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# MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

## **MAAD Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes**

70<sup>th</sup> Annual Men & 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Women

William N. Fraser Memorial

Regional Basketball Tournament

Friday, March 6, 2015

Hosted by MAAD

Iowa School for the Deaf, Council Bluffs, Iowa

### **Meeting Called to Order**

President Barbara Nacarelli called the meeting to order at 8:23 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015.

### **Roll Call:**

**Elected Executive Board Officers:** President Barbara Nacarelli, Vice-President Honesty Powell, Secretary Lorrie Shank, Treasurer Marti Herman and Board-at-Large Robert Lister.

**Appointed:** Tournament Director Greg Petersen

**Past Presidents:** Jack Cooper and Wayne Morse

**Delegates** – Council Bluffs Silent Club – Kathy Miller, Greater St. Louis Association of the Deaf – Gene Manion, Lincoln Association of the Deaf – Jonathan Arteaga, Olathe Club of the Deaf – Amy Thompson, Omaha Association of the Deaf – Candice Arteaga, St. Louis Bell Club – Tami Richardson-Nelson.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Barb Nacarelli

**Parliamentarian** – Peter Seiler

**Silent Prayers** – Shirley (Hottle) Johnson, Michael Layton and Joseph Neely

**Approval of Agenda** – (LAD) moved to accept the Board of Delegates' Meeting Agenda. Seconded. **CARRIED.**

### **Correspondences: (letters, information's, etc)**

- Received Financial Report from 2014 Basketball on September 17, 2014 – Lincoln
- Received LAD's appeal letter to reconsider refund on host bid deposit

### **Approvals**

1. Approval of 2014 MAAD Basketball Board of Delegates Meeting minutes – (Council Bluffs) moved to accept the meeting minutes. Seconded. **CARRIED.**
2. Approval of 2015 MAAD Basketball Executive Board Meeting minutes – (SFAD) moved to accept the meeting minutes with changes. Seconded. **CARRIED.**
3. Approval of 2014 MAAD Annual Financial Report  
Auditors approved the annual financial report with corrections.  
Auditors: Albert Sparks, Jonathan Arteaga, Jerry Siders  
Robert Lister suggested to add page numbers.

**Reports of Officer(s):** See reports in Executive Board meeting minutes

**President Barbara Nacarelli –**

Good Morning Everyone! Welcome to Council Bluffs, Iowa and thanks to Lorrie Shank for her willingness to be the Chair for this tournament and for her hard work to make this successful for you all. I see that the mother nature decided to make the weather enjoyable for you all as it says sunny all weekend and no snow.. Let's see!

I would like to share this with you all that during my term, often I had to be reminded to do this or that, and I thank Lorrie for that. If it wasn't for her, I may not be standing in front of you... so thank you Lorrie and same goes for the rest of the board. It had been a rough year since softball in Brookings, South Dakota, however, I thank the board and Greg for their patience. It shows me that we do care about MAAD and want this tournament to be here for you. We are glad to see 2 more teams more than last year, 6 men and 2 women. Great!!! Hope all have a good and safe travels both ways.

Since I started my term, so far only received one email regarding solicitation, and I shared with Lorrie, then responded back to the person and told them they need to report to their local police. I have not heard back since then, which is good I hope.

USADB is working on their bylaws as they sent us an email and motions that will be discussed and voted at USADB, that I would like to share with you all.

- ✓ USADB is asking for donation to 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Women's Tournament
- ✓ USADB Hall of Fame – Ronda Johnson, Ron Johnson, Rhonda Jo Miller

**Vice President Honesty Powell –**

Hi! Welcome to 2015 MAAD basketball tournament in Council Bluffs, Iowa. I want to wave my hands to our tournament chairperson Lorrie Shank for her time and dedication in planning this successful tournament.

I have been involved in MAAD as player/coach/delegate since 2004 and being MAAD Vice President for the first time was a bit challenging and learning experience for me. I'm grateful that the rest of the Board helped me get through this experience.

There are some proposals regarding our updated Organizational Documents and Tournament Rules and Guidelines. There are some corrections that need to be made. My Law Committee consists of 3 members: Diane Schiffler-Dobe, Kristina Lorenz-Arteaga, and Tami Richardson-Nelson.

Best of luck to all teams participating in this tournament

**Secretary Lorrie Shank –**

- ✓ Sent out registration information for 2014 Softball to club members and posted in Facebook and website in April 2014.
- ✓ Mailed memo to Lincoln Association of the Deaf on October 6, 2014 that MAAD will not refund the \$500 host bid deposit due not meeting all the requirement in Tournament Host Guideline.
- ✓ Sent out club membership renewal in October 2014 to club members.
- ✓ Sent out registration information for 2015 Basketball to club members and posted in Facebook and website in November 2014.
- ✓ Sent several memos to people who had donated in memorial of Michael Layton as thank you and tax write off

**Treasurer Marti Herman -**

- ✓ Renewed the dues for bond insurance for 2014-2015.
- ✓ Renewed the dues for IRS form 990-N for 2013.
- ✓ Collected 10 teams' softball registration forms for 2014. There are 4 men and 6 coed teams.

- ✓ Collected 10 checks for the Club Membership renewal for the year of 2015.
- ✓ Collected 8 teams' basketball registration forms. There are 6 men and 2 women teams. There are 3 independent teams and 6 club teams.
- ✓ Worked on 2014 Annual Financial Report and will meet with 3 auditors.
- ✓ Discussed about 2015 MAAD Softball team entry fees as would like to reduce the fees to attract more teams

**Board-at-Large Robert Lister -**

- ✓ Talked about Michael Layton and glad to hear to have Individual Sportsmanship Award in his name
- ✓ Want to keep MAAD going strong and work together to fight to keep MAAD Strong

**Past President Jack Cooper –**

- ✓ Realized that been involved in MAAD for 51 years – things changes over the years.
- ✓ Always enjoyed going to MAAD Tournaments seeing old/new friends and want to see MAAD keep going

**Past President Wayne Morse –**

- ✓ Been in MAAD in 48 years and do see changes over the years.
- ✓ Went to Michael Layton's funeral service and always been with him at different tournaments and bless to have Robert Lister to be there to help with Layton's family

**Past President Paige Thompson - (Not presented)**

First and Foremost, I applaud MAAD/Lorrie Shank for planning the 2015 Basketball Tournament... If I was still a part, I would help her out more! So be sure to thank her for her work! Secondly, MAAD has lost a tremendous supporter - Mike Layton. I hope you all take the time to remember him in so many ways, especially his score keeping skills. Last of all, have a great time and may the best team win the tournament - men and women! Hugs to you all!

BREAK 9:30am – 9:45am

**Appointed Tournament Director Greg Petersen –**

2014 MAAD Softball Tournament – Brookings, SD

- ✓ Four men and six COED teams participated in the tournament. I thought with the earlier date in June and cooler weather would bring in more teams. That proved to be wrong as June is a traditional 'school graduation' month with several graduations going on. Thus several teams were not able to come.
- ✓ Weather was great! The softball complex was really nice!
- ✓ Players Council's results
  - Accepted all recommended changes (from Monkey Survey) but one. There were a total of 4 changes proposed by the Softball Ad Hoc.
    - Rejected recommendation to have COED homerun limit set to 5. Team representatives approved to set homerun limit to 2. Any additional homeruns became doubles.
  - There were 2 motions made and approved.
    - Do not provide statistics for softball games and no individual awards.
    - All Round Robin and bracket games will have one umpire until championship games which will have 2 umpires.
- ✓ CSD won the men's championship game and Midwest Maulers captured the COED championship.
- ✓ Men's awards were given out at the complex. With dark rain clouds coming in swiftly, COED awards was moved to DNO to get the people out safely.
- ✓ Thanks to Curt Anderson, chairperson for putting together a fun, successful tournament!

## 2015 MAAD Basketball Tournament – Council Bluffs, IA

- ✓ Was pleased to have 6 men teams coming! We will use Pool Play with three teams in each pool to play round robin games to determine seeding for the Saturday's bracket games. All teams will be guaranteed 4 games.
- ✓ Two women teams will play Best of Three. If third, final game is not needed then the men's championship game will be moved up earlier to 3:30 instead of 5:00.
- ✓ Games will be played at Iowa School for the Deaf (ISD) and Lewis Central High School (LCHS) on both Friday and Saturday. Bulk of the games will be at ISD.
  - Thanks to John Cool and his staff for working with me to set up the tournament at ISD.
  - Thanks to Mike Hale of LCHS to allow MAAD to use one court for the games.
- ✓ Thanks to three sponsors – Hamilton Relay, Scheels and Sorensen!
- ✓ USADB will be held at Oakland, CA on April 9 – 11, 2015.

## **Reports of Standing Committee:**

- ❖ Hall of Fame Committee –Director Lorrie Shank
  - ✓ Proud to introduce 5 new inductees for 2015: John Guzan, Jr., Fawnia Dieterich, Sabrina Overlie-Hubmer, Collen (Colly) Cummins-Baird and Danny Scott.
  - ✓ Mailed the plaques to John, Fawnia and Colly
  - ✓ Sabrina will be recognize this weekend before Women's or Men's Champion game
  - ✓ Danny will be recognize at 2015 MAAD Softball in Gardner, KS
  - ✓ Committee: Kim Wroldsen, Jack Cooper, Ann Cooper and Michael Friesen with final votes from committee and Executive Board
- ❖ Budget Committee – Marti Herman
- ❖ Law Committee – Honesty Powell
  - ✓ Diane Schiffler-Dobe, Kristina Lorenz-Arteaga, and Tami Richardson-Nelson
- ❖ Special Committee(s) –
  - ✓ Annual Sand Volleyball – Lorrie Shank
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual will be at Spikers (Gretna, NE) on June 27, 2015
  - ✓ All-Star HS Basketball – Davey Olson

I attended Great Plains Schools for the Deaf Basketball Tournament recently hosted by Iowa School for the Deaf. On Saturday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, I had a detailed discussion with GPSD Athletic Directors in regard to the potential of having MAAD HS Basketball All Star game starting next year, 2016. Prior to this trip, I sent out a survey to all Athletic Directors and only received one reply back.

At this meeting, I asked each Athletic Director if they would be interested in sending their seniors to MAAD HS All Star game. I received some of their feedback. They were as following:

    1. My high school athletic associations do not permit this.
    2. Some of my boys' families are very poor and would not be able to afford this.
    3. My high school athletic association do not permit monetary donation to help cover for their trip.
    4. I have some concerns in regard to who will be supervising them? My school can't afford to send our chaperones.
    5. I like the idea of this but let's develop a detailed plan.
    6. I think this is wonderful opportunity for my boys.
    7. What happened with MAAD HS Athlete of the Year award?
    8. If this is only for the seniors, we may not have enough to have two squads to play against each other?

In closing, I think it is ideal to come up with a detailed plan with what is involved and what can be done to make this event happen. The information would be helpful if there is a need to present to the high school athletic association and possibly get a waiver treating this as a special event. This event could be used as a teachable tool letting associations know what is out there once students graduate from high school as it is a good public relations tool for MAAD and educating students who will become the next generation participating in MAAD events. The lack of information that was provided at the beginning of this concept seem to be scaring them away from what is a good idea. Another idea may be to consider adding juniors due to the small numbers of students that are currently in our Great Plains Schools for the Deaf region. Once again, It is probably in our best interest to create the detailed plan in helping propose or recruit potential interest in participating in the MAAD High School Basketball All Star game in 2016. Feel free to contact me if there is anything further to discuss and if there are any additional information I could ask the athletic directors for their feedback in hopefully seeing this happen on 2016.

### **Report of Tournament Chairs:**

#### **2015 MAAD Basketball Chair – Lorrie Shank**

- ✓ Thanks to Iowa School for the Deaf and Lewis Central High School for allowing us to host our tournament
- ✓ Thanks to ISD staffs in helping with referees and working with Greg Petersen, Tournament Director
- ✓ Thanks to Iowa Association of the Deaf for running the concession
- ✓ Thanks to all volunteers in helping us as couldn't run the tournament without them
- ✓ Biggest appreciation go to 3 sponsorships – Hamilton Relay, Sorenson Video Relay Service and Scheels
- ✓ For all teams – just have a great time and enjoy playing !

#### **2015 MAAD Softball Chair –Marti Herman**

Welcome to 2015 MAAD Basketball in Council Bluffs! Our softball tournament dates are set for July 9 to 11, 2015.

Headquarter Hotel will be determined – Possibly at Super Eight in Gardner, Kansas.

We have secured the fields and it will be at the Celebration Park Sports. It's the same place where the tournament hosted in 2009.

Features available at the Park:

- Four fields
- Playground Units
- Walking/Jogging Trails
- 2 Shelter/Picnic Areas
- Parking lot
- Concession Stands/Restrooms

Any questions, please do feel free to ask Marti Herman, maadtreasurer@gmail.com. Also, Please be on the outlook for more information on the monthly newsletter starting in April. We look forward to see you all there!

#### **2016 MAAD Basketball Chair – Amy Thompson**

Tournament will be host by Olathe Club of the Deaf.

- ✓ Reserved gyms at Roeland Park Sport Dome.
  - 24,000 square foot, air-supported dome
  - 2 basketball courts
  - Concession as well on both days.
- ✓ Hotel – Ramada Inn - \$69 plus tax/night
- ✓ Date – March 11-12, 2015

**MAAD Organizational Documentations** (Constitution/Bylaws/Manuals/Guidelines)–Honesty Powell

**Proposal #1 - CARRIED**

Tournament Host Guidelines:

**D. RATE & PASS REQUIREMENTS –**

1. The Tournament Host agrees to register all persons at rates/fees ~~determined by the Players Council~~ and set forth in the Fiscal Policies, and not charge any more or less, as follows:

- a. Any person under the age of seven (7) years old shall be registered without any registration fee;
- b. Any person who is at least seven (7) years old and less than eighteen (18) years old shall register at the Student's Registration Fee;
- c. Any person who is at least eighteen (18) years old and less than fifty-five (55) years old shall register at the Fan's Registration Fee;
- d. Any person who is at least fifty-five (55) years old shall register at the Senior Citizen's Registration Fee.

Proposed:

1. The Tournament Host agrees to register all persons at rates/fees set forth in the Fiscal Policies, and not charge any more or less, as follows:

- a. Any person age eleven (11) years old and younger shall be registered without any registration fee;
- b. Any person between the age twelve (12) years old and seventeen (17) years old shall register at the Student's Registration Fee;
- c. Any person who between eighteen (18) years old and fifty-four (54) years old shall register at the Fan's Registration Fee;
- d. Any person age fifty-five (55) years old or older shall register at the Senior Citizen's Registration Fee.

**Proposal #2 - CARRIED**

General Tournament Rules and Guidelines

Section 1 Qualifications of Players

C) - At least 17 years of age at the time of registering;

Both NSAD and USADB - must be 18 or above to play due to liability insurance

Proposed: At least 18 years of age at the time of registering;

**Proposal #3 - CARRIED (Voted by 2/3)**

Bylaws

Article 3 - Executive Board, Section 6 – Board elections and qualifications: New officers and current officers shall be elected or re-elected by the voting delegates at the Annual Board of Delegates meeting. Officers will be elected by a simple majority of Delegates present at the annual meeting. Persons holding any MAAD office during respective term shall be ineligible to serve as bona fide club officers.

Proposed: Remove this portion "Persons holding any MAAD office during respective term shall be ineligible to serve as bona fide club officers."

Jack Cooper referred to Law Committee. St. Louis Bell seconded. **CARRIED.**

Jack Cooper move to reconsider the referred to law committee to be back to open discussion. Wayne Morse seconded. **CARRIED.**

**Proposal #4 - Players' Council rejected this proposal**

General Tournament Rules and Regulations

8.1 Basketball Rules and Regulations

G. SCHEDULE OF GAMES – The MAAD Tournament Director and the Tournament Host

Committee shall be responsible for the scheduling of games. Games shall be scheduled to begin no earlier than 4:00 p.m. Friday, and proceed through all of Saturday, with the final game to take place on Saturday before the Awards Ceremony.

Proposed:

G. SCHEDULE OF GAMES – The MAAD Tournament Director and the Tournament Host Committee shall be responsible for the scheduling of games. Games shall be scheduled to begin no earlier than 8:00 a.m. Saturday, and proceed through Sunday, with the final game to take place on Sunday afternoon before the Awards Ceremony.

**Proposal #5 - Players' Council accepted this proposal.**

General Tournament Rules and Regulations

8.1 Basketball Rules and Regulations

R. AWARDS – A system/formula shall be used to determine award winners:

3. Individual awards for each gender include:

- a. One (1) Most Valuable Player (MVP);
- b. Ten (10) All-Stars for 5 or more teams participating; (or) five (5) All-Stars for 4 or less teams participating.

- c. One (1) Individual Sportsmanship;
- d. One (1) Top Scoring Average;
- e. One (1) Top Rebound Average; and
- f. One (1) Top Assist Average.

4. Team awards for each gender include:

- a. Championship (1st);
- b. Runner-up (2nd);
- c. Third (3rd);
- d. ~~Consolation Championship;~~
- e. Team Sportsmanship; and
- f. **Coach of Tournament.**

Proposed:

3. Individual awards for each gender include:

- a. One (1) Most Valuable Player (MVP);
- b. Ten (10) All-Stars for 5 or more teams participating; (or) five (5) All-Stars for 4 or less teams participating.
- c. One (1) Individual Sportsmanship;
- d. One (1) Top Scoring Average;
- e. One (1) Top Rebound Average;
- f. One (1) Top Assist Average; and
- g. Coach of Tournament.

4. Team awards for each gender include:

- a. Championship (1st);
- b. Runner-up (2nd);
- c. Third (3rd); and
- d. Team Sportsmanship

**Proposal #6 - Out of order (USADB still recognizes Wyoming under MAAD)**

Bylaws

Article 2- Membership, Section 2 Region States.

NSAD recognizes Wyoming as the Free State.

Proposed: Remove Wyoming from this section.

**Proposal #7 – CARRIED**

Fiscal policies – page 3

Budgetary guideline,

B-2 MAAD general income

#7. Change "basketball" to "softball"

**Proposal #8**

General Tournament Rules and Regulations

Section 1 A. Teams- Any team seeking to participate in a MAAD Tournament must be a Club Member of the MAAD and of the applicable naaD before December 1st of the year preceding any Tournament. A Club Member that submits its official MAAD/naaD Players' Registration forms to the MAAD shall be considered as having declared its intention of entering the Tournament.

Proposed: What about independent teams? Remove this section?

Lorrie Shank referred to Law Committee. LAD seconded. **CARRIED.**

**Proposal #9 - Players' Council accepted this proposal.**

General Tournament Rules and Regulations

8.1 Basketball rules and regulations

C. National Affiliation- The current basketball naaD is the United States of America Deaf Basketball (USADB) and National Deaf Basketball Organization (NDBO).

Proposed: MAAD is no longer affiliated with NDBO. Remove NDBO from this section.

**Proposal #10 - CARRIED**

Tournament Host Guidelines,

B. Tournament Requirements.

- g. Schedule the meeting room for Softball Tournament as listed:
  - i. Player's Council Meeting- flexible according to tournament schedule

Proposed:

Add "ii. Executive Board Meeting- flexible according to tournament schedule"

**Proposal #11 - Bring up at Softball Players' Council**

General Tournament Rules and Regulations

8.2 Softball rules and regulations.

L. Eligible teams/Registered Players for softball tournament,

- 5. A player who is not deaf but a "CODA" shall be permitted to play, according to NSAD's regulations subject to the following:
  - a. Men's team 1 allowed.
  - b. Women's team 2 allowed.

Proposed: Add "SODA" and Spouse/Partner of Deaf player.

**Proposal #12**

Guidelines for Hall of Fame

Section 2

B. The Hall of Fame Committee members may not hold any office or serve on any other committee in MAAD.

Proposed: Remove this section.

Lorrie amended to remove only "or serve on any other committee". Jack seconded. **CARRIED.**

**As whole** - B. The Hall of Fame Committee members may not hold any office in MAAD. **CARRIED**



**Unfinished Business – None**

BREAK 11:30am – 11:45am

**New Business**

**BDBB15-01:**

St Louis Bell moved that select Greg Petersen and Davey Olson to set up a committee to process for HS All Star Basketball Tournament. Omaha seconded. **CARRIED.**

**BDBB15-02:**

LAD (OAD Seconded) moved that in Tournament Host Guidelines – Contract & Security agreement – Section E 2 C - If financial report turns in late after 90 days, do monthly fine of \$25 until bid deposit is zero.

Wayne Morse (GSLAD seconded) amended to change \$25 to \$100. **CARRIED.**

As whole –

Tournament Host Guidelines – Contract & Security agreement – Section E 2 C - If financial report turns in late after 90 days, do monthly fine of \$100 until bid deposit is zero. **CARRIED.**

**BDBB15-03:**

Marti Herman ( Wayne Morse Seconded) moved that we transfer \$2,000 from General Fund to the MAAD Museum Fund. **CARRIED.**

**BDBB15-04:**

Honesty Powell (SFAD seconded) moved that MAAD donates \$125 to USADB for Women's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

~~Lorrie Shank (Bob Lister seconded) amend from Hall of Fame Fund.~~

Jack Cooper (St. Louis Bell seconded) amended change from Hall of Fame Fund to General Fund. **CARRIED.**

As whole –

MAAD donates \$125 to USADB for Women's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from General Fund. **CARRIED**

**BDBB15-05:**

LAD (OAD seconded) moved that MAAD returns the \$500 deposit that was made to host the 2014 Basketball Tournament.

Honesty (OAD seconded) amended to change \$500 to \$250. **CARRIED**

As whole –

MAAD returns the \$250 deposit that was made to host the 2014 Basketball Tournament. **CARRIED**

**BDBB15-06:**

St. Louis Bell (OAD seconded) moved that MAAD honor Male and Female Athlete of the Year awards by working with all Athletic Directors in their respective high schools. **CARRIED**

**BDBB15-07:**

SFAD (Marti Herman seconded) moved that we open discussion on the club Host Tournament fee – concerning the amount for a Host of a deaf club in MAAD region.

**CARRIED**

**BDBB15-08:**

St. Louis Bell (OAD seconded ) moved that club’s team fee be \$250, independent team’s tem entry fee be \$350 with \$100 refundable deposit for softball.

Honesty (Bob Lister) amended change club team from \$250 to \$300. **CARRIED.**

~~Olathe (LAD) amend to change independent team fee from \$350 to \$400.~~

SFAD (Lorrie Shank) amended to change independent team fee from \$350 to \$375. **CARRIED.**

As whole – club’s team entry fee be \$300, independent’s team entry fee be \$375 with \$100 refundable deposit for softball. **CARRIED**

**BDBB15-09:**

Honesty (SFAD seconded) moved that we remove General Tournament Rules and Regulations Section 1B under Qualifications of Players. ‘Proof of membership in a bona-fide MAAD Club member or an independent team member’ **CARRIED**

**BDBB15-10:**

SFAD (Olathe seconded) moved that MAAD Tournament fee to be reduced from (\$100 per team up to 10 teams) to (\$50.00 per team up to 10 teams) maximum of \$500.00 **CARRIED .**

Future/Selection of Basketball/Softball Tournament Hosts

- a. 2015 Softball - MAAD
- b. 2016 Basketball – Olathe Club of the Deaf
- c. 2016 Softball – open
- d. 2017 Basketball – open
- e. 2017 Softball – open

Omaha Association of the Deaf is interested to host 2017 MAAD Softball with understanding that OAD need send club’s letterhead with \$500 host deposit bid to MAAD Secretary by May 1, 2015.

Announcements: none

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Lorrie Shank, Secretary