

MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Executive Board Meeting Minutes

59th Annual Men's, 36th Annual Women's
and 19th Annual Coed's

John L. Buckmaster Memorial Softball Tournament

Thursday, July 6, 2016

Hosted by O.A.D.

Ramada Hotel – Columbus, Nebraska

Meeting Called to Order

President Barbara Nacarelli called the meeting to order at 3:52 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2017 held in Ramada Hotel Conference room.

Roll Call:

Elected Executive Board Officers: President Barbara Nacarelli, Secretary Amy Thompson, Treasurer Marti Herman, Board-at-Large Candice Arteaga and Tournament Director Greg Petersen.

Past President: Wayne Morse

Host Chair: 2017 Softball Chairperson, Candice Arteaga

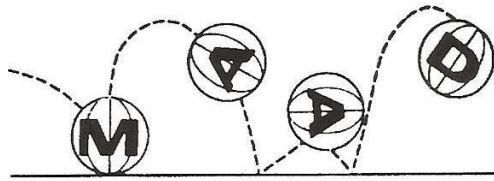
Observers: Andrew Stone, Brent Welsch, Jonathan Arteaga and Julie Morse

Correspondences: (letters, information's, etc.) –

- On March 13, 2017, we sent letter to all club members asking if anyone is interested to be part of Law Committees under Vice President.
- Also on March 13, 2017, we sent out formal letter to all club members about our new policy, Zero Tolerance Policy effective immediately.
- Sent letter to USADB of our motion we made during Delegates Meeting regarding permit independent team from other regions to play in our basketball tournament on March 14, 2017.
- Sent apology letter to I.S.D. after the suspected drug activity occurred at ISD over Basketball Tournament on March 22, 2017.
- Email to all club members on open host tournament on May 22, 2017.
- On May 22, 2017, we sent out letter to all club members of Vice President Vacant announcement.

Ratification of chat room/email motions:

- 05/21/17 MAAD Board Online Chatroom
- 06/25/17 MAAD Board Online Chatroom



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Approval of Previous Minutes:

- MAAD Executive Board Meeting Minutes - March 9, 2017 – passed as read
 - MAAD Board Wrap-Up Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2017 – passed as read
- Marti seconded with correction.

Financial Report from Basketball - Marti

Vice President Vacant:

Andrew Stone and Jonathan Arteaga – will hold until special meeting tonight.

Reports of Officers:

President Barbara Nacarelli –

Welcome to Columbus, Nebraska! Wow, first time to host a tournament in Columbus, Nebraska. First of all, I want to thank you all for the patience for bearing with each other while we all go through lots of obstacles. Pat yourself on your back for making it through and having a good teamwork.

It was an unfortunate for the Vice President vacancy, which we had received two candidates interested in this position for Interim Vice President. Interim is to finish the term from now to election in March 2018 at MAAD Basketball BB) Tournament hosted by Greater St. Louis Association of the Deaf (GSLAD).

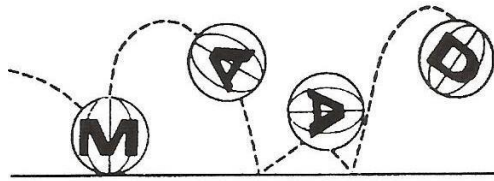
We need to have teamwork, and help the Interim Vice President with filling in the loopholes, grammar, and getting the information ready for the next Annual Delegate Meeting, also at MAAD BB Tournament in St. Louis. Please help when needed. Thanks.

I will gently let our Hall of Fame Director Tami Richardson-Nelson know that she will need to update the History information on the website. It had not been updated since 2014 (see attached). We will give Tami time to update it all, as not want to overwhelm her. Please help her when she needs it. Thanks.

USADB Report:

2016: St. Louis – Robert Lister attended USADB as MAAD Representative. I printed out 2016 meeting minutes and officers' reports from USADB website as it was not shared.

2017: Washington, D.C. - Barbara Nacarelli attended USADB as MAAD Representative. Meeting minutes and Officers' reports – pending upon their post on website.



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Regarding MAAD/CAAD - it was agreed that both regions need to communicate with each other and make an agreement before USADB recognizes it and approve it.

As of recently, I was asked to be USADB's Public Relations as interim... after sharing with MAAD Board, it had to come to a halt due to some concerns. Please discuss about this now. Thank you.

Overall, have fun this weekend and make this tournament successful!!!

Vice President (vacant) – no report

Secretary Amy Thompson –

- Sent formal letter to USADB to remove Ivy Matthews from the suspension list on April 2, 2017.
- Fined Minnesota Retro from 2017 Basketball Tournament due to incomplete form on April 24, 2017. We have not received payment so Greg contact FDC which we thought Retro is under to resolve the issue but FDC was not aware of sending any team to the tournament. They resolved on their own.
- Received Resignation letter from Robert Lister as Vice President on May 17, 2017 and we, board officers have acknowledged.
- Barbara updated the bylaws based on the previous motions at delegate meeting on May 17, 2017.
- Sent email to all affiliated club members on open position vacant to host tournament on May 21, 2017.
- On May 22, 2017, sent out formal letter of Vice President vacant position open to all affiliated club members.
- Post on Facebook MAAD Page about Vice President open position on June 26, 2017.

Treasurer Marti Herman –

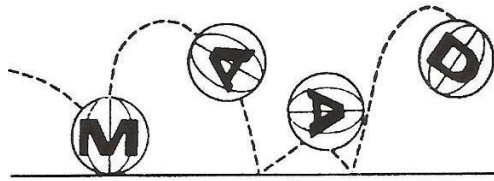
- Flat fees approved in 2014, subtract from the prizes first then split with host.
- Fans fee will be split with MAAD and host.
- Wish the best of luck to MAAD teams and have fun!!

Closed at 4:50pm – Executive board session without observers.

Re-call of order at 5:11pm

Board-at-Large Candice Arteaga –

- Someone asked her if MAAD host volleyball. Open discussion about who will do next summer.



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Tournament Director - Greg Petersen –

I want to applaud Candice and her hardworking committee to putting together this MAAD SB tournament. I know that Candice worked hard to find fields to play softball. It was not easy to find one in Omaha due to many other softball tournaments happening in conflict with MAAD.

Again, I know we all are disappointed with just 4 teams again but games will go on as it's in our strong MAAD tradition to continue the games and to have fun.

I will bring up some issues with Players Council to discuss.

- 4 teams or less - one-day tournament?
- lack of female players
- two traditional awards (Homerun and Golden Glove) not in our Bylaws currently

Reports of Past Presidents:

Past President Jack Cooper – no report

Past President Wayne Morse –

- Decided to come down to tournament due to many issues
- Think we should have one-day tournament for 4 teams

Past President Paige Thompson – no report

Reports of Special Committee:

Hall of Fame Director – Tami Richardson-Nelson

- I wish the best of luck to all teams/players coming to MAAD. Thank you to all the fans who come and support MAAD as well. To OAD, thank you for hosting 2017 softball, to all running the show, thank you for the job you have done. Hope for a great weather wise weekend and tournament.

Annual Sand Volleyball –

- Need to host it – Marti and Amy will discuss.

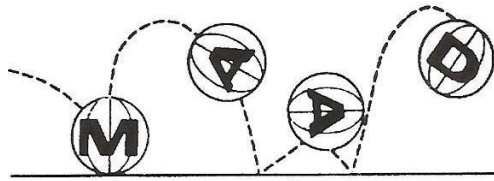
High School Athlete of the Year – Greg Peterson

- Letter sent out in Aug, again, no response. Met with MSAD, never got his letter. Will send out letter again in August.

Reports of Tournament Chairs:

2017 Softball Chairperson Candice Arteaga (Hosted by OAD) –

I want to thank my committee for all hard working. Just finalized with referees. Went to fields and was nice. Met Doug (Chamber of Commerce), was interesting in MAAD softball and basketball and will email Candice with more information. (?)



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2018 Basketball Chairperson Marvin Hayes (Hosted by GSLAD) –

We, GSLAD committee had our meeting on one big issue is to get gyms asap since the one at Maryland Heights Recreation and Park doesn't meet our expectations as we request to follow MAAD Basketball Tournament Policy but they are over our heads and Gene Manion, our gym coordinator has been there to deal with the Maryland Heights Park and Recreation but failed. We are on the process to search other area to get the gym asap.

We had our first fundraising last 2 weeks ago and the financial report hadn't been turned to success but more of our fundraising are on the out better.

Our combos remain the same all the way until tournament time. Combos are 20 dollars and kids age less than 12 is 10 dollars and kids age less than 5 are free, remember those are tentative combos.

Hotel reservations are great with 25 blocks and much more will be coming forth as well as our GSLAD had approved to take care of MVP and All Stars gift-cards. One of our member on the committee will take care of the referees because his wife's father is member of the AAU referees official. So I will keep you guys with my update reports and have a great summer at the MAAD Softball Tournament.

Recess 6:11 – back in 15 mins

Resume at 6:35pm

2018 Softball Chairperson (vacant) – MAAD will host.

Location: Columbia, MO? Denver, CO and Cheyanne, WY?

Jack Cooper suggest to ask players council meeting for their feedback. Maybe final by wrap up meeting on location.

Appeals/Grievances –

- none

Unfinished Business –

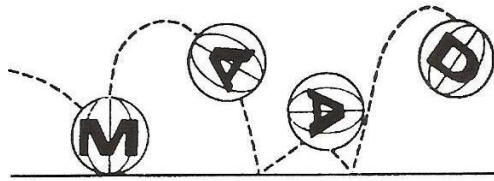
- none

New Business –

- **EBSB17-01:**

Amy Thompson moved and was seconded to add new section to page 8 under Article 7 – Conduct of Members. Section 5 – Zero Tolerance Policy:

5.1 A team and/or player are subject to any misconduct with chemical-based drugs or illegal substances during any MAAD event shall be immediately banned from the premises and further suspended from the MAAD for one year or more and will report to all national organization's suspension's list.



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Candice Arteaga moved and was seconded to amend to add fans.

5.1 Any player/fan is subject to any misconduct with chemical-based drugs or illegal substances during any MAAD event shall be automatically banned from the premises and further suspended from MAAD for one year or more and will report to all national organization's suspension lists.

Wayne Morse moved and was seconded to amend removed team, only player.

5.1 Any player is subject to any misconduct with chemical-based drugs or illegal substances during any MAAD event shall be automatically banned from the premises and further suspended from the MAAD for one year or more and will report to all national organization's suspension's list. CARRIED

(AS WHOLE WITH AMENDED)

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- **EBSB17-02:**

Amy Thompson moved and was seconded to add new section G to page 26 to Players Rules and Regulation:

G: Any player/fan is subject to any misconduct with chemical-based drugs or illegal substances during any MAAD event shall be automatically banned from the premises and further suspended from MAAD for one year or more and will report to all national organization's suspension lists. CARRIED

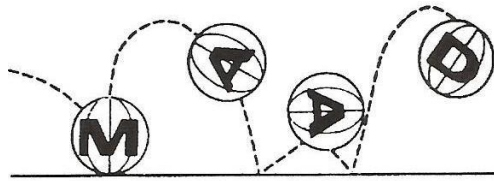
- **EBSB17-03:**

Marti Herman moved and was seconded that MAAD EB needs to set up a time/date for a retreat for one night to review all bylaws to ensure everything is all set and ready for the newly elected officers in 2018. MAAD pays for one-night hotel.

Wayne Morse moved and was seconded to amend that past presidents should be included.

Marti Herman moved and was seconded that MAAD EB and Past Presidents needs to set up a time/date for a retreat for one night to review all bylaws to ensure everything is all set and ready for the newly elected officers in 2018. MAAD pays for one-night lodging. CARRIED.

AS WHOLE WITH AMENDED:



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Announcements –

- Wayne Morse – Jeff Eccles just ordained as Pastor of PDC.

Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

**Respectively submitted,
Amy Thompson, Secretary**