

MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Players' Council 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

Tournament Director Greg Petersen called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. at Country Inn & Suites in Council Bluffs, IA

Team Representatives

Men's

Leo Willey, SFAD; Tracy Waddell, Olathe Club of the Deaf; Tyler Swoboda, Omaha; Eric Grote, St. Louis Roosters; Ruarc McHugh, Denver SAC/Midwest Express; James Gooch, Columbia Association of the Deaf;

Women's

Steve Corbett, GSLAD Humblebees; Jim Buettner, Omaha Pink Huskeras; Annette Bauer, Olathe Club of the Deaf; Mike Ellis, Lady Lynx (SAC); Rusty Davis, St. Louis Bell Club Fireflies

Coed's

Jack Morrow, St. Louis Bell Club; Diane Schiffler-Dobe, MP-St. Cloud; Tony Nacarelli, OIT/Miken; Jason Branden, DeafJacks; Tyler Kerger, SAC

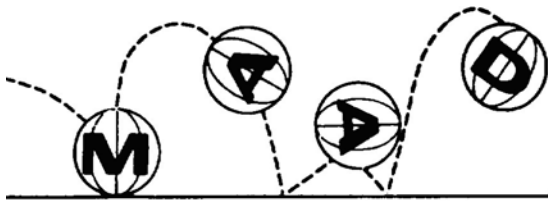
Heatstroke Workshop, Kim Hodge with Red Cross

- Gave a lecture on how to prevent heat stroke.
- Suggested coaches or teams to bring towel wet to keep cool
- Provide cooler with water to hand out or fill in water bottles
- Explained schedule
 - Friday games – walking around
 - Saturday games – tent set up at fields with cooling van
- Handed out papers related to heatstroke.

Opening Statements

Jeff Eccles, 2008 MAAD Softball Chairperson

- Welcomed everyone to the tournament and wants everyone to enjoy it!
- Explained a few rules and information
 - there will be portable scoreboards as there is no electronic ones at fields;
 - fields allow water coolers;
 - allow extra time for transportation due to construction
 - outside food/drinks (alcoholic) not allowed
 - wear pass at all times
 - banquet is Saturday night and explained directions – doors open at 6, dinner starts at 7 and program starts at 8 pm
- Stated Lorrie Shank will be selling shirts through the tournament



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Paige Thompson-Matzker, MAAD Commissioner

- Welcomed everyone, shares appreciation for those 18 teams to come and PLAY!
- Explained that this is your tournament and respect the rules of all places

Barbara Nacarelli, MAAD Deputy Commissioner

Presented a slideshow about MAAD and what Player Representatives can do for MAAD such as sharing the information with their Club's delegate and how they can help improve

Matt Teter, MAAD Hall of Fame Director

Stated need audiograms from 8 more players, would like to collect them before games start

Tournament Director's Report

- Explained Marti Herman and Lynn Eccles will be the tournament runners to help out.
 - Discussed about time limits – whether to have 55, 60 or 75 minutes. 55 minute was favored.
 - Shared the rules for CBRC, USSSA and MAAD.
- a. **Appeals/Grievances** - None
 - b. **Rosters** – no corrections or problems
 - c. **Friday's round robin schedule**
 - a. Games start at 3 p.m.
 - b. All teams guarantee 3 games except the men's team #4 and women's team #3 will play 4 games
 - d. **Saturday's Tournament set-up**
 - a. Games start at 8 a.m.
 - b. Review of computer generated brackets with seeding

Review of USSSA rules – Questions and Answers session with UIC Matt Teter and Tim Turner (and Jared Swan)

There was a question and answer discussion about USSSA Rules. Questioned about NSAD Black Mats and it was agreed not to use them during tournament per Tim and Jared's suggestion.

Drawing of teams for men's, coed's and women's round-robin schedule

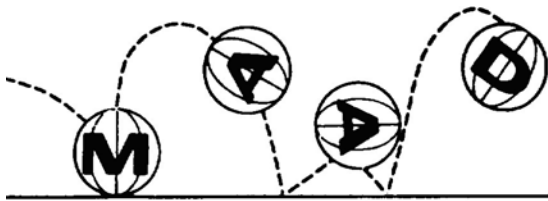
- Seeding in Saturday's tournament play will result from RR play. Brackets will be posted at Country Inn & Suites Friday evening after 9 pm
- Round Robin Drawing –
 - a. Men – 1. Denver SAC/Midwest Express; 2. Omaha; 3. Olathe Club of the Deaf; 4. Colorado (play 4 games); 5. Columbia Association of the Deaf; 6. St. Louis Rooster; 7. SFAD
 - b. Coed – 1. OIT/Miken; 2. MP-St. Cloud; 3. WAD; 4. DeafJacks; 5. SAC; 6. St. Louis Bell Club
 - c. Women – 1. Olathe Club of the Deaf; 2. Lady Lynx (SAC); 3. Omaha Pink Huskeras (play 4 games); 4. St. Louis Bell Club Fireflies; 5. Humblebees

New Business

None

Announcement

There will be athletic trainer – bring own tapes and supplies.



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Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.