



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Executive Board Meeting Minutes

70th Annual Men's & 28th Annual Women's

William N. Fraser Memorial - Regional Basketball Tournament

Thursday, March 5, 2015

Hosted by MAAD

Red Roof Inn & Suites, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Meeting Called to Order

President Barbara Nacarelli called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 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

Host Chair: 2016 Basketball Amy Thompson

Observers: Ann Cooper, Harry Lee, Albert Sparks, Gene Manion

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

- Financial Report from Lincoln Association of the Deaf for 2014 Basketball on September 17, 2014
- MAAD mailed letter to LAD that MAAD Board will not refund the host bid due not meet the requirements.
- LAD's appeal letter about host bid refund

Ratification of chat room/email motions:

MAAD Board voted by majority to reject refunding \$500 to LAD for 2014 MAAD Basketball Tournament due to not submitting financial report within 90 days after tournament. (MAAD Secretary Lorrie Shank will send a memo to LAD)

MAAD Board voted by majority to accepted Lorrie Shank as 2015 MAAD Basketball Chair.

MAAD Board voted by majority to accepted Marti Herman as 2015 MAAD Softball Chair.

MAAD Board voted by majority for Lincoln Association of the Deaf to send grievance letter about host bid deposit to MAAD Secretary by February 27, 2015.

MAAD Board moved to accept ratification. Seconded. **CARRIED**

Reports of Officers:

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 email - see last page]

Overall, May the best teams win and bring their MAAD pride to their next tournaments. GOOD LUCK!!!

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 –

Welcome to 2015 MAAD Basketball in Council Bluffs!

- ✓ 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

Hope you all will enjoy your stay in Council Bluffs and may the best team win & represent our MAAD region well at USADB in Oakland!! Good luck AND Have fun!! ☺

Board-at-Large Robert Lister –

- ✓ Requested for executive session meeting. Started 2:24pm and completed 2:48pm
- ✓ No official report

Reports of Past Presidents:

Past President Jack Cooper – Ann and I will donate our scorekeeper fees to Michael Layton Fund.

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!

Reports of Special Committee:

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.

Hall of Fame 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

Annual Sand Volleyball – Lorrie Shank

- ✓ 2nd Annual will be at Spikers (Gretna, NE) on June 27, 2015
- ✓ Flyer ready to go but need discuss on team fees
- ✓ Can't be there due to conflict plans so someone from MAAD Board need to be there

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. 14th, 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.

Reports of Tournament Chairs:

2015 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 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 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

The date will be March 11-12 along with 13th as alternative if pass to move date from Friday/Sat to Sat/Sun.

Appeals/Grievances –

- ✓ Lincoln Association of the Deaf – Host Bid Deposit – Hearing (meeting) Friday, March 6, 7:30am at ISD.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business –

EB-BB14-01: Marti Herman moved to have team entry fee to be \$350 for clubs' and independents' teams for 2015 MAAD Softball tournament (independent team still pay \$100 refundable deposit). Seconded. **CARRIED.**

EB-BB14-02: Marti Herman moved to select Greg Petersen as Tournament Director until the conclusion of 2016 MAAD Basketball Tournament. Seconded. **CARRIED.**

EB-BB14-03: Lorrie Shank moved to establish a fund in Memory of Michael Layton to sponsor Individual Sportsmanship Award. Seconded.

Bob Lister amended that this individual will be selected by MAAD Board . Seconded. **CARRIED.**

As whole: Lorrie Shank moved to establish a fund in Memory of Michael Layton to sponsor Individual Sportsmanship Award which individual will be selected by MAAD Board.

Announcements – None

Adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Lorrie Shank, Secretary

[USADB email]

Dear Regions

We would like to take the time to wish you luck at the upcoming regional tournament over the next two weekends.

The past few weeks, there have been a lot of discussions and debates going on regarding to politics in the deaf basketball community and how many wish it were removed from the picture. While we are aware that politics is and will always will be an ongoing issue - one of the primary topics has been brought up last year at the roundtable to consider disaffiliation.

The board has discussed this some more quite intensively and decided that the disaffiliation issue should be left alone but wanted to propose some solutions for those regions struggling to remain viable and continue. While rumors are in place that some regions may fade away or have possible new board that is not supportive of USADB but rather another national organization - we need to set aside the politics and think about the team and players who wants to just come and play. While we do realize some regions are strong and some are 50/50 - this is still a critical topic because demographics and public opinion continue to change.

Not only that, our bylaws have not quite been entirely appropriate for an non-profit organization. While it may have worked back in the day, things are changing and bylaws are required to be estimate 5-8 pages and not the current 30 pages or so. Attached is a new cleaner and leaner version of bylaws in which we are going to bring to table at HOD. The Constitution and Bylaws have been reduced to appropriate numbers of pages and including appropriate information that is required by IRS for 501(c)3 nonprofit. The rest of information have been divided into several manuals. Such as: Executive Board Manual, Regional Membership Manual, Authority and Due Process (grievance), Team Representative Council (NEW), Fiscal Manual, National Director Program Guideline and Hall of Fame Guideline.

The purpose of the bylaw changes are that while we want to keep regions on Executive Committee - they have to be affiliated in order to sit on Executive Committee but HOD meeting will be eliminated and that means no more coaches or regional reps will be necessary to attend a meeting. Any proposal to be considered can be brought to the Executive Committee as well as any final changes to bylaws must go through Executive Committee at the Annual meeting (please review amendment rule). Team Representative Meeting is where one representative per team will come together and meet to discuss items related to basketball rules and vote on their tournament rules and regulation which can be changed easier as it will be in the guidelines - not bylaws. If they want to make motion regarding bylaw or guideline then it will be passed to the Executive Committee to review and vote upon.

One new change is that - USADB will no longer be an "Association" but an "Organization" because USADB is an Organization. So the word has been updated throughout the new set of bylaws. There is few motions that will go to floor but one motion is already in the new bylaws -- such as discussion to restructure wording of "**player's eligibility because utilizing deaf schools under American Annuals for the Deaf**" - this bylaw is pretty old and not in practice. Also, there is something new in there that may benefit regions and free up some breathing room - region can create their own rules in some areas because not all regions (affiliated regions) are following rules right now and are constantly in a struggle to do something different. We seek to make things easier and better for all. Blue fonts will show you where you can find in the current wording of the Constitution/Bylaw, Red fonts is NEW wording.

Overall if you have any questions please do let me know. We will send this to teams who plan to attend the tournament and show up to delegate meeting several weeks prior to USADB - whenever their money arrives, we will send to them so they can have voice and vote at HOD this year regarding to this.

Thank you!

Christina and USADB Board