MAAD Executive Board Meeting Minutes
58th Annual Men’s, 35th Annual Women’s
and 18th Annual Coed’s
John L. Buckmaster Memorial Softball Tournament
Thursday, July 7, 2016
Hosted by MAAD
Kelly Inn Best Western – St. Cloud, Minnesota

Meeting Called to Order
President Barbara Nacarelli called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2016 held in Barbara Nacarelli’s room.

Roll Call:
Elected Executive Board Officers: President Barbara Nacarelli, Vice-President Robert Lister, Secretary Amy Thomson, Treasurer Marti Herman and Board-at-Large Candice Arteaga.

Appointed: Tournament Director Greg Petersen
Past President: Wayne Morse
Host Chair: 2016 Softball Christina Costello
Observers: Andrew Stone, Jonathan Arteaga and Todd Stultz

Correspondences: (letters, information’s, etc.) -
- Greater St. Louis Association of the Deaf - Letter with check to bid for 2018 Basketball
- Rec’d email from Visitor Bureau of Cheyenne, Wyoming

Ratification of chat room/email motions: none

Reports of Officers:
President Barbara Nacarelli –
- Silent prayer requested for Delbert Boese who passed away last week.
- Law and Budget Committees: must CC me as I am ex-officio.
- Facebook/Website update – add board officer pictures, do vlogs and add pin post of rules. Asked to add Candice and Amy as admin on Facebook (as of now is Barb and Robert). If any negative comment, committee should contact that person directly to resolve the issue. Open to public to allow anyone comment in MAAD.
- Past Presidents – discuss who is considered past president: selected Jack Cooper, Wayne Morse and Paige Thompson.
- Hall of Fame - hold
- Google Drive – set up for MAAD officers to share same email. Amy and Marti will work on that.
- Athlete of the Year – Davey Olson is laid off from MSAD. Need to find back up if Davey choose not to continue doing this. Greg will work on this as temporary.
- Word of Men’s and Women’s on the heading stay on the flyer or remove? We all agree that we can remove wording on flyer/award for Men’s and Women’s if we only have COEDs playing. We agreed to leave first line ‘58th Annual’.
- Awards Labeling – same as above.
- Webmaster contract – Candice motion to pay $150 bi-annually with contract showing 2 years. Marti second. All voted, passed.
Vice President Robert Lister –
- Have not selected/talked with law committees yet but will ask this weekend during the tourney.
- Plan to have one-day event where each person representative their clubs/independent meet in the central of the Midwest to discuss on how to improve MAAD.
- All-Star Game after championship game—will pick player based on stats, one pitch, 5th inning.

Secretary Amy Thompson –
- Received Financial Report from OCD for 2016 Basketball Tournament and MAAD Board approved. Sent out to Club secretaries on May 1, 2016.
- Send out Award Contract for 2016 Softball to Club Secretaries on May 2, 2016.
- Rec’d Contract Agreement to host MAAD Tournament from Candice Arteaga, Omaha Association of the Deaf in the mail for 2017 Softball.
- Rec’d $500 Security Deposit and letter from GLSAD on 6/2 to host bid for 2018 Basketball in St. Louis. Met with Marti to give her the check. Confirmed with Greg with formal letter to let him know we have rec’d the letter. Sent agreement to Greg Peterson to fill out on June 27 and will send it to me or give to me at 2016 Softball.
- Emailed Lorrie Shank that MAAD Board voted her to be MAAD Hall of Fame Director.

Treasurer Marti Herman –
- Since we have 4 teams, we earn $1,500.00 plus $400 deposit from independent team, MAAD pay $20 for MSF Fee, Prizes $750 and giftcards worth $380 which leaves us around $350. We are hoping we have good numbers of fan to help us.
- No budget committee as of yet. (bylaws currently required 5-7 committees) Marti will make motion to change to 3 committees at delegate meeting at 2017 Basketball Tournament in Council Bluffs, IA.
- Current general fund is $3,018.00 – need to start be more careful.
- Marti brought safe box.
- Suggested idea to replace the plague with towels, t-shirts or cups with MAAD logo on it?
- Fans registration and players registration is all set up. Ordered more bracket for fans and team badge is all ready to go.

Board-at-Large Candice Arteaga –
- No reports

Reports of Past Presidents:
Past President Jack Cooper – absent
Past President Wayne Morse –
- Asked if we had Individual Sportsmanship award in honor of Michael Layton and we already started last year. He was not aware of that and said we should add word ‘In memorial of’ on all of awards.
- Concerned about 4 teams and run two day tournament which cost MAAD money. Should add to the guideline if 4 team or less, have one day tournament. If 5 team or more, have two days tournament. Robert will work on it. Marti also mentioned about deadline on the form, change from 2 weeks to 1 month prior to the tournament..

Past President Paige Thompson - absent

Reports of Special Committee:
Tournament Director - Greg Petersen –
2016 MAAD Softball Tournament in St. Cloud, MN
- Four teams will be participating in the tournament.
  - That is a low number of teams.
  - MAAD needs to be pro-active to keep our strong MAAD tradition going.
- I’ll be curious how many fans will come to watch the games this weekend.
I’m exciting to see MAAD implementing our first-ever All Star Game after the COED championship game.

NSAD will be held in Indianapolis, IN which is a rarity to see NSAD hosting their tournament in the Midwest for two successive years (last year was at Omaha, NE).

Waving hands to Diane Schiffler-Dobe and Christina Costello for their marvelous assistance to do the local work for us.

MSF tag required to put in each player’s bag and also required to add the MSF decal on the bracket.

All team signed the form with no error.

Showed us the rooster team with who is free agents.

Met with Diane to observe the fields this afternoon. They agreed to change from field 1 and 2 to field 1 and 4. The purpose of change field is because 2 and 3 have swamp in the back of fence which mean if someone hit homerun, we will be fined if we did not pick up the ball.

Explained who is going to NSAD, was surprised that Ruthless is going but not playing in MAAD.

Hall of Fame Director – Lorrie Shank

• No Report.

Annual Sand Volleyball

• No Report

High School Athlete of the Year – Greg Peterson

• Ready to send out the letter and form to all deaf school this fall.
• Suggest Idea to set sponsorship for youth athlete who will attend college.

Reports of Tournament Chairs:

2016 Softball Chairperson Barbara Nacarelli and Christina Costello (Hosted by MAAD) –

• Volunteers – not enough volunteers because they complain that they have to pay $10 for registration fee. Board agreed to waive fee for volunteer but no free meal. No headcount on volunteers.
• Visitors Bureau gave 25 free bags for board and volunteers.

2017 Basketball Chairperson Barbara Nacarelli (Hosted by MAAD) –

• Kathy Miller cannot be able to run as chairperson.
• ‘Save the Date’ flyer for March 9-11 – will add on registration table tomorrow.

2018 Softball Chairperson Candice Arteaga

• The fields won’t accept her application until August.
• Asked about date? July or Labor Day. Ask in Players Council meeting.

Appeals/Grievances –

• none

Unfinished Business –

• none

New Business –

• no new business

Announcements –

• no announcement

Adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Amy Thompson, Secretary