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CABO AGM IN WHISTLER

CABO held its 2011 AGM in beautiful Whistler, BC, September 15-18. Tanks to Tim Heide, Supervisor for BC and his colleagues of the organizing committee, nothing was spared to make the members of the National Council feel right at home. Here is an excerpt from a communication issued by Tim a few days after the event :

The BCBOA was pleased to host this year's CABO AGM. The weather could have been better and the golf scores could have been lower, but we hope that this brief Whistler experience has provided you with some favorable memories.

A few interesting facts from the weekend; you can never have too many golf balls in your bag, Whistler is apparently just south of Pembroke, there is no last call when Karn is hosting (surprisingly only one late arrival Saturday morning) and 3:00 AM is early.

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As is always the case, the weekend provided opportunity to share with old friends, make new ones, have some laughs and successfully complete the business agenda of this year's Annual General Meeting. None of this however is possible, without the participation and commitment from each.

I wish each of your Provincial Officials Associations a terrific year,

Best Regards,

Tim

Below are some of the points highlighted by executive members in their reports to the AGM:

President Jim Walsh:

This is my second report to the AGM as President of CABO. It is hard to believe that my two year term has expired already. CABO has seen some major initiatives come to fruition this year mostly with resounding success. Post Play Express has been successfully launched. An online casebook has

been published. A new webmaster has been hired. Our officials continue to excel on the international and national scenes. Our member associations also report many successes.

The single biggest reason for my optimism and excitement is the attainment of Active Member status in Canada Basketball - the same membership status as the provincial sports organizations (PSOs) puts us right at the table with the decision makers for our sport. For the first time in my nearly 40 years of officiating, and my nearly 25 years around the National Council table, officials are being recognized as an integral part of the sport with whom the NSO and the PSOs want to partner. This has led immediately to an enhanced partnership with CIS and CCAA.

Vice-President Ted Montgomery:

The most recent task has been to represent CABO on the 3-on-3 [FIBA refers to it as 3x3] Committee. We have had one conference call – Sept 6th. You can find the FIBA 3x3 rules here:

http://www.cabocanada.org/images/stories/PDFs/FIBA/FIBA33_OfficialRules_1006.pdf

CB hopes to undertake a major expansion in this area. So far, Basketball BC and Basketball Alberta have conducted tournaments and BA plans to begin a 3x3 league this year. For all of these and future planned 3x3 activities, the plan is to use certified CABO officials. The sports bodies see 3x3 as a great opportunity to involve older players and recreational players who want to reduce the running up and down the court but maintain a game that involves all the skills of basketball. The BBC and BA tournaments generated revenue for these bodies.

Two of the concerns raised during the initial call addressed officials:

- Officials had difficulty incorporating new rule formats: (Not inbound the ball after a basket is scored)*
- Officials did not know how to best position themselves*

As the 3x3 game develops and expands we are going to need to train our officials in the rules of this game and how to apply them consistently across the country, and to ensure that CABO officials are used by groups holding 3x3 tournaments or establishing leagues. There do not appear to be any 3x3 mechanics, so CABO might have to develop them if we choose.

Education Officer Jim Cervo:

I believe the National Evaluators Panel is approaching a pivotal point. We added 5 new members to the panel in the past 2 years – Mike Homsy and Nancy Éthier from Quebec, Roger Caulfield from Nova Scotia, Michael Thomson from British Columbia and Morgan Munroe from Alberta. It is imperative that we add more members of this caliber in the next few years as we replace some members who have served on the panel for a long period of time. These individuals have made a great contribution and will be thanked for the service they have provided.

(In the framework of the National Official Certification Program) We received the list of officials from each province who have been recommended to be grandfathered as Level 4 & 5 recipients. It appears each province is still working on granting Level 3 status to the officials that have qualified. Once that is completed, we will begin the task of loading this information to our data base.

SecretaryTreasurer Markku Peuhkurinen:

The total membership increased by 10. There are presently 4,127 CABO members. The report outlines the membership numbers for the last six years. There were increases in membership numbers in six provinces.

Education costs were below to the budgeted amount. I suggest to the provinces to utilize the monies allocated for clinics. ... the monies spent for clinics were substantially below the budgeted amount. Officiating/Certification Development is there for all provinces to train NOCP Evaluators within their province. The amount spent was also below budget. Hopefully all provinces are now fully into the NOCP and have classified all officials into proper categories. CABO Executive perused and approved the lists from the provinces with regard to officials grandfathered into categories 3 & 4.

The budget for 2011-2012 proposes revenues of \$144,210.00 and expenses of \$153,160.00. This will maintain all programs at their present levels.

National Interpreter Paul Deshaies:

The issue of the environment in which the exam is administered must be raised again at this time in the context of the National Officials Certification Program (NOCP). One of the objectives of the NOCP is to standardize the certification levels so that a Level 1 official in Manitoba is comparable to a Level 1 official in New Brunswick, British Columbia, and all the other provinces. The same goes for Levels 2 to 4. Since the exam is part of the requirements to achieve the different levels, which are recognized nationally, it must be administered under the same circumstances everywhere. Despite a plea for compliance by all involved in administering the exam, it seems that some are not willing to abide by the rules. Since it appears impossible to reliably count on all the people, there is one solution that may insure an even field for all the members who write the exam. Under certain conditions, the exam could be taken on line.

Past-President Don Cline:

I want to offer my sincerest congratulations to all our officials who conducted themselves so professionally and skillfully when representing Canada Basketball and CABO both domestically and internationally. I have heard nothing but compliments and rave reviews about their efforts both on and off the court. As a result, we have much to be proud of in how everyone represented us and themselves around the world.

CABO has now successfully operated seven (7) summer development camps over a twelve (12) year period. All catered to the needs of all levels of officials. (1999 through 2003, 2010 and 2011) I believe the time has come to carefully examine the nature and objectives of the camp.

Elections to the executive positions occur every other year. The mandates of the five elected members of the executive had expired. Each of them allowed his name to stand for re-election and all five were acclaimed. Past-president Don Cline stays on for the next two years.



Left to right: Past-President Don Cline, Education Officer Jim Cervo, Vice-President Ted Montgomery, President Jim Walsh, National Interpreter Paul Deshaies, Secretary-Treasurer Markku Peuhkurinen

CORRECTION OF AN INTERPRETATION

Article 17.2.6 deals with the throw-in spot when the ball enters the basket, but the basket or free throw is disallowed.

It was believed that the provision applied only when it was the offense that committed an infraction which caused a basket scored by that team to be disallowed, the purpose being to make it clear that the basket did not count when the ball was awarded to the defense for a throw-in.

However, recent inquiries with FIBA have confirmed that the rule applies when a basket is disallowed whether it is due to an infraction committed by the defense or by the offense.

Case 17-17 in the Casebook was corrected accordingly. It now reads as follows :

17-17 While dribbling in the lane toward the basket, A1 is fouled by B1 just before starting the act of shooting. A1 continues his movement, releases the ball which enters the basket. The official disallows the basket and awards Team A a throw-in. Should Team A's throw-in take place at the free throw line extended? Yes. Article 17.2.6 says: Whenever the ball enters the basket but the field goal or the free throw is not valid, the subsequent throw-in shall be taken at the free-throw line extended.

The casebook has been corrected as of October 5. The updated version should now be available on the CABO website.

MIKE HOMSY OF QUEBEC AWARDED THE TED EARLEY

The Ted Earley Memorial is the most prestigious award CABO can attribute to one of its members. Mike Homsy has had an illustrious career as a floor official. He officiated numerous national championships working the gold medal game many times. His international career took him to several events worldwide among which twice to the World Championship for men and to the Olympic Games in Athens. Mike is a member of the Board of National Evaluators. As the vice-president responsible for operations with the Comité provincial d'arbitrage de la Fédération de basketball du Québec, Mike sits on the National Council of CABO as the supervisor for his province. He was recently appointed director of officiating for the new National Basketball League of Canada. Our most sincere congratulations to Mike Homsy for a very much deserved award.



CABO President Jim Walsh presents the Ted Earley to Mike Homsy