



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD PLAYERS COUNCIL 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: Tournament Director Greg Petersen called to order on July 12, 2012 at 7:10 pm at Great Wolf Lodge of Kansas City, KS.

Tournament Director Greg Petersen welcomed 14 team representatives to the meeting.

Men's: SF/CSD Blue Sox – Calvin Rausch, Olathe Reapers – Steve Corbett, Faribault Norsemen – Ron Hill, Olathe Mudcats – Keith Trumble and Wichita Thunder – Andy Stone
Coed's: Columbia – Jonathan Arteaga, Junkyard Dawgs – Robert Lister, Deaf Jacks – Dustin Indahl, Wichita – Brock Maelzer, St Louis Bell – Sandy Gross, NEWB – Kristina Lorenzo-Arteaga, SF Blue Storm – Marie Fosheim, Olathe Caspers – Anthony Golden and GSLAD Mavens – Shirley Corbett.

A representative from Red Cross, Glenn Haager, gave a presentation on heat illness.

Marti Herman, 2012 Olathe Club for the Deaf /MAAD Committee, gave her welcome address.

Lorrie Shank, MAAD Commissioner, welcomed the team reps and gave her brief report

1. NSAD Bylaws – shared selected proposals that has an impact on the players
2. July or Labor Day weekend – team reps voted to kill last March 2012's motion to have tournament on Labor Day (meaning stick with July)
3. Survey by Ron Hill

Greg gave the floor to Rich Parret, UIC to answer questions in regards to USSSA rules.

Robert Love took the floor to insure that all documentations (audiograms, diplomas) has been submitted before the new players can play.

Greg gave his Tournament Director's Report

1. COED is now official. NSAD says COED teams can bypass regionals. Greg expressed his thankfulness for 9 COED teams committing to come to MAAD.
2. Shared that NSAD granted MAAD temporary permission to use players from IL side of metro St. Louis and reported that we have 4 players from IL for this season.
3. Sent emails to managers asking for 55 min time limit or 75 minutes. Majority of managers voted for 55 minutes.
4. Informed team reps that MAAD received a request to allow Jonathan Corbett to play as "deaf". MAAD responded that MAAD's rule that a player must have 55 DB hearing loss in both ears. Discussed about the difference of hearing loss in both ears (MAAD's rule) and in one ear (NSAD's rule). Open Forum was done to hear the pros and cons.

5. Uniforms/headwear – discussion followed whether to be strict with uniforms, based on current MAAD's Bylaws or be lenient.
6. Mercy rule – current MAAD says 15 runs in 5th inning. Discussion followed on different mercy rule for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th innings. No change.

New business:

1. Motion #1 – NEWB made a formal request to add a 5th emergency female player onto their roster for this tournament with understanding NEWB will lose their \$100 security deposit and the said female player must pay \$25 player fee. **PASSED**
2. Motion #2 – CSD moved and was seconded that we kill the motion from 2012 MAAD Basketball to have softball tournament on Labor Day. **PASSED**
3. Motion #3 – Wichita COED moved and was seconded that we should follow NSAD's ruling on hearing loss in one ear. **PASSED**
4. Motion #4 – CSD moved and was seconded that the players wear same shirts with numbers but flexible on shorts/pants and hats effective now. **PASSED**
5. Motion #5 – Faribault moved and was seconded that MAAD change the team registration deadline date to submit the team registration form 14 days or July 1st, whichever comes first, before the tournament with understanding that teams send in \$500 non-refundable 30 days before the tournament. **PASSED**

Drawing of teams was completed on the Round Robin (RR) schedule. Greg reminded team representatives that the RR results will determine seedings for Saturday's tournament play.

1. Men's division – due to 5 teams, Team #3 (bold) will play 4 games to allow Team #5 to achieve their 3rd game
 - a. #1 CSD, #2 Wichita, **#3 Olathe Reapers**, #4 Faribault, #5 Olathe Mudcats
2. COED's division – 9 teams so Pool A and B was set up. Five teams in Pool A and four teams in Pool B. Team #3 in Pool A will play 4 games (same situation in Men's division)
 - a. Pool A: #1 NEWB, #2 Sioux Falls, **#3 Junkyard Dawgs**, #4 Olathe, #5 St. Louis Bell
 - b. Pool B: #1 Deaf Jacks, #2 Columbia, #3 Wichita, #4 GSLAD Mavens

Announcements:

1. James Johnson explained to the team reps the proposed changes in MAAD's Bylaws from the Revisited Meeting and asked for feedbacks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Meeting recorder – Marti Herman

Attached is the Players Council's Roll Call list.