



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
54th Annual Men's, 31st Annual Women's and 14th Annual Coeds Softball
John L. Buckmaster Memorial Regional Softball Tournament
Thursday, July 12, 2012
Hosted by Olathe Club of the Deaf
Kansas City, Kansas

Meeting Called to Order

Commissioner Lorrie Shank called the meeting to order at 1:06p.m on Thursday July 12, 2012.

Roll Call of Officers, Past Presidents and Tournament Chairs

Executive Board: Commissioner Lorrie Shank, Secretary Lynda Collicott, Treasurer Marti Herman, Tournament Director Greg Petersen, Hall of Fame Robert Love (arrived at 2:00pm)
Absent: Deputy Commissioner Richard McCowin

Appointed Past President: Barbara Nacarelli

Past President: Jack Cooper

Tournament Chairs: 2012 Softball Co-Chair Ann Cooper, 2013 Softball Chair Kirk Anderson

Observers: Tami Richardson-Nelson, Mike Rentscheler, Chris Christensen

Ratification of chat room/email motions:

- James Johnson moved to retain Hall and Gisi Law Firm to represent MAAD in its legal matters related to National Deaf Basketball Organization (NDBO) and was seconded. PASSED
- Lynda Collicott moved that we call an online chatroom meeting to discuss 2 things - the petition and if we should withdraw it and being affiliated with USADB and NDBO and how to satisfy both national levels without it hurting MAAD and was seconded. PASSED
- James Johnson moved to refer the affiliation issue to the Board of Delegates at the 2013 MAAD regional basketball tournament and was seconded. PASSED
- James Johnson moved that we keep the petition and was seconded. PASSED
- Greg Petersen moved that we suspend LIT in 2013 MAAD BB tournament and ban Chris and Calvin Christensen from coaching any MAAD team in 2013 and was seconded.
Amendment#1 Suspend only the players and coach that went to USADB and team name and was seconded.
As a whole – Greg Petersen moved that we suspend only the players that went to USADB and the team name in 2013 MAAD BB tournament and ban Chris and Calvin from coaching any MAAD team in 2013. It was seconded and PASSED
- Lynda Collicott moved that we have Lorrie email Vance and state that we are to follow MAAD bylaws first and include the bylaw clause that specifies that the team must touch MAAD first and then go on to nationals and that we expect NSAD to honor our bylaws and was seconded. PASSED
- Board voted to have Barbara Nacarelli to be MAAD's Past President.
- Board voted to have Maize South High School be our gym for 2013 basketball.

Communications: Secretary Lynda Collicott (letters, information's, etc.)

- 2012 Basketball Minutes Report
- 2011 Basketball Financial Report ~ 3 auditors
- St. Louis Bell Club Financial Report – Revised version
- MAAD's 2012 Basketball Financial Report
- Sent out suspension letters to some players from Lincoln Independent Team and to 2 coaches Chris Christensen and Calvin Christensen
- Two delegate forms arrived past deadline of June 11th. MAAD needs your approval to accept WAD's Josey Robert- Stanger and St. Louis Bell Club Tami Richardson-Nelson

Reports of Officers:

Commissioner Lorrie Shank –

Waving hands to Marti Herman as Chairperson and her hard-working committee members to make this 2013 MAAD Softball Tournament a successful one. I'm sure players, fans and children will enjoy their stay at Great Wolf Lodge with all these awesome waterslides!

- Solicitation in Minnesota/Nebraska - Past Commissioner Barb Nacarelli
- Petition with NDBO - discuss in Executive Board's old business
- Lincoln Independent Team's suspensions -
 - * 2 coaches and 6 players for allowing hearing coach to play at USADB
 - * Grievance Committee - hearing after Executive Board meeting
- Requested NSAD about COED teams playing in MAAD - NSAD Commissioner Vance replied that it's up to COED teams but encouraged them to play in MAAD as currently COED teams can bypass to NSAD.
- Requested NSAD about East St. Louis (Illinois) players - Request granted from NSAD for this year only.
 - * Deputy Commissioner Richard McCowin sent proposal to NSAD to include 8 counties in East St. Louis under MAAD region
 - * Sent the same proposal to CAAD Commissioner Bonnie Schwebke and she'll share with her delegates.
 - * Will know if proposal accept or not at NSAD's meetings
 - * Should MAAD send the same proposal to USADB? Board says yes.
- NSAD's proposals - will bring to Delegate's meeting
- New softball regional organization - CSAD
- Will ask representatives at MAAD's Players' Softball Council about 2013 MAAD tournament on Labor Day weekend
- Will attend NSAD meetings - any issues that need to be discuss with NSAD Board?

Deputy Commissioner Richard McCowin – (absent)

MAAD President Lorrie Shank and I are working to look and find a few interested people to be 2012-2014 Law Committee.

The current motion to be referred to the Law Committee below:

1. Each club has up to 2 delegates to MAAD Board of Delegates on the permanent basis. Passed and refer to Law Committee.

MAAD has proposed the bylaws amendment to NSAD ByLaws.

(Current NSAD ByLaws) 2.2.4 MIDWEST: Missouri, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska.

(Proposed Change) 2.2.4 MIDWEST: Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Missouri and the eight (8) counties of Southern Illinois consisting of Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair.

MAAD Executive Board's Rationale:

Allowing these players within the state IL counties to continue to play as player without being labeled 'free agent' for MAAD. The St. Louis suburbs happen to be in Illinois which is under Central Athletic Association of the Deaf (CAAD).

MAAD Executive Board believes that this proposed change will help these players residing the surrounding towns of St. Louis, Missouri being able to play in the MAAD region **without** financial hardship and much time-consuming transportation to the bigger towns elsewhere in Illinois.

The ByLaws Revisited Committee has made little progress since the MAAD BB Tourney meeting in Sioux City, Iowa.

Secretary Lynda Collicott-

I can't believe it's already time to welcome everyone to MAAD!! Time really has flown by fast – I'd like to thank Marti and her crew for setting this tournament up. As a past chairperson, I know how much work this takes and we need to be sure to thank Marti and everyone else that helped put this together. I'll just keep this short and sweet - Play safe, be careful and be sure to drink lots of water to prevent dehydration! Play ball and have FUN!

Treasurer Marti Herman –

Welcome to 2012 MAAD Softball!!! Thank you for voting me as a Treasurer for 2012-2014. I look forward to work with you and MAAD Boards. Here's the outline below on what I've done since May 1.

- Worked with US Bank on the new check card for 2012-2014 President Lorrie Shank and new checkbook for myself
- Renewed the dues for IRS form 990-N in May 2012
- Paid USADB for membership dues
- Debited to Network Solution for domain website
- Send 3 checks to 3 different independent team to their coach for the refundable security fees
- Send check to Paige Thompson for webmaster (3/11-3/12)
- Received check from Bev's on the River (from 2011 Basketball Tournament in Sioux City)
- Completed the Bond Insurance for 2012-2013 for myself and President Lorrie Shank
- Received two checks from St. Louis Bell Club and SFAD for the fines from last year
- Collected 14 teams' registration forms with one extra form that will be bypassing to NSAD. There are 5 men and 9 coed teams. Three teams are from Independent teams. Only one late mail after the deadline – postmarked June 15.
- Received the paperwork from Merrill Lynch for the new officers to sign on the forms and once they received the forms back from me, they will start sending me the statements more likely in September. So, as of now, I do not know what's the current balance.
- Received checks from OCD/MAAD for 50% officers transportation fees and tournament fees
- Checking Balance as of June 30, 2012 is \$21,912.62

Wished the best team win and represent our region in the National Tournament in Las Vegas!!

Tournament Director Greg Petersen –

Welcome to Great Wolf Lodge and Mid – America Sports Complex – site of 2012 MAAD Softball Tournament!!

Hats off to 2012 Olathe Club for the Deaf/MAAD Softball committee chaired by Marti Herman!!

This summer softball classic will feature 14 teams – 5 men and 9 coed.

Plans were to have 3 women teams; however Midwest Runnin' Rebels selected to bypass MAAD thus leaving 2 teams – Wichita and Olathe to compete against each other. They opted to switch to COED to play more games against different teams. Therefore, there will be no women tournament again this year.

I completed one inspection trip to Olathe and Wichita to search for a gym for MAAD 2013 BB. I inspected one gym in Olathe and 5 gyms in Wichita and presented the information via PowerPoint to MAAD Board. MAAD Board voted to select Maize South High School as our site for basketball next year. Now, MAAD EB just learned of new, higher rental fees from Maize South so EB will discuss an alternative site and inform you all as soon as possible.

Wayne Morse completed the inspection trip of Faribault for me. I will get his report and share with you.

Remember that MAAD Softball at Faribault will occur on Labor Day.

Good luck to the teams and have fun play ball!!!

Hall of Fame Robert Love –

- No Hall of Fame ceremony
- Been in touch with all except Shirley Johnson and Ervin Houlb the hall of fame inductee
- Jeff Eccles requested for Hall of Fame ceremony in 2013 softball at Minnesota, Grace Laughrey asked me to ship her award and will do that after MAAD softball.
- Access will be shown but still more work to do on it, not done. Showed examples of what it looked like
- Register forms issue/age issue

Appointed Past President Barbara Nacarelli –

USADB:

On April 18, 2012 at USADB in Houston, TX – a motion was made and referred to Executive Committee that night. The motion was regarding the regional affiliation fee (\$100 each), regional officers fees (\$20 each), and team fees (\$100.00 each).

- It was a long discussion on that topic, and results came to:
 - *Regional affiliation fee - \$200 (that includes the Officers \$20)
 - *USADB team entry fee of \$100 removed.
 - *Team wants go USADB - \$400 flat fee.

For example, MAAD pays around \$240 to USADB (\$100 region affiliation fee and \$20 each of 7 MAAD officers). We had 9 Men's and 2 Women's teams – total of 11 and \$1,100.00, plus if team wants go to USADB pay another \$350.00, and we had 2 teams going, so that is \$700.00 – Total income USADB got was \$2040. Now they will only get \$200.00 from MAAD itself, plus \$400.00 per team that goes – suppose again only 2 teams go and that is \$800.00, bringing the total up to \$1,000.00 from MAAD... they lose some money. (There is more about USADB in the Commissioner's report from USADB online.)

Soliciting Issues:

I have sent emails to Shannon M. Harmon, Assistant Attorney General in Minnesota and am still waiting to hear the update.

Past President Paige Thompson –

Hi everyone! Sorry I could not be with you all this weekend. I see MAAD going strong with success and changes, which is positive. I applaud Olathe Club of the Deaf for hosting the softball tournament! What I wish for all team members is to have a great tournament, and know all teams are 'winners' whether win or lose! As for fans, delegates and officers - enjoy the tournament and what OCD has planned for you all! Have fun and play ball!

2012 Softball Co-Chair – Ann Cooper

Welcome to 2012 MAAD Softball! I hope you will all enjoy your stay for the weekend!

2012 OCD/MAAD Softball Committee would like to extend our thanks to the following people:

MAAD Board, teams, fans, family and especially to Mid-America Sports Complex Staff - Doug Hite, Umpire in Chief - Rich Parrot, Great Wolf Lodge Staff - Stephen Greer and First Aid Trainer - Greg Haager!

IMPORTANT INFO:

- Softball Shirts will be sold by the registration tables. The print will be "Life is Simple – Eat, Sleep and Play Ball". T-Shirt color will be Lime Green.
- For those who will stay at the Great Wolf Lodge hotel, there's a waterpark policy that you must wear waistband at all times (lifeguard will check). Before you leave to go to the field (game), you will need to stop by the front desk and have them to remove the waterpark pass (waistband) and give them your name and when you return back to the hotel from the field (game), go back to the front desk and get a new waistband.
- Only teams are allow to bring their water cooler or jug (no gatorade or else but just water). No outside foods/drinks please. Mid America Sports Complex will also provide water jugs (orange) for each field on the table for public to use but no cups. So, my advice for you is to bring their water bottle or drink container so they can fill the water themselves.

- NO OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINKS PLEASE
- Bring your own first aid kit, tapes, etc. There will be first aid staff at the tournament (Friday and Saturday).
- Canopy is allowed for the teams.
- Beer will be sold at the concession stand and MUST stay in the fields. Security will be around. They have two food concession stands.
- Only special dog for the deaf are allowed. Generally, they do not allow pets inside the park but as this time, only for special dog – Must stay on leash, and clean up after them, please.
- Please respect very Staff there as some are not part of MAAD - show your best manners.
- Parents - you are responsible to keep an eye on your children, as it is at your own risk and the children shall be at their own risks, too.
- Remember awards will be given out at the field after the Championship game on Saturday (no ballroom).

Also, if you can, please help yourselves to keep the field/stand clean.

There will be Deaf Night Out at Dave and Busters at The Legends on Friday night and Saturday night. Flyer will be out on the registration table. Also, Maps and Direction to the fields and Legends map will be on the registration table.

LAST OF ALL! LET'S PLAY BALL AND HAVE FUN!!!

Break 2:50pm

Resume 3:00pm

2013 Softball Chair Kirk Anderson –

First of all, I was able to get the fields at Alex Park reserved for both dates, July 11-13, 2013 and Labor Day weekend, August 30th-September 1st, 2013 with Faribault Parks and Recreation. There are 6 fields reserved and all fields will be lighted. There will be 2 concession stands, 1 will be built by the time of our tournament. There will be a water park nearby as I am still negotiating with Faribault Aquatics office with a discount to go along with the admission for players, fans, and officers.

For meetings, the Executive Board will meet at the Faribault Chamber of Commerce as they can provide up to 25 people with WiFi available as well as the refreshments will be provided during the meeting. Keep in mind that this tournament is very UNIQUE, comparing to the previous tournaments because the delegates and player council will meet at the Gymnasium Building at Alex Park. The hotel and Alex Park is less than 3 minutes away. Chamber of Commerce is also less than 3 minutes away and easy access to restaurants nearby.

I created the flyer which is still tentative for both dates as I am attaching the flyers for both dates.

For hotels, I reserved 60 rooms, 20 each at Grand Stay Hotel, Americinn and Days Inn. They are less than 2 minutes apart. For Grand Stay, all rooms are suites which can accept up to 4 people in each suite along with a kitchen there and the cost will be \$99. They have continental breakfast and also have a small conference room that will be used for registration only. They have a pool there as well. For Americinn, each room will be \$84.99 and they have an indoor pool as well as they offer continental breakfast. For Days Inn, each room will be \$84.99 and do not have a pool there but have continental breakfast. In my opinion, the water park would take care of the water activities and not bother using the indoor pool. I am working on getting the rooms reserved for the officers as it is cost-consuming and take away from the profits from the tournament itself. That can be discussed at the board meetings.

I am working very closely with the Faribault Chamber of Commerce to make the tournament go smoothly and make your welcome to Faribault a pleasant one! Faribault is rich in history such as Olof Hanson, a Deaf architect, who built several houses in Faribault and the home of Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf. The population is 23,352 as it is a small town but very rich in education such as 2 private schools, Shattuck and Bethlehem Academy, 3 elementary schools, Faribault Middle School, and Faribault High School. There are plenty of restaurants to choose and Faribault is about 50 miles south of Minneapolis-St. Paul and Mall of America.

The combo prices for the tournament are shown in the attached flyers and information are all there so I welcome all the feedbacks from you all and make this tournament a successful one and keep MAAD's reputation STRONG!

Grievances –

- Lincoln Independent Team

Unfinished Business –

Petition – NDBO

- Ann Cooper moves that MAAD EB allows Commissioner Lorrie Shank to negotiate with Lynn Williams and was seconded. **CARRIED.**
 - Count I - Distribution of Tournament Proceedings. All proceedings of the tournament are to be paid out within 6 months of the tournament to all affiliated regions
 - Count II - Breach of Fiduciary Duty. The current NDBO by-laws stated that only the region can send members to be at the meeting to conduct the business of the NDBO. In the last NDBO meeting, five officers of NDBO were added to the board, creating a conflict.
- Robert Love moves that MAAD set up high school ALL-Star basketball game for youth and was seconded. James Johnson amends to set up a committee to develop youth programs to bring to the next Board of Delegates meeting for consideration and was seconded. **CARRIED at 2012 Basketball Board of Delegate meeting**
 - Question – what have we done? A 2nd amendment was made in new business.

New Business –

Motion#1 –

I, Greg Petersen, move that MAAD waive GCAD's penalty for sending in their team registration past deadline due to misunderstanding deadline date and was seconded. **CARRIED.**

Motion #2 –

I, Marti Herman, move that we appoint Honesty Powell to be the chairperson for 2013 Basketball tournament in Wichita, Kansas and was seconded. **CARRIED.**

Motion #3 –

I, Robert Love, amend #2 “at 2013 Basketball Board of Delegate meeting” and was seconded. **CARRIED.**

Applies to this motion –

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Announcements –

- Robert Love – How can we improve MAAD? MAAD has become stagnant. Officers need to ask around and get some feedback so we can improve MAAD for everyone.
- Lynda Collicott – mentions that the adoption is going well. Has a Leaves of Love poster that if you donate \$10 dollars, you can put thumb prints that resemble leaves on the tree to help with airfare to fly to Bulgaria very soon.
- Ann Cooper – OCD is selling raffle tickets, and would like everyone to please help out by purchasing tickets. Prizes are as follows:
 - 1st prize – IPAD 2, 2nd prize \$250.00, 3rd prize GPS, 4th prize \$175, 5th prize 19 inch TV, 6th prize \$100, 7th Prizes – 3 separate gift baskets

Adjourned at 4:51p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Lynda Collicott, MAAD Secretary