



# MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

## **MAAD Board of Delegates Meeting Friday, March 20, 2009**

### **1. Meeting Called to Order:**

President Paige Thompson-Matzker called the meeting in order at 8:20am.

### **2. Roll Call: Executive Board Officers, Past Presidents, Tournament Chairs and Club Delegates**

#### Executive Board:

Paige Thompson-Matzker, President; Barbara Nacarelli, Vice President; Ann Cooper, Pro-Temp Secretary; Jeff Eccles, Treasurer; Greg Petersen, Tournament Director; Matt Teter, Hall of Fame Director; Jack Cooper, Past President; Wayne Morse, Past President (Delegate at Large); Lynda Collicott, 2009 Basketball Chair; Lorrie Shank, 2009 Softball Chair; Sara Rose Smania, 2010 Basketball Chair.

#### Club Delegates:

Tim Miller, Council Bluffs Silent Club; Lee Jackson, Greater St. Louis Association of the Deaf; Larry Johnson, Lincoln Association of the Deaf; Herman Fuechtmann, MinnePaul Association of the Deaf; Annette Baer, Olathe Club of the Deaf; Troy Shamblen, Omaha Association of the Deaf; Curt Anderson, Sioux Falls Association of the Deaf; Chris Heisman, Wichita Association of the Deaf.

### **3. Prayer**

### **4. Welcome Message and Information: MAAD/LAD Basketball Chair Lynda Collicott**

Lynda Collicott: We hope you have good time. It has been 16 years since Lincoln last hosted tournament. Due to classes at school cannot be dismissed until 3:01pm and the players can go to gym at 4:30pm. Lincoln city is no smoking policy in this city, which means no smoking at the gym, if caught smoking, it will be a Federal offense. Timer will be hearing people, referees will be hearing too. Authorized people can go to the room and fans please stay upstairs.

We are doing the best as we can, have wonderful weekend.

Larry Johnson added that few deaf people built the gym along with his son

### **5. Communications: Secretary Marti Herman (reported by Ann Cooper) (letters, information's, etc)**

- Letter to Great Kansas City Association of the Deaf regarding letter about KC King men's basketball team
- Letter from Omaha Association of the Deaf interesting to host 2010 MAAD Softball tournament in Sioux City Iowa
- Letter from Omaha Association of the Deaf regarding the suspension of Jesse Crawford.
- A magazine "Winning" showing Sioux Falls on the back of the magazine.

## 6. Approval

- a. Approval of the 2008 MAAD Softball Meeting minutes report

Lynda Collicott (Jack Cooper) moved to accept the minute as read. **PASSED**

- b. Approval of the 2008 MAAD Softball financial report

Three auditors already audited 2008 MAAD's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Softball Financial Report.

- c. Approval of the 2009 MAAD Basketball Executive Board Meeting minutes

Herman Fuechtmann (Lorrie Shank) moved to accept Executive Board minute as read. **PASSED**

## 7. Reports of Officer(s):

### a. President Paige Thompson-Matzker:

- i. Annual Report

Jeff Eccles explained about "Annual Report" that the President would submit to the Delegates as what is going on during the year.

Paige Thompson-Matzker gave the Annual Report presentation, and is now posted in MAAD's website separately.

- ii. NSAD

- iii. USADB/NDBO

The information on USADB and NDBO was explained to the Players' Council by BPAC, Robert Love, and repeated the information to the Delegates with power point presentations.

Herman Fuechtmann (Linda Collicott) moved that MAAD affiliates with both USADB and NDBA. **PASSED 12-4** with one abstain

- iv. Jared Swan, USSSA

USSSA stands for United State Specialty Sports Association.

Jared Swan, Director, explains this organization is for any different sports and communications.

It has law enforcement, military, church, black American, Hispanic, Native American. The Deaf organization would become the newest Special Sport under the USSSA. The organization structure apply to the regional sports with by-laws, meetings, etc. USSSA has over 3.6 million members, 30 current national sponsors; available for all sports and all teams playing in USSA sanctioned events, has 40 years strong financial record. Backbone of the association. USSSA umbrella: it provides World Tournament for all specialty sports wanting one. They have partners like Disney, Sprint, Avis, ESPN. It has umpires program and resources. Have to sanction with one (1) organization for the year. It has \$2,000,000 liability coverage available with team insurance, umpire/referees, facilities and leagues.

Jared Swan says that this MAAD is the first organization that he comes to give presentation about USSSA. He says he has other people going to the 7 other Regions during their tournaments, and wants to make sure all 8 regions are in favor of USSSA.

v. Robert Love (BPAC):

Robert Love explained about the difference between USADB with affiliation fee of \$100 plus \$20 membership from each officer, and NDBO does not have affiliation fee. He warns if we want to clean up the USADB mess, it will be very difficult task to get it accomplished, with the continuous problems for many years. Like negligent regions' concerns or not following the bylaws. With either USADB or NDBO, he warns that we will still have long battle for years to come.

The meeting recessed at 9:55am.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00am

**b. Vice President Barbara Nacarelli:**

Barbara Nacarelli has additional to Executive Report for the delegates: When you receive email, please print it and file it. Encourage the delegate to get together prior to the meeting.

**c. Secretary Marti Herman (by Ann Cooper, pro-temp):**

Ann Cooper has no additional to Executive Board Report.

**d. Treasurer Jeff Eccles:**

Jeff Eccles has addition to Executive Board Report: Explained his report for 2008 is biggest than the previous report, and he appreciated those people for their dedication to the tournament, even to the sponsors for entertaining people to MAAD's 50<sup>th</sup> tournament weekend, and he got very positive comments.

A motion was made about submit monthly financial report, and not expect additional from Nebraska umpire (?).

Sales of the shirts were not successful to sell at 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and will be sold at the booth tomorrow (Saturday, March 21, 2009) at the gym for \$5 per shirt or \$10 two shirts, and \$20 for Polo shirts.

The net profit of \$123.95 from the 50<sup>th</sup> goes to MAAD's General Fund

i. Annual Report

Auditors Mike Rentschler, Janet Killiam and Delbert Boese inspected the 2008 Annual Financial Report on Wednesday evening, March 18, 2009. Mike Rentschler is the lead auditor and he announced that both 2008 Annual Financial and 2008 MAAD 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Financial reports are perfectly accounted for and approved both with their signatures. The MAAD Annual Financial Report has net MAAD Treasury with grand total of \$35,487.10.

Jeff Eccles explained that the \$2 fee in addition to MAAD's registration fee (total \$12) is now ceased and back to normal \$10 registration fee. There were few questions and answers sessions.

There is one correction on MAAD 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Financial: Tournament CASH should be brown down with three sub titles: cash, pay pal and door.

Wayne Morse (Troy Shamblen) moved to accept both financials as read. PASSED

**e. Tournament Director Greg Petersen:**

Greg Petersen has no additional to Executive Board Report.

i. Players' Council Report

Greg Petersen explained the summarized report about the Player Council meeting that was held last night (Thursday, March 19, 2008). The Player's Council minutes is included separately.

**f. Hall of Fame Director Matt Teter:**

Matt Teter has no additional to Executive Board Report.

**g. Past President Jack Cooper:**

Jack Cooper shared that he had Leadership from Within training for Executive Board and Chairs, and it was very productive training. I have been on Executive Board for years.

**8. Reports of Past President(s):**

**a. Wayne Morse:**

Wayne Morse has been one year since he is no longer President, and he is still not finished and satisfied with USADB, NDBA, national organization because he loves MAAD.

**b. Ray Kiltbau:**

**c. Paul Hrabovsky:**

**d. Greg Desrosiers:**

**e. Joe Carrico:**

**f. Arthur Nelson:**

**9. Reports of Tournament Chair(s):**

**a. 2009 MAAD/OCD Softball Chair – Tammy Waddell (reported by Lorrie Shank):**

Lorrie Shank has additional to Executive Report for the delegates:

-Want to let you know that we started January 2008 and worked very hard with fund raising project which reached the \$10,000 mark and read to entertain everyone.

-Explained about looking for the fields before finding the Celebration Park in Gardner, Kansas. Greg Peterson inspected and approved.

i. Dates

The date of 2009 MAAD Softball Tournament is July 16-19, 2009.

ii. Flyer/Brochures/Handouts

Lorrie Shanks handed out flyer, brochures, etc in the envelopes to the Delegates.

**b. 2010 MAAD/GSLAD Basketball Chair – Sara Rose Smania**

Sara Rose Smania explained about 2010 MAAD Basketball Tournament that will be held in St. Louis in addition to her Executive Board Report.

i. Flyer

The tournament flyer is still in tentative.

**c. 2010 MAAD Softball Discussion**

The discussion was completed in Executive Board minute to award to Omaha Association of the Deaf. A letter from OAD with a check for \$500 was given to Treasurer Jeff Eccles.

The meeting recessed at 11:00am for 10 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 11:10am

**10. Rules and Regulations: Vice President Barbara Nacarelli:**

There are 13 proposals here for the delegates' considerations, below:

Referred Motions (The Response is from the Bylaws Committee)

Proposal No. 1

Article 10, Section 1, l, b

Old:

Audiogram and/or transactions shall be sent with the team's registration forms to MAAD Treasurer, and then forward to MAAD Hall of Fame Director. (See ARTICLE 5, Section 1, g (b), above)

Proposed:

Audiogram and/or transactions shall be sent with the team's registration forms to MAAD Treasurer, and then forward to MAAD Hall of Fame Director. (See ARTICLE 5, Section 1, g (b), above). Failure to submit audiogram or diploma by deadline shall be fined.

Response: Rejected, and refer back to Delegates, as suggest to turn in audiogram, transactions, GED, and/or diploma to the Hall of Fame Director before Players' Council Meeting. Failure to do so shall be ineligible to participate in the tournament.

Amendment #1: Wayne Morse (Chris Heisman) moves to change "before Players' Council" to "before the Tournament." FAILED

Amendment #2: Lorrie Shank (Larry Johnson) moves to change "before" to "during". PASSED

Amendment #3: Herman Fuechtmann (Troy Shamblen) move to include both "before" and "during". PASSED

Motion as a whole: Turn in audiogram, transaction, GED, and/or diploma to the Hall of Fame Director before and during Players' Council Meeting.

(X) Passed ( ) Failed ( ) Referred to Law Committee

Proposal No. 2

St. Louis Bell Club moved that CODA (1-men, 1-women, 2-coed) allow that help our MAAD grow in future. Seconded. REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE, Referred back to Law Committee.

Response: Rejected, as motion was made and passed to allow CODA

( ) Passed (X) Failed ( ) Referred to Law Committee

Proposal No. 3

Arthur Nelson moved that a CODA player be able to participate, effective next softball tournament. Seconded. REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE, Referred back to law committee.

Response: Rejected, as motion was made and passed to allow CODA

Passed  Failed  Referred to Law Committee

Proposal No. 4

Lynda Collicott (Barbara Nacarelli) move that if a player is a drop out from high school that there is a 6 months waiting period before he/she can play on any team in MAAD. REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE, Referred back to law committee.

Response: rejected, completion of GED in the new Bylaws.

Passed  Failed  Referred to Law Committee

Proposal No. 5

James Johnson, SFAD (Karole Rogers), move that we revise Bylaws to have two officers share the same hotel room during tournaments. REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE, Referred back to law committee.

Response: Accepted with understanding of same gender to share one room.

Amendment #1: Greg Petersen (Troy Shamblen) moves that it does not include the Tournament Director. PASSED

Motion as whole: Officers with same gender share the same room, except Tournament Director.

Passed  Failed  Referred to Law Committee

Proposal No. 6

Sioux Falls Association of the Deaf (seconded) move that the position of Tournament Director be split, having two people, 1 who specializes in softball and 1 who specializes in basketball. REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE, Referred back to law committee.

Response: Rejected, financial and not necessary.

Passed  Failed  Referred to Law Committee

Proposal No. 7

Jeff Eccles (seconded) moved that we change from “both” to “one” better ear under Article 10, Tournament Section “I” 1. Players (first paragraph). REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE

Response: Rejected, as we will follow what Nationals says.

Passed  Failed  Referred to Law Committee

Proposal No. 8

Lynda Collicott (seconded) moved that the word “obtain” is removed from Article 5, Section 3 (D) and replaced with “have”. REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE

Response: Rejected as the new Bylaws states “Completion of GED”.

( ) Passed (X) Failed ( ) Referred to Law Committee

Proposal No. 9

Remove Article 10 Section 2 (M) 2 SHOT CLOCK TIMERS - MAAD shall rent two (2) 35second timers for the MAAD Basketball Tournament, if necessary.

Response: Accepted.

(X) Passed ( ) Failed ( ) Referred to Law Committee

**New Motions**

Proposal No. 10

Jeff Eccles (seconded) moves that to remove the words "MAAD Executive Board" and replace a new word insert "MAAD President" in the section 8 under committees-Standing and special (page 12). "A", starting with appointed by the xxxxxx, under the Article 9 - Governance.

Suggestion: Rejected because want to prevent favoritism, rather leave it up to Executive Board.

(X) Passed ( ) Failed ( ) Referred to Law Committee

Proposal No. 11

Jeff Eccles (seconded) moves that all of the former MAAD officers to be delegate at larges automatically for the current and future meetings.

Suggestion: Rejected – because the total of past officers overcomes the number of clubs’ delegates.

( ) Passed (X) Failed ( ) Referred to Law Committee

Proposal No. 12

Suggest that the Executive Board meeting move up to Thursday morning from 8 to 12 noon.

Then Thursday afternoon (NEW)

Plan A - If Executive Board meeting is not over, resume this till adjournment

Plan B - Any appeals emergency meeting

Plan C- Standing committees meeting like bylaws, budget, and Hall of Fame committees use this opportunity to run the meeting in person and vote

Plan D/Final plan - Use this afternoon for R & R bylaws meeting, so that way any motions passed from any committees and R & R’s will automatic refer to delegate meeting for final approval. It will save LOT of time!

History in the past meeting, lot of time wasted and waiting during the delegates meeting comes from R & R so I thought it will save lot of time and better efficient process.

This one for Thursday afternoon we can go from plan A to D, no B or C.

Thursday night - Player council - it still remain the same again - in bylaws it say that the player council shall be before the delegates meeting due to any motion they make refer to delegate meeting

Friday morning - 8 to 12 noon or 1 pm - Delegates meeting, it will go faster and smoother without R & R's. Noon and on, everybody will be on its own and getting ready for the tournament games starts. This would be easier that way so it can be flexible scheduling for the time adjustment on the tournament 1 pm or 3 pm or 4 pm. While in delegate meeting, delegates should have had their opportunity to review the R & R and get it all passed from Thursday meeting.

Thursday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Executive Board meeting

Thursday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Committee (R & R and others... with delegates present)

Thursday 7 p.m. - Players' Council

Friday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Delegate meeting

While in delegate meeting, delegates should have had their opportunity to review the R &R and get it all passed from Thursday meeting.

Suggestion: Refer to Delegates to decide.

(X) Passed ( ) Failed ( ) Referred to Law Committee

### Proposal No. 13

Howard Rosenblum and members of MAAD do new Bylaws.

Suggestion: Accepted.

(X) Passed ( ) Failed ( ) Referred to Law Committee

### **11. Unfinished Business:**

None

### **12. New Business:**

Motion No. 1

Lorrie Shank (Barbara Nacarelli) moved that in Appendix 2 Contract and Security Agreement to change to have Executive Board to determine/approve on the combo rates for fans in E (1) and E (2c). **PASSED**

Motion No. 2

Lorrie Shank (Greg Petersen) moved that add in Appendix D Contract and Security Agreement

(F) Tournament Host Bid

(c) Submits six (6) monthly reports prior to tournament date to MAAD Executive Board and Member Clubs via emails, fax or letter by due on the first Sunday of each month. **PASSED**

Motion No. 3

Lorrie Shank (Greg Petersen) moved to add in the Contract and Security Agreement (Appendix D) (F) Tournament Host Bid Deposit.



3. Fines:

- a. \$25 per missed monthly report
- b. \$100 for not sending a team in the year before its hosted tournament
- c. \$300 for not sending a team in the tournament Hosted Club
- d. \$100 for not sending a team in the year after its hosted tournament

Jack Cooper (Sara Rose Smania) amended to add (2c) submit financial report within 90 days after its tournament.

**BOTH PASSED**

Motion No. 4

Lorrie Shank (Barbara Nacarelli) moved that MAAD officers shall not assume other responsibilities except for their duties as stated in bylaws. **PASSED**

Motion No. 5

Lorrie Shank (Barbara Nacarelli) moved that MAAD Tournament Director cannot play in any MAAD tournaments. Herman Fuechtmann (Annette Baer) amended to add “play/coach”. **BOTH PASSED**

**NOW READ AS:** “MAAD Tournament Director cannot play/coach in any MAAD tournaments.”

Motion No. 6

Lorrie Shank (Barbara Nacarelli) moved to remove ‘TDD/FAX’ and ‘Email Services’ from Officers’ Expenses in Budgetary Guidelines. **PASSED**

Motion No. 7

Lorrie Shank (Barbara Nacarelli) moved that add a duty for Hall of Fame Director to take team pictures for MAAD albums/records. **PASSED**

Motion No. 8

Herman Fuechtmann (Tim Miller) moved that MAAD affiliates with USSSA. **PASSED**

Motion No. 9

Larry Johnson (Troy Shamblen) moved that we raise the women’s team prize money by adding \$100 per team on top of \$500 if less than 5 teams. **REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE**

Motion No. 10

Larry Johnson (Troy Shamblen) moved that we raise the men’s champion team prize to \$1000, if less than 10 teams. If more than 10 men’s teams, add \$100 per additional team. **REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE**

Motion No. 11

Sara Rose Smania (Lorrie Shank) moved that we get up a time schedule for Delegates Round Table and follow that for all MAAD events.

Troy Shamblen (Herman Fuechtmann) amended to add “right after the Players’ Council Meeting”. **BOTH PASSED**

**NOW READ AS:** “We get up a time schedule for Delegate Roundtable right after the Players’ Council Meeting and follow that for all MAAD events.”

Motion No. 12

Lorrie Shank (Annette Baer) moved that we review and open discussion on Hall of Fame Guideline. **PASSED**

Motion No. 13

Greg Petersen (Jack Cooper) moved that we use the new individual awards for basketball in this tournament.

**PASSED**

It was amended that if this tournament host already engraved ‘TOP’ on the plaques, leave as is. **OUT OF ORDER** (Since the amendment is ruled as out of order, the first main motion remains the same as read.)

Motion No. 14

Troy Shamblen (Herman Fuechtmann) moved that A-3-D there shall be a limited of six (6) inductees per year with at least one (1) gender per year. **PASSED**

Motion No. 15

Sara Rose Smania (Wayne Morse) moved that we make new 2009 bylaws effective today, March 20, 2009.

**FAILED**

It was amended to print R&R booklet on May 1<sup>st</sup>. **OUT OF ORDER**

Jack Cooper (Chris Heisman) moved to close the new business.

**13. Basketball Tournament Host Selection/Bids:**

- a. 2010 – Greater St. Louis Association of the Deaf
- b. 2011 – MinnePaul Association of the Deaf
- c. 2012 – Open
- d. 2013 – Open
- e. 2014 – Open

**14. Announcements:**

Sara Rose Smania explained about GSLAD's advertisement to the delegate, please allow the next MAAD Softball Tournament

**15. Adjournment:**

Jack Cooper (Chris Heisman) moved that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned sin die at 2:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Cooper, pro temp secretary for  
Marti Herman  
Secretary  
Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf