interested, please contact Jill.
- G. Youth In-Line Hockey – Becky Richmond (Golden):** the fall season is under way with 19 teams.
- H. Youth Sports – Bobby Warner (Windsor):** there is no budget for this committee. The committee does host sessions at conference. NAYS is hosting a CYSA session at conference next week – you cannot get accredited, but the session will answer questions and give information on on-line certification.
- I. PP&K – Mike Sexton (Pueblo):** Thanks to local hosts – all will be completed by next weekend. Sectionals will be in October. There are 100 local competitions in Colorado. When your event is finished, please enter your results on the PPK website and forward all paperwork to your assigned sectional host. The Bronco's competition is November 22 – the game is against the Chargers.
- J. NSC – Brian Magnett (Northglenn):** no report
- K. RSC – Jill Nunes (Highlands Ranch Metro District):** Stephanie from CPRA and Jill have a meeting with the Rockies next week and will present them with an autographed picture of all the competitors and volunteers from the final competition – letting them know how many kids the Rockies Skills Challenge serves. Numbers were up this year – both kids and agencies. Katie Kilbey from Lakewood has agreed to be chair of this committee – she will work with Jill in 2010 and then take over in 2011.
- L. Fundraising – Marc Rademacher (Ft. Collins):** the committee would like to host a poker tournament and is seeking advice on what they can and cannot do legally. Hopefully the tournament will be in November. Reed Davis, South Suburban, said that they have a couple of places where we could hold the tournament and have liquor. Marc will update at the October meeting.
- M. Financial Report – Jill Nunes (HRMD):** Jill reported that all committees have their budgets in – both 2009 year end and 2010 projections. Thank You!
- N. CPRA Update – Bobby Warner (Windsor):** Jill congratulated Marc Rademacher on winning the at-large VP position with CPRA. CONGRATULATIONS MARC!

CPRA conference is next week in Steamboat – you can still sign up. Conference participation numbers are way down – 160 signed up, last time it was in Steamboat 350 attended. Conference is CPRA's biggest revenue producer. With the down economy, most agencies are cutting training and travel. It will not affect CARA budgets, but it makes it very important that CARA stay within their budget. Bob Bullock mentioned that he called to if he could get a discount for volunteering at conference. CPRA told him the incentive for volunteering is \$30. Robin from Wheat Ridge suggested that if you know you are not going to use your meal tickets, you can donate them – volunteers usually get first dibs. Jill asked for basket donations for the scholarship fund – if you would like to donate one, please contact Jill and CPRA will make arrangements to get them to Conference.

- O. **Website – Marc Rademacher (Ft. Collins):** please get any information to Marc that you would like posted on the <http://www.carasports.com> website. We have gotten very few hits, but would like to keep the website up and going for another year. It could and should be a useful resource for sports participants to find information on tournaments throughout the state. Let your participants know about the website on your league schedules.

VII. Unfinished Business:

- A. **2010 Budget** - Covered in previous discussions.
- B. **Rockies Skills Challenge State Director** - Covered in previous discussion.

VIII. New Business:

- A. **Edgewater – new member** – Dan Maples is the new Edgewater Parks and Recreation Director and would like to become a member of CARA. Edgewater is interested in youth programs such as Tennis, Track and Volleyball. Dan is a member of CPRA and understands the 6 meetings per year commitment. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously. Welcome City of Edgewater.
- B. **Adult Sports Committee** - Covered in previous discussions
- C. **2010 Meeting Host sign-up** – passed around. The April meeting will be in Lakewood for RSC handouts, the June meeting will be at Water World – hosted by Hyland Hills, and the July meeting will be in Fort Collins for golf (\$10 donated back to CARA). All other months are open – please sign up. Footnote: January, May and August are still open
- D. **2010 Committee sign-up** – passed around

- E. Rule Book Changes** – The CARA Directory was passed around for corrections. Do we want to continue to have this directory or does everyone use the one on the CPRA website? The CPRA Directory does not have all athletics programmers in it. There was discussion. The consensus was to keep the CARA Directory in the rule book.

Each committee chair received a copy of the rules, please look them over and make any applicable changes for 2010. Bring those changes to the October meeting.

- F. CARA Person of the Year** – as a section of CPRA, we need to have a CARA person of the year. Jill will work on it for 2010.

IX. Discussion Items:

- A. Public Relations** – Marc Rademacher, once again agreed to take on these responsibilities. His first commitment is an article for the By-Line.

X. Announcements and Door Prizes:

Please look on the <http://www.carasports.com> website for a flyer on the Gladiator Games, benefitting Denver Parks and Recreation, Community Recreation Middle School & Track Programs. The games will be held on Wednesday, October 28 from 6-8pm at the X-treme Challenge Arena in Thornton.

Jayna asked if anyone has ever heard of the Stars of Tomorrow organization. Loveland, Englewood and Erie were mentioned as holding competitions.

The City of Lakewood generously donated plenty of goodies for a raffle.

- XI. Next Meeting:** October 21, 2009 10:00am in Wheat Ridge.

- XII. Adjournment:** Becky Richmond motioned and Mike Sexton seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 11:20am

Respectfully submitted,

René Kingsley