



**RMBA Minutes for Sept.19, 2010 @ 6:30 at Riverview Fire Hall
Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Oct.24, 2010 @ 6:30.**

Attendance:

Kirk Leblanc	Leanne Leblanc	Tanya Porter
Todd Coleman	Mark McAleese	Deanne Leblanc
Todd Scott	Kim Saucier	Jennifer Linthorne
Larry Miklos	Richard Rafferty	Carolyn Longaphie
Donna Blakney	Lynn Lawrence	Natalie Flowers
Mike Randall		

1. **Registration Totals:** We currently have 260 registered players and we have one more late registration date scheduled for Wed. Sept. 22 @ RHS. We had 315 registered last year. Darren Rose did a phone survey and comparison chart of last year's registration stats versus this year. His complete report is attached to these minutes. A few points to highlight are: only 60% of this year's registrations are from last year's players. This shows that we did a great job at getting 40% new players this year but we need to focus on player retention year over year. We only have 49.8% of players returning from last year. Hopefully they are all waiting until the final registration next week. But as an organization we need to focus on retention. Please review Darren's report for more details.
2. **Players from other communities:** We have re-confirmed our previous commitment to non-Riverview residents who want to play on RMBA house league or Provincial Rep teams and our policy is very clear. Any non-Riverview resident is welcome to play house league without any restrictions. Non Riverview residents wishing to try out for RMBA Provincial teams must have a release issued from their association or the association that their area falls under and once this release is received, the player can try out for the Provincial team. To adhere to BNB guidelines, this release is valid for only that season and a new release is required each year. As with all tryouts, it is the discretion of the coach what players will make the team, but there is a cap that only 2 spots are available on any one rep. team for Non-Riverview residents. This will be communicated to all non-resident players before tryouts. All players must be registered with RMBA before trying out for rep teams or playing house league games. Once again, if a Riverview or Non-Riverview Resident attends tryouts for a Provincial team and does not make the team – under no circumstances will a refund be granted.

3. **Don Grant Classic:** This is a women's tournament with 3 outside teams and 3 local teams. RMBA will be participating. It is being held on Sunday, Oct. 24 with games at 9, 11 & 1. More details will follow: ie, RMBA day and after the meeting Lynn Lawrence volunteered to assist with this event.
4. **RMS Score Board:** The request for a new score clock has gone to tender 9 days ago and it is usually a 17 day process. Kirk provided specifications for what RMBA is looking for in a new clock. RMBA will approve the final decision as there are certain features that are important to have on the clock.
5. **BNB Volunteer of the Year:** Our very own RMBA VP, Mark McAleese was the recipient of this very important recognition award for all that he does for basketball in our community. Congratulations to Mark on this well deserved award. A big thank you also goes out to all RMBA volunteers for the time and energy that they put into making basketball a positive experience for all players.
6. **Provincial Coaches Training:** We received 3 requests for financial support to assist current coaches to improve on their skills.
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 1. Mark McAleese has registered to attend the Level II coach's clinic being held in Fredericton. Mark does not have confirmation of the cost of the course as of yet but he will let us know the cost. RMBA normally covers the cost of the clinic and we discussed assisting with the cost of his hotel room for 2 nights. Mark will personally cover the cost for gas and meals.
 2. Mike Porter has registered to attend the Level I coach's clinic being held in Moncton on Nov. 20 & 21 and the cost of the clinic is \$125. RMBA approved covering the cost of the clinic.
 3. Todd Scott has registered to attend the Level I coach's clinic in Fredericton in Oct. at a cost of \$125. RMBA approved covering the cost of the clinic. Todd has accommodations available to him in Fredericton.

** It was discussed that RMBA may be able to approach "Go Coach NB" for grant money to assist in the expense of coaching clinics. Mike Randall also offered to help with obtaining additional funding through the community, if needed.

8. **Division Coordinators:** All division coordinators are in place except for Mini Boys. Darren Rose was nominated to look after this division again this year.
9. **Correspondence:** On behalf of Todd Scott, Enbridge Gas donated \$500 to RMBA in recognition of Todd's volunteer efforts with RMBA. Thank you to Enbridge and Todd for this generous donation.
10. **Provincial Tournament Scheduling:** Mark's goal is to have all provincial tournament dates set by November. We will have up to 8 teams scheduling tournaments from Nov – Feb so the plan is to have 2 tournaments/month. Preferably the Mini teams will be booking their tournaments earlier in the year, ie Nov & Dec. Mark will work out the schedule once he has all the provincial coaches in place and meets with them all to discuss further.
11. **Financials:** The account balance is currently \$5023.16. We have taken in \$15,520. in registration funds that have not yet appeared on the current statement.
12. **Other items discussed:**
 - Possibility of a Midget Girls team is still on the table but we will have to wait until the high school JV team is selected to see what our numbers are.
 - Uniforms have been ordered and T-shirts will be ordered tomorrow.
 - We currently have 18 referees signed up which is not enough to run the program effectively but Darren will be checking into booking registered officials for the Bantam games so this will help with the number of junior referees needed.
 - Website: Carolyn can give us access to the website for making changes. The options are: contributors (can write a post, but it must be approved before being posted), Author (can write a post without approval but not delete), Editor (Can write post or delete & approve), Administrator (all access). Most members will be set up as contributors with access to post items to the site with approval from either an editor or administrator. Carolyn obtained information from all members present at the meeting and she will be sending out instructions for making changes to the site. Carolyn is always open to suggestions on improving the Website and she currently created a "Registration" tab for easier access to registration info and forms. The website is getting better every day. Thank you Carolyn!
 - Suggestion was made to tape the backboards (create a box to aim for) at FLB and CDT for the Puppy and Jr. Mini levels as they learn to shoot.
 - Puppies need to have lower basketball nets and this was a common complaint among parents of this division. We are looking into purchasing two portable units that will be adjusted to 7ft to accommodate the puppies.
 - Volunteers need to be recognized and contacted even if it is to advise them that we did not have a place for them in the position that they chose.

- Kirk will send out a mass email to Bantam players to recruit referees.
- Kirk will also send out a reminder email of the “bring a friend” night for Mini & Bantam.

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