



Yankton Basketball Inc.

Who We Are and What We Do

Yankton Basketball Inc., better known as YBI is a local non-profit corporation organized to manage the Hansen-Haas Basketball Tournament (formerly Roger Haas) held annually each March. YBI was created by a small group of civic minded individuals who organized the first Roger Haas Basketball Tournament in 1991. This small group first referred to as the Roger Haas Committee, has developed into a cooperative effort that includes hundreds of community members working in cooperation with the Yankton School District, Mount Marty College, the Yankton Business Community, and the City of Yankton to put on our yearly tournament.

YBI has assisted in the creation of the “Little Lancers” basketball program which is organized and run by the Mount Marty College Basketball teams and the “Just for Fun” program developed with the cooperation of the City of Yankton Parks and Recreation department which involves area youth. Continued involvement by the youth of Yankton is top priority for YBI as it provides gym space for practice times for our local organized teams. YBI also helped in the purchase of hoop attachments to allow our “Just for Fun” program to include a range of youth from 1st through 5th grade.

Leading up to and during the Hansen-Haas Tournament, YBI is responsible for all scheduling and organizing of teams and volunteers, as well as providing championship shirts, medals, and court supplies. YBI uses the funds raised by this tournament to grant \$4,000 to \$6,000 yearly in post-secondary awards to YHS and MMC students who actively participated with the Hansen-Haas Tournament and YBI programs. Throughout the years YBI has sponsored various groups with such things as “team send offs” for state basketball tournament teams, Yankton Science Olympiad, Yankton Special Olympics, Yankton Volleyball, CASA, and the Yankton National Guard Unit events. YBI has purchased and provided installation for stat boards and shot clocks in the YHS gym, and video equipment and flat screen monitors for YHS and MMC. YBI continues to financially support YHS Buck and Gazelle Basketball Teams through yearly support of equipment and summer camps.

