

MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Executive Board Meeting Minutes
50th Annual Men's, 27th Annual Women's and 10th Annual Co-ed's
John L. Buckmaster Memorial Regional Softball Tournament
Thursday, July 24, 2008
Hosted by MAAD
Council Bluffs, IA

Meeting Called to Order

Commissioner Paige Thompson-Matzker called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. at Country Inn & Suites in Council Bluffs, IA

Roll Call of Officers: Executive Board Officers, Past Presidents and Tournament Chairs

Commissioner Paige Thompson-Matzker, Deputy Commissioner Barbara Nacarelli, Treasurer Jeff Eccles, Tournament Director Greg Petersen, Hall of Fame Matt Teter, Immediate Past President Jack Cooper, 2008 Softball Liaison Lorrie Shank, 2009 Basketball Chair Lynda Collicot, 2009 Softball Chair Tami Waddell, Past President Arthur Nelson, Parliamentarian Lindsay Darnell, Jr, Pro-Tem Secretary Traci Ivins

Communications: Secretary (letters, information's, etc)

- Received bid letter and check from St. Louis Bell Club to host 2011 Softball Tournament
- Received 2008 SFAD Basketball Financial Report

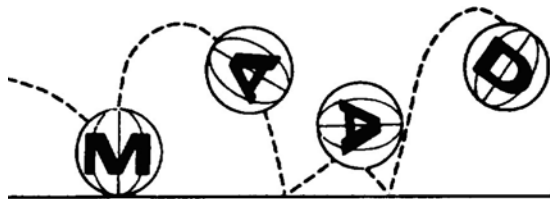
Approvals

- Approval of 2008 MAAD Basketball Minutes Report: **PASSED** with corrections
 - Corrections: 2008 Sioux Falls Board of Delegates – MBD2 – should be Championship and Museum fund
- Approval of 2008 SFAD/MAAD Basketball Financial Report: **PASSED**

Reports of Officers

Commissioner, Paige Thompson – Matzker

- Gave appreciation to MAAD Executive Board and Committee for pulling this tournament together – not meet often for preparation but did our best. Majority of Committee have been or are currently tournament chairs where experience comes along.
- Congratulate MAAD and NSAD Hall of Fame
MAAD - Rhonda Ellenbecker, Greg Desrosiers, Nicky Finck and Jack Morrow.
NSAD – Greg Schnoor as well as others such as Steve Harrison, Beth Hortie and Danny Rinas. Give them a pat on their backs for their hard work.
- Shared that this has been an experience as it is first tournament as a Commissioner – have goals for next two years.
 - Would like to improve communication and relationships between MAAD and Clubs
 - Would like to see bylaws cleaned up and fixed to cover loopholes
- Explained concerns about hearing requirement definition – although passed a motion last March to state - “55 decibels or greater of hearing loss in both ears...” – a conflict with national level – USADB and NSAD. USADB says to have 55 db in at least one ear where NSAD says 55 db or greater in better ear. I believe we should fix this to follow national level so we can have players participate in BOTH regional and national instead of just national if fail to meet.
- Expressed that would like to implement a conduct and harassment policy as seen some inappropriate behavior the last few years. This is to protect MAAD and make MAAD run smoother as an organization.
- Received several emails from NSAD the last few weeks – on several topics



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- First topic is about the violations that NSAD has imposed on us. I will let Barbara Nacarelli share this issue during her report.
- Other topics were about brackets – whether to use round robin and single elimination, type of ball to be used during tournament (40/300 USSSA ball types, not the .44/400 USSSA or .44/375), board meeting and suspending bylaws, etc. Many regional's disliked what NSAD was doing, I even let them know that they cannot be suspending per RRO guidelines. Yet, the good news is that NSAD (per Vance's email) states that the bracket is double elimination and will be using .44/400 USSSA Ball.
- Will attend NSAD to represent MAAD and Barbara will be next to me.
- Shared appreciation that PROUD to be a part of MAAD – where two times a year, MAAD meets and plays or socialize with other people that share a common ground – DEAF. Would like to keep MAAD that way where it is of the Deaf.

Deputy Commissioner, Barbara Nacarelli

- Received 5 referred motions ~ 2 referred to Board of Delegates, one is in the proposals #3, one is agreed, and one is rejected.
- Explained there are 14 proposals for Rules & Regulations.
- Shared concerns about next summer's softball tournament – 30 days before tournament which would bring to May 24th – what to do about seniors in high school?
- Proposed to have a 'Basic Parliamentary & Bylaws Retreat' with Linsay Darnall
- Communicated with Dawn Rood, NSAD Deputy Commissioner as we been notified of violations and conflicts with our rules and their rules.
 - CODA ~ other regions allowed
 - Adding players after regional's deadline prior to NSAD's for teams of 12 team members or less
 - High School players with parents/guardians' permission
 - Violations of NSAD's rules
 - Clarification of violations

Lynda Collicot moved that MAAD go back to using 2 forms. Seconded.

- Lorrie Shank amended to add "2 team registration forms (MAAD/naaD). Seconded. **PASSED**

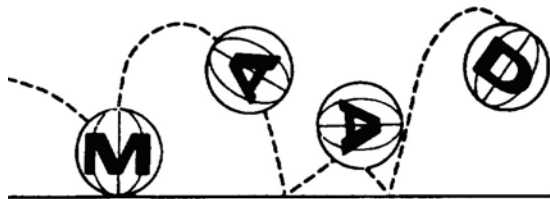
Motion as whole: It was moved that MAAD go back to using 2 team registration forms (MAAD/naaD). **PASSED.**

Secretary, Vacant

None

Treasurer, Jeff Eccles

- Welcomed and thanked everyone to Council Bluffs, IA to play and celebrate 50th years of Softball history
- Renewed the dues for Bond Insurance for 2008-2009
- Expressed concerns for high costs for travel on gas and flights, appreciated everyone for coming despite that.
- Shared that MAAD Executive Board are pulling double or triple or quadruple roles/duties during this weekend, wanted to show appreciation to those who volunteered.
- Met with budget committee to discuss a referred motion from 2007 SF Basketball Delegate Meeting – set up guidelines for new HOF Lodging.
- Worked with US Bank on getting a new check card for 2008-2010 President, Paige Thompson-Matzker as well as made deposits from registrations
- Shared that heard Wayne Morse's situation on the incident at Orlando, FL, along with BPAC Rep – can explain if asked.
- Applauded that 18 teams signed up to play in this special tournament
- Wished best teams to win and represent MAAD well in Denver, CO



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Tournament Director, Greg Petersen

- Expressed pleasure in being part of the 50th anniversary tournament
- Explained that teams will play round robin and tournament games at Council Bluffs Recreation Complex and use USSSA rules
- Shared there will be 18 teams – 7 men, 5 women and 6 coed
- Explained the 55 time minutes time limit for on all games so games can be completed by 5:30 p.m. to all can attend banquet.
- Prepared a special USSSA sheet on MAAD Website for teams to read/understand the rules.

Hall of Fame Director, Matt Teter

- Stated there are 2 opening spots on committee and have Eric Grote on committee.
- Suggested the list of inductees to consider for 2009.
- Shared his plans on how to cast vote for future hall of fame inductees.
- Shared that will use code for women's maiden/married last name due to name changes.

Reports of Past President

Immediate Past President - Jack Cooper

- Shared that there is no report because rest of officers take care of everything for MAAD.

Arthur Nelson

- Appreciates all for coming and hopes all work together for the best

Wayne Morse – Not present

Ray Kilthau – Not present

Paul Hrabovsky – Not present

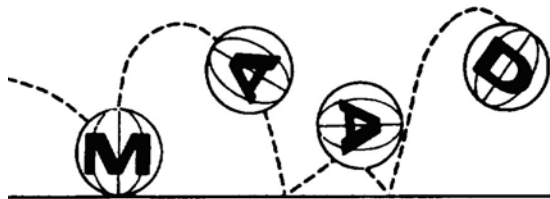
Greg Desrosiers – Not present

Joe Carrio – Not present

Reports of Tournament Chairs

2008 Softball Chair, Jeff Eccles

- Welcomed to our 50th Anniversary MAAD tournament. Thank you!
- Expressed that would like all participants (fans, managers, players, kids) to attend banquet on Saturday night – right next door
- Doors open at 6 p.m.
- Dinner served at 7 p.m.
- Core group has met 3 times the past few months to prepare for the tournament – worked hard to give back to deaf community and hopes everyone enjoys the tournament and banquet
- Expressed all to respect the rules posted for fields
- No outside food except water
- Stay cool, drink lots of water
- Expressed all to support MAAD's recommendation for game time limit – 55 minutes due to reasons behind it – allow us to enjoy banquet Saturday night
- Emphasize MUCH appreciation to CLUBS who donated toward our tournament
- Interested in scorekeeping – it is \$18 per game and see Greg Petersen for availability
- Any questions, ask an Executive Board member or committee.
- Welcomed Bob Patzner and will be throwing the first pitch for Men's Championship game.
- Explained that it is ONE price \$25 for everything, no breakdown.



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2009 Basketball Chair, Lynda Collicot

- Shared that 2009 Basketball tournament will be in Lincoln, NE on March 19 – 22, 2009.
- Headquarters will be downtown Holiday Inn – renovated
- Tournament games will be played at Northstar High School – 5 courts will be available which will allow games to end early.
- Entertainment – Keith Wann, comedian, will perform at 9 p.m. Saturday night; will have hors d'oeuvres to eat
- Shared that last time Lincoln Association of the Deaf has hosted a MAAD Tournament in 15 years.

2009 Softball Chair, Tami Waddell

- Explained that there is a situation with fields – was informed last minute that we cannot have it. Chuck our softball coordinator will help us find fields – will announced later.
- Explained flyer will be on hold until find fields.
- Board shared concerns with dates due to deadline and proposed to help OCD if change or something.

Reports of Committees

Law Committee

See Deputy Commissioner Report

Hall of Fame

See Hall of Fame Report

Finance

See Treasurer Report

“Special” Committees

- Task Force
 - Who on Committee – Steve Janecek, Scott Bradley and Melissa Nix – plan to meet after Player Council Meeting?
 - Explained what has been going on the last few months... shared questions that were compiled for affiliated and non-affiliated clubs such as:
 - Finance questions how to help clubs
 - How to recruit teams
 - How to improve communication between MAAD and Clubs

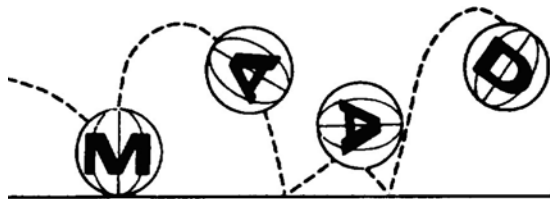
Tournament Director's Report

Player's Council Meeting

Handed out agenda for tonight's meeting – corrections were made to add Matt Teter and Barbara Nacarelli.

Tournament Games

- Displayed the portable scoreboards as there are no electronic scoreboards at CBRC.
- Additional yellow balls will arrive Friday, July 25th at noon due to some mishap with order.
- Roster forms were perfect this year.
- Questioned Matt Teter as to how many have not submitted audiograms – 8 players.
- Explained the game time situation – whether to have 55, 60 or 75 minute game time to encourage all to go to banquet.



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Appeal/Grievances

None.

Suspension

None.

Head Statistician

Karole Rogers

Rules and Regulations: Deputy Commissioner Barbara Nacarelli

Hold until Friday, July 25, 2008

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Barbara Nacarelli moved that MAAD reimburse Paige Thompson-Matzker \$25 for Pro-Tem Secretary, Traci Ivins, combo ticket. Seconded. **PASSED**

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.