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OFFICIALS SUPPORT FUND RAISING FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

Rick Degagne's wife Colleen recently passed away after a battle with cancer. In order to honour and respect Colleen and the family that she left behind, the Regina Panel of CIS officials made a donation to the "Pink Whistle" campaign run by Karn Dhillon of BCBOA. The crews wore the pink whistles recently during a University of Regina/UBC series. All were all proud of this significant gesture.

The University of Regina women also wore pink uniforms to increase awareness and raise funds for Breast Cancer research on behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society.



Officials in the picture are from left to right: Michael Champion, Marc Franklin, Matt Rosgen, Warren Poncsak, Neil Donnelly and Ron Bailey. (Chris Brischuk also wore the whistle on the Friday night of the series)

CHANGE OF INTERPRETATION JUST IN FROM FIBA

Paul Deshaies, CABO National Interpreter

I just received word from FIBA that a rule interpretation was changed following the meeting of the Technical Commission in January. One of the new rules implemented last October concerns the throw-in spot. In the last two minutes of the 4th quarter or any overtime, if a team is entitled to a backcourt throw-in and that team takes a time-out, when play resumes, the throw-in will go to the throw-in line in the team's frontcourt. Another modification brought in this year pertains to the shot clock reset procedure. When a team that had control of the ball is awarded a throw-in in the frontcourt, if a reset is appropriate under circumstances described in Article 29 and the shot clock shows 14 seconds or more, the time left will remain; if the shot clock displays 13 seconds or less, the shot clock will be reset to 14 seconds.

Then, there was a question about what would happen if there was an unsportsmanlike, technical or disqualifying foul in the last two minutes of the 4th quarter or overtime. What if the team entitled to a throw-in at mid-court, following the free throws, took a time-out. The answer originally given by FIBA was that a throw-in at mid-court was considered the same as a backcourt throw-in. Therefore, the throw-in would go to the throw-in line in the frontcourt with the reset procedure described above being in effect.

FIBA reconsidered this interpretation in January and decided to adopt what can be considered a more logical position at which some of our provincial interpreters had hinted right off the bat. So here it is. Regardless of the time of the game or the fact that a time-out is taken or not, the throw-in following the free throws for a technical, unsportsmanlike or disqualifying foul, will take place at mid-court as stipulated in the respective articles dealing with those infractions (36, 37, and 38). In addition, as stated in Article 50.2.1, the shot clock, following the free throws, will be reset to 24 seconds. Please note that this new interpretation takes effect immediately.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Jim Walsh, CABO President, February 2011

The basketball season is at its mid-point and, from CABO's perspective, we are moving into a very busy part of the season. This memo is intended to bring you up to date on happenings since the fall and to give you an overview of what is on the horizon.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - OTTAWA

Our AGM was held in Ottawa in September. Our gracious hosts were the Ottawa Valley Board of Basketball Officials and OABO who looked after our every need. We had very healthy discussions on many topics including our Officials' Certification Program, National Championships, the CABO camp, education opportunities (including Post Play Express) and enhancement of our website.

NOCP

The intention is to have all officials certified under the NOCP by the end of this season. At the AGM, we agreed to enhance opportunities for officials to attain Level 4 status. The provinces are in the process of submitting their lists to Jim Cervo, Education Officer, with a view to having the "grandfathered" officials certified under the NOCP. This confirmation will take place at the CABO Executive meeting in March.

WEBSITE

Ted Montgomery and Jim Cervo conducted the search for a new webmaster. We are pleased to announce that Matthew Koivisto, a CABO member from BC, has been selected as our webmaster. We are hopeful that Matt's expertise and his knowledge of officiating will make our site a valuable resource for all CABO members.

POSTPLAY EXPRESS

Our National Interpreter, Paul Deshaies, has been working quite hard in producing a regular edition of Post Play Express. Paul has been able to produce a new edition on a monthly basis since September. The ongoing success of Post Play Express will, in large part, be dependent on contributions from all of our member provinces. Please send your stories, articles and/or photos to Paul for inclusion in a future edition of the Express.

FRED HORGAN - CHAIR OF FIBA TECHNICAL COMMISSION

Congratulations are in order for Fred Horgan from New Brunswick, the former National Interpreter of CABO, who was elected as Chair of the FIBA Technical Commission at the FIBA Annual Meeting in the fall. This is a very influential position in the FIBA world especially with regard to rules and their interpretations. Fred is the first Canadian to hold this post. CABO is very proud of Fred's accomplishment.

SPRING NATIONALS

The CCAA and CIS tournaments will be soon upon us. The CCAA tournaments will both be held in Ontario (Welland for the Women; Oshawa for the Men) from March 17 - 19. The CIS Men's tournament returns to Halifax March 11-13. The CIS Women have introduced a regional playoff system to decide the last three teams to go to the nationals in Windsor, ON, March 18-20. The regionals will be held at the home of the AUS, OUA and CW runners up March 11-12. Our officials along with our A/E panel will be very busy during that tournament period. In association with OABO and

the University of Windsor, CABO will be offering a two-person and three-person mechanics clinic on March 17 for members of Windsor and area. Paul Deshaies, CABO's National Interpreter, will conduct the clinic assisted by FIBA licensed official Rich Stehlik of OABO.

BILL RITCHIE PASSES AWAY

CABO is very saddened by the loss of New Brunswick's Bill Ritchie, a former president of CABO, who passed away after a lengthy illness. Our condolences go to Bill's family. CABO has honoured Bill through the establishment of the Ritchie/Nicurity scholarships which have been named after past presidents of CABO Bill Ritchie and Bryan Nicurity of Saskatchewan.

CABO CAMP

The plans are under way for the CABO Camp which will occur, we believe, in July, likely in Montreal again. Past president Don Cline and former President Bill Crowley are once again spearheading this initiative. We should have more details available in the next few weeks.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICIATING

CABO's international officials have been quite busy since the start of this season. Steve Seibel of Kamloops, BC attended the FIBA World Championships for Men in Turkey and also, along with Reid Kenyon of Winnipeg, worked the FIBA Americas Club championships in Puerto Rico and Mexico; Dawna Townsend of Toronto attended the FIBA World Championships for Women in the Czech Republic; Nadine Crowley of Ottawa attended the Asian games in China; and Scott Critch of Grand Falls - Windsor, NL is heading to the Bahamas for the Caribbean Law Enforcement Games. Congratulations to all!

BASKETBALL SUMMIT

Canada Basketball is organizing a basketball summit which has been tentatively set for May 27 and 28 in Toronto. The summit coincides with the CB annual general meeting. The steering committee includes representatives from many of the basketball stakeholders including the Toronto Raptors, CCAA, CIS, the national high school sports association, the PSOs, and CABO. I am the CABO member of this committee and will have more information for you in the next few weeks. The intent is to examine the state of the game of basketball in the country, where we want it to be and how we will get there. Please let me know if you have any topics that you would like to see discussed at the summit.

CABO EXECUTIVE MEETING

The CABO Executive will hold its face to face meeting in Oshawa, ON, March 18-19 in conjunction with the CCAA Men's tournament. We hope to meet with Sandra Murray-MacDonell, the CCAA Executive Director, while we are there. Sandra has forged a very strong relationship with CABO which we hope will continue long into the future.

CONCLUSION

I will have more information on many of these initiatives in the next President's update.

FROM THE CABO SECRETARY/TREASURER

We have now reached the busiest time of the winter basketball season. Preparations are in full swing for the spring Nationals. My schedule will be quite hectic for the next month or so. Once all the nominations from the provinces are in to CABO, I will coordinate with the CABO VP and with the CCAA office to complete flight arrangements for the officials travelling to the CCAA tournaments. My duties also include coordinating with the CCAA and CIS tournament convenors to arrange for the officials' game fees and per diems. The women's CCAA tournament is hosted by Niagara College in Welland and the men's CCAA is hosted by Durham College in Oshawa. The A/Es for the women's tournament are Bruce Covert and Nancy Éthier and for the men's tournament, they are Roger Caulfield and Grant Stewart.

The CIS Women's tournament has a new format which was instituted by the CIS to showcase women's basketball. There will be three regional tournaments, as already mentioned in the president's article: one hosted by Canada West second place team; another hosted by OUA second place team and the third hosted by AUS second place team this year. The last regional mentioned will alternate between the AUS and QSSF as a host as per a pre-determined formula. Since there is very little info on this process, I'll list the match-ups for each regional held March 11-12.

-CW Regional – CW 2 vs. at large team; QSSF 2 vs. OUA 4

-OUA Regional – OUA 2 vs. CW 5; CW 3 vs. AUS 3

-AUS Regional – AUS 2 vs. OUA 5; OUA 3 vs. CW 4

The Final 8 will be in Windsor on March 18-20 and includes the following teams:

-Host team Windsor

-CW Champion

-OUA Champion

-RSEQ Champion

-AUS Champion

-The 3 winners of the regionals

Since the hosts for the regionals will not be determined until all the conference playoffs are completed, the locations of these events will not be known until a week prior. This may cause some logistical problems, but hopefully everything will run smoothly and the new format will be a success. Since the 'wildcard' process is not utilized, all teams have to earn a berth in the Final 8. The A/Es for the Final 8 are Bill Carr and Mike Homsy.

The CIS Men's tournament returns to Halifax on March 11-13 after a three-year run in Ottawa. Apparently there is a two-year agreement with the Halifax organizers. After the present contract expires following the 2012 tournament, there is a plan for the men's tournament to change to a regional format, perhaps similar to the women's tournament. Some of us can remember that, during the 1980's, the CIS men had a format of four regionals and the winners of those regionals then participated in a Final 4 format. In my opinion the new regional concept and the Final 8 will provide a more interesting spectator event. The rumour has it that if a regional concept becomes a reality for the CIS men in 2013 then the Final 8 may return to Ottawa. This is just a rumour and a lot can occur in three years. The A/Es

for this year's event in Halifax are John Weiland and Markku Peuhkurinen. I look forward to returning to Halifax as the location of the tournament at the Metro Centre makes this event special.

Also mentioned by the president in his update above, the plan is to run another CABO Camp in Montreal in July during the Quebec Basketball Festival. Don Cline will provide more information on the camp in the March Issue of Post Play Express once a go-ahead is received from Basketball Quebec. Last year's camp was a huge success. If you plan to attend, please check for entry information on the CABO website. The info should be there no later than March 1st. I will be handling the registrations again this year. Last year's camp had 70 campers and there were 15 on a waiting list, so make your plans now. A subsidy similar to last year's will be available to campers as CABO will receive the last monies from Canada Basketball of the \$50,000.00 signing bonus for the working agreement signed by CB and CABO a few years ago. This agreement has been beneficial to the individual CABO member as this subsidy assists those who wish to attend the CABO Camp to improve their officiating skills. Also I wanted to clearly indicate that all camp scholarship monies from CABO will be allocated to those who attend the CABO Camp. In years when there is no CABO Camp, then scholarship monies will be available to each province to distribute to those officials attending other camps. As I said, Don Cline will provide all the camp information once the plans are finalized.

WELCOME ABOARD MATTHEW



Post Play Express is pleased to introduce CABO's new webmaster, Matthew Koivisto of Kamloops, BC. Who better to introduce this very important new resource for the organization than the person himself. The floor is yours Matthew.

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Matthew Koivisto. Let me begin by thanking the CABO Executive for appointing me to the position of Webmaster. This is not a duty I will take lightly.

I have been a basketball official since the fall of 2000 and have officiated in 3 provinces. I began in Kamloops and after just one year I moved to Yorkton, SK and then to Winnipeg the year after, basketball being the main constant throughout. I moved back to Kamloops in the summer of 2003 and once again found myself in the KBOA (Kamloops Basketball Officials Association).

In the fall of 2005, I was hospitalized with a severe heart infection and spent the next two seasons away from the game in recovery and eventual open-heart surgery in 2006. Since the doctors cleared me to resume basketball in 2007, I have been going strong, officiating approximately 300 games in the past four seasons.

I have officiated various levels of play from elementary school all the way through AAA Boys Tournaments and Adult Club Leagues, including the 2002 North American Filipino Games in Winnipeg. In all, I would have to say I have officiated approximately 600 games so far in my career and I hope to do another 6000 before I am done!

Another passion of mine is technology. I was a nerd in high school, interested in basketball, but did not play beyond the junior high level. Computers held more interest for me. After graduation in 1990, I entered college and found a new technology: computers linked together around the world, the beginnings of the Internet. I began using the early forms of communication (Usenet, IRC, TELNET, BBS's) and Lynx – an early text based browser.

Mosaic changed things – it was the first graphical browser and the Internet as we know it began to take form. This is when I got involved in programming and coding websites. I got my first contract (paid) in 1995 and have not looked back since.

So it only seemed natural for me to combine these two loves. I have been on the Executive of my local association since I resumed officiating. I built our website which I maintain along with our facebook page, as part of my duties for the KBOA.

I was very pleased when the opportunity to put my name forward for this position came available and I am delighted to be able to present myself to you now. I look forward to communicating to you and helping to present the image CABO to the officials across the country, to make us all better at what we love to do.

Please feel free to contact me with any thoughts/ suggestions/ critiques you may have via email at

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