



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

2016 MAAD Softball's Players Council meeting was called to order on July 8, 2016 at 11:10 am at Sauk Rapids Athletic Complex in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota.

Roll Call:

Midwest Underdog – Todd Stultz

Midwest Maulers – Kristina Lorenzo-Arteaga

St. Cloud – Diane Schiffler-Dobe

Team 10 – Wayne Morse

Observers – Andrew Stone, Tony Nacarelli, Nick Dillman, Marti Herman, Barbara Nacarelli and Amy Thompson.

Greg informed team reps that audiograms/diplomas were all turned in and thanked everyone for their cooperation.

Greg asked if any team need to add players at last minute but none are needed to add.

Barbara briefly explained about cramp and heat stroke workshop.

Opening statement from MAAD President, Barbara Nacarelli and as 2016 Softball Chairperson, she welcomed everyone. There will be water cooler with cups at each field.

Barb Nacarelli, MAAD Commissioner, greeted the team representatives and wished them the best of luck.

NSAD will have their tournament at Indianapolis! Greg wished some of team from MAAD good luck.

UIC explained that there is no charge of using the fields. Concession will be sold all day serving hamburger, hot dog and beers. Field # 1 and 4 are in good shape to start the tournament after brief rain this morning. MSF rules including the bat that can be ASA/NSSSA stamps and no alternative or damage bat allowed. UIC will go to each dugout to inspect the bat.

Greg quick explain about the Round Robin with only 55 minutes. Tournament will start on Saturday at 8am.

Greg asked Diane if there is any DNO on Saturday night, Diane said DNO will be at Brothers Bar in downtown St. Cloud, only few blocks away from the Kelly Inn/Green Mill at 7pm.

Tournament Director's Report:

- 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'm excited 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).
- MSF tag required to put in each player's bag and also required to add the MSF decal on the bracket.
- All teams signed their forms with no errors.
- Showed us the teams' rosters with who are free agents and hearing.
- Met with Diane to observe the fields yesterday afternoon. They agreed to change from Field 1 and 2 to Field 1 and 4. The purpose of change field is because Field 2 have swamp behind the outfield fence which mean if someone hit homerun, we will be fined if we did not pick up the ball.
- Explained what our MAAD teams are going to NSAD; was surprised that Ruthless is going but not playing in MAAD.
- Greg asked the team reps for suggestions of dates for 2017 MAAD SB because Candice Arteaga, Omaha chairperson, reported that many softball fields are booked in July. Team reps suggested June, not August or Labor Day weekend.

New business: none

Drawing of teams was completed on the Round Robin (RR) schedule. Greg reminded team representatives that the RR results will determine seeding for Saturday's tournament play.

1. Midwest Maulers
2. St. Cloud
3. Midwest Underdogs
4. Team 10

Greg explained about All-Star Game after the championship game:

- Only 5 innings
- 1 pitch
- Greg and Wayne will be the umpire
- 1st team will be selected 10 players based on the tournament's all-star players and 2nd team will be based on stats.
- Asked all representative from 4 team if they are interesting to play and all teams agreed.

Greg asked representative what do they want to see improve in MAAD?

- Allowed more CODA on same team
- Same Location for 2-year trial
- Affiliate to NSAD again
- ASL Student/CODA/Interpreter allowed – understanding that all MAAD board officers must be deaf
- Independent team host
- Prizes increase

Greg also quick explained that Norlian Vickers want to spread last part of ashes of Bradley Vickers, Jr. on the field before beginning of the Round Robin and want to respect their wishes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 am.