



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Executive Board Meeting Thursday, March 19, 2009

President Paige Thompson-Matzker called the meeting in order at 1:10pm

Roll Call of Executive Board:

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

Communications

- MAAD's letter to Lee Taylor concerning Kansas City King.
- Omaha Association of the Deaf's letter about Jesse Crawford's suspension – indefinitely until pay all debts. Had a discussion about Jesse Crawford and his suspension as well as what's been happening with USADB/SEAAD/MAAD and Wingfoot Company.
- Omaha Association of the Deaf's letter of interest to host 2010 MAAD Softball Tournament with a check.
- Magazine "Winning" – a new magazine and Sioux Falls is mentioned in there.

Approval

Minutes: Jack Cooper (Wayne Morse) moved that the meeting minutes as read with corrections. PASSED 8-0
Financials: It should save until tomorrow (Friday, March 20) at Board of Delegate.

Report of Officer(s)

President Paige Thompson-Matzker

Host Issues: Explained about host issue with GSLAD and them not sending a team. I represented as MAAD president at their general meeting with the issues of not sending a team and gathering information. Greg Petersen and I met with GSLAD Board to resolve the issue.

Arthur Nelson connected with me on VP one evening to question about Parliamentarian, why we don't use Past President as Parliamentarian as used in the past. I explained I was not aware and would do my research. I replied that it was confirmed used in past but bylaws does not allow Officers, delegates at large and chairs serve as parliamentarians.

Ex-Officio/Committee: I believe one of my duties as a President/Commissioner as to serve as an ex-officio on all MAAD committees and players councils. This means all the committees such as Hall of Fame, Bylaws, Audit, Budget, etc. Please start including me in your communications with your committee, effective immediately.

Task Force: I apologize I have not done much work with the Task Force this past year. With the two trips to Chicago and Las Vegas, which totaled to approximately \$1200, that I felt like killed the budget. So therefore I think it would best if I delegated this to another officer who can handle the responsibility. Steve Janecek is still interested. Melissa Nix has moved to Salt Lake City. Scott Bradley has stepped down due to being on the Law Committee. So whoever takes the responsibility can form his/her own committee.

Howard Rosenblum: I worked with MAAD Bylaw committee the past year with the help of an outside person, Howard. I will have to say I am pleased with the results and I believe this will be for you all. I will let Barbara share more on that.

NSAD: What a SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT to go to! Sitting in three meetings – President meeting, Board of Directors meeting and Softball Council meeting – it all seems worthless. Board of Directors was a time of finding out information such as Bylaws was not consistent with the website and hard copy; a motion was made to remove entire board and let regionals assume responsibilities; and a lot of arguments/debates/discussions among several regionals and NSAD officers expressing their frustrations. If you recall, MAAD was in trouble with NSAD for violating several of NSAD rules – that was dropped because MAAD made a motion, which passed to allow CODA.

As for Softball Council... let's say our MAAD meetings are WAY much better than theirs. There was a lot of chaos, which caused team representatives as well as some regional representatives to leave. About 50+ motions were made which was never discussed and referred back to Law Committee... there was to be a bylaw committee meeting in Spring 2009, which will probably not happen. The two things for sure are: Softball Council on Sundays and Two Coda for women's team and 1 for men's team. Now I found out that NSAD is dropping COED Softball and replacing with Kickball, which is going to cause a ruckus in MAAD.

Results from NSAD: The Denver men's team finished 4th place, Olathe placed 9th and Colorado placed 17th out of 28 teams. In Women's, both Denver SAC and Omaha tied for 13th place and in COED, OIT/Miken placed 3rd, and MinnePaul/St Cloud placed 4th.

USADB:

- Changes within USADB Board with Jay Krieger resigning, Ira Herdon being arrested, and several people getting appointed on board.
- KC Kings – registered in tournament but bylaws states that must touch regional first before going to national
- Shirley Platt – communicating with me about Wendell Gaskins, KC Kings team...
- USADB seems to have a lot of internal issues and seems there is no straight story.
- USADB did lose money – stolen, theft, however else you want to hear; financial bind
- I was told that USADB is trying to get all the information from Ira
- Robert Love a wonderful BPAC even if some of you are 'tired' of his participation.
- As of today, 4 regional are unaffiliated with USADB. 2 regional stayed with USADB.
- Don Kitson emailed requesting to VP me but I was not available so I referred to Barbara Nacarelli then later found out Don Kitson called Jack Cooper as well, two different stories. All agreed to accept Barbara Nacarelli's conversation with Don Kitson.

Chicago Meeting:

- I was neutral through out the meeting although the other regional officers felt that I should vote since I was representing MAAD.
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- Jay Krieger came and we shared our concerns with him regarding USADB and there were some propositions made that Jay said he would communicate with his board
- A lot of issues between FWDBA and FAAD
- Towards the end of the night, the meeting got personal.

NDBO/Las Vegas:

- Meeting again with Regional Officers to try and resolve issues about USADB
- Meeting with regional officers to develop NDBO plans
- NDBO Bylaws – yes my name was signed along with other regionals even though a few don't really want to affiliate with NDBO and felt it was going too fast.

Last I want to thank Lynda Collicott, LAD/MAAD Committee and LAD for hosting this tournament. I know it has been 16 years since the last time – let’s give them support and have fun! GO LAD!
See Executive Board Report

Robert Love added to this report about his duty as BPAC, giving us plenty of information about national organizations like USADB, USADSF concerning affiliation, team registrations, financials, history and much other information.

Vice President Barbara Nacarelli

Welcome to the Home of the Nebraska Cornhuskers!

I would like to say few things about what had been happening lately with MAAD.

One thing is that I felt there was some lack of communication between MAAD and clubs. We strongly encourage you all to contact MAAD Board more often. When someone asks you something, and instead of you asking MAAD Board, please encourage them to communicate directly with the MAAD Board or a specific person on the Board. For example: If it is regarding to an event during the tournament, refer to the chairperson, or if it is regarding to brackets, refer to the Tournament Director, or if it is regarding the Bylaws, refer to the Vice President, and so on. This will help prevent misunderstandings and causing problems.

Also, teams are trying to bypass MAAD by participating in the Nationals without touching the regional’s tournament first. Both MAAD and the Nationals’ Bylaws state that teams must touch regional’s tournament first before participating in the National’s tournament. Please keep that in mind, and if you were unsure about having a team or not, request for the forms regardless so that way you have it ready instead of asking for it at last minute. Suggestion: Add a fine for those who submit their forms after the deadline.

Secondly, the issue about not allowing Independent Team had been a BIG mess lately and the Bylaws Committee decided to reject it due to that the Nationals allow them, and MAAD had a motion that was made and passed in St. Louis Basketball 2003 – Executive Board’s meeting:

It was moved and seconded that we adopted NSO’s (NSAD and USADB) bylaws as ours. **Passed.**

With this, we must allow Independent Team in both Basketball and Softball.

Thirdly, there was a motion made and passed in Sioux Falls Basketball 2008 – for the Delegates to have a Round Table Meeting prior to Delegates’ Meeting with a Board member present. We encourage you all to enforce it and take action.

Fourth, my Bylaws Committee had set up a meeting in Olathe, Kansas on Feb. 7th & 8th, at Lorrie Shank’s home, and we were able to go through a lot on Saturday all day, and almost half of Sunday. Whew, and we hope you all will like the results.

To finish my report, I had followed up on a motion that was made and passed in Council Bluffs, Iowa Softball 2008:

Barbara Nacarelli moved that the MAAD board be authorized to search for a person outside of MAAD with parliamentary and bylaws expertise to assist us with language “clean up” of our Bylaws. **Seconded. Passed.**

It took me some time to search and find someone, and finally found Howard Rosenblum from Chicago, Illinois. He is the only Deaf Attorney licensed to practice in Illinois, and we had been emailing back and forth since October. Howard had started the work in November and was able to finish it all in February. This whole new Bylaws are much better, and can always change it, add or remove from it, and it is much cleaner and understandable. Hope

delegates read it, so that way we can move through the Rules and Regulations smoother and faster. There will be 13 proposals to present to you all.

Last of all, hope you all enjoy your stay in Lincoln and may the best teams win and represent MAAD at USADB. Good Luck to you all!!!

Secretary Marti Herman (reported by Ann Cooper)

Welcome to Lincoln! I'd like to show what an appreciation that Lynda Collicott, 2009 MAAD Basketball Chairperson, and her committee has done for their hard work and to be ensure that their tournament will be a successful one!! Be sure to allow your time to thank them for that!!

I am unable to attend this basketball tournament because of my doctor's advise me not to travel because of my pregnancy which I'll be expecting 2nd baby within approximately 6 weeks. I know that I'll miss you all there!

Treasurer Jeff Eccles

MAAD'S MONEY BAG SAYS.

*Most of you should have the 2008 MAAD Financial Report (Red) AND the 2008 Softball Tournament- MAAD 50th Anniversary Financial Report (Green) from me. It may show that we have spent lot of money in the past year due to the fact we were hosting the tournament and it was a bigger report to work on. It will be much smaller for sure on the next year on the financial report since we go back on a normal routine. If you have any questions, ask me. Financial report audited last night by 3 people from 3 different cities.

I hope most of you had attended the softball tournament and the nice banquet dinner we had last July. I hope you enjoyed it and want to emphasize that we do THANK YOU for what you help to make it successes.

We, the board will be selling the tournament t-shirts at the tournament booth on Saturday only. We will be having a "FIRE SALE" trying to reduce our merchandise in hand. It will be probably \$5 each shirt or you could make a better offer.

I have seen how the Executive Board members have been real hard, working tirelessly over the months for you... It's not an easy job but we would hope to earn your respect.

*May the best team wins and represents our region well in the National tournament!

*HAVE FUN!!!

Three auditors already audited both MAAD Annual and 50th Anniversary Softball Financial reports on Wednesday, March 18 evening. There were no errors.

50th Anniversary of MAAD's 5 men's polos and 3 women's polo left to be sold for half the price at approx. \$20.00 each.

50th Anniversary Softball Financial Report is in positive profit/black (\$123) and recommends that profit goes to MAAD General Fund.

Discussion about DVD full of 50th Anniversary Photos, should they be sold to people?

Hall of Fame Matt Teter

Welcome to the Home of the Cornhuskers!

I had finally done my job to re-construction & redo overview the history the last 5 months

1. I want to thanks to Lorrie for their work in the few years

2. Congratulation Class of 2008 Gregory Desrosiers, Steve Janecek, Jack Morrow, Nicky Finck, Rhonda Ellenbecker & Sheila Jakes

3. Audiogram one players, Kirstin Fick played women's softball team with Omaha Pink Huskers last summer at MAAD 50th
4. Class of 2009 Jeff Doubrava, Donald Ketter, Steven Granaas, Charles Mitts, Dawn Eills-Moder, Polly Rolofson-Pywell, Carol Morne, Deb Kuglitsch & Al Whitts as Leadership
5. I motion several changes as listed that I talked Lorrie:
 - a. Limit of inductees to 6 per year (I feels 8 is too much and change to per year instead of per tournament) and at least one candidate in each category, Athletics and Leadership.
 - b. Number of members on committee to 5 instead of 3 and must be already members of Hall of Fame. The members are chosen by Hall of Fame Director (not President) with Executive Board's approvals
 - c. Candidates must be inactive for 5 years with 10 years of service in MAAD
 - d. Includes the timetable for nominations and ballots
 - e. Electors include MAAD Executive Board and Hall of Fame Committee (total of 15)
 - f. Includes point scales for voting
 - g. Removed the 'Qualification List'

Only one inductee (Deb Kuglitsch) may be coming. Al Whitt is not coming to either tournament this year.

Discussed about buying a bulk of plaques to use for future Hall of Fame Awards – if can afford and who will take care of it.

Tournament Director Greg Petersen

Welcome to Lincoln for 2009 MAAD Basketball Tournament!

I want to applaud 2009 LAD/MAAD committee, under the chairpersonship of Lynda Collicott and her committee for working with me and the MAAD Executive Board to plan and host this exciting tournament.

The registered number of teams for this weekend's tournament is 7 men teams and 3 women teams. We will continue to have round robin games for women teams. Results of Women's round robin play will determine seedings for Saturday's tournament bracket.

I am excited that Howard Rosenblum has assisted our MAAD Bylaws committee with lots of proposed changes. Howard suggested that the tournament section be taken out of the Bylaws and made into a new appendix, separated from the Bylaws.

I have completed two inspection trips:

1. Olathe - OCD for 2009 MAAD Softball – inspected both Holiday Inn and Celebration Park Softball Complex. The Holiday Inn has been used by previous MAAD events and is a good hotel. The softball complex has 4 fields with lights. Both hotel and softball complex met my approval.
2. St. Louis - GSLAD for 2010 MAAD Basketball – inspected St. Louis University's Recreation Center that has 6 basketball courts. Plans are being made that the women and men championship games be played at the West Pine gym where St. Louis University's men and women teams played their games. West Pine gym has overhead scoreboard and equipped with shot clocks. I gave approval to use both facilities. Hotel has not been selected yet. Meetings and social will take place at GSLAD.

Good luck to our 7 men and 3 women teams as they strive to play their best in this tournament and to have fun!

Discussed the audiogram issue where MinnePaul Herman Fuechtmann protested on the eligibility of four (4) Kansas City players last year March 18, 2008 where Executive Board had meeting to discuss the audiograms of 4 players. The 4 players did sign that they would go get an audiogram with Jack Cooper present. Greg Petersen informed that they met the audiogram requirements that MAAD has and sent a letter to MinnePaul. It was quiet until found out Wendell Gaskin been inquiring about it with USADB. Greg Petersen asked MinnePaul Herman Fuechtmann for a

follow-up. He received a letter from MinnePaul dated Jan 28, 2009 protesting a second time. Executive Board agreed to have a special meeting when Herman Fuechtmann arrives here.

Second one is about KC King's bypassing MAAD to go to USADB tournament.

Report of Past President(s)

Jack Cooper Past President

No report

Wayne Morse Past President

Still receiving email correspondences and VP conversations from MAAD Members

Read report from Chicago about sharing with current Executive Board with Past President, with a couple of questions: first question: why Paige Thompson-Matzker say to only share with the current board, not the past board. Paige Thompson-Matzker stated that it was because to communicate with new Board so that can be aware of what's going on. Second question about Las Vegas: why I signed my name for the list of demands and timeline. Paige Thompson-Matzker explained that majority knew that USADB Board was checking their pagers and would reply fast. I also signed because I supported to work with USADB with those demands, but it failed.

Felt the reports from Chicago and Las Vegas were CAAD's way of running the meeting. Plus concerned with USADB officers not balancing and most of them are new people.

Report of Tournament Chairs

2009 Basketball Chair Lynda Collicott

It is with great pleasure to welcome you to Lincoln, Nebraska after 16 years of not hosting a tournament. As you know, we planned for a long time for this weekend and hope you all enjoy yourselves. I would like to explain that all our meetings will be held here at headquarters, which is Holiday Inn. Only one meeting will not be held in this room and that's the Delegate meeting. That will be held downstairs due to a scheduling conflict.

The tournament games will be held at North Star High School. Due to students just getting out at 3:01pm, we decided to push the time of the first games from 4 to 4:30pm to accommodate everyone. I would appreciate it if everyone wait until 3:15pm before heading over to the school to get ready for your games. This will make the traffic flow much smoother and less hassle for the school's and our security people with trying to keep track of students and players/fans. We have hired hearing referees for all the tournament games and would appreciate showing them respect regardless of the communication barrier. We have interpreters on standby if there is a need to communicate with them. I have asked the head referee to come to our player's council so that all will know who he is.

As you know, we have hired Keith Wann to be our comedian Saturday night and he is scheduled for 9pm. It would be great if everyone works together to ensure that the games end on time, and that the awards ceremony starts at 7pm so that we all have a good evening of entertainment after wards. For those of you that do not know, we have daycare prepared for those parents who would like to watch Keith Wann without any interruptions. Daycare opens at 630pm and ends at midnight. Price is \$5 dollars per child for the entire evening. If you do not want to drop your child off at daycare, we do allow children in to see Keith Wann. Just be aware that it's at your own discretion as it's rated R. We also ask that you do not let your child interrupt the show and make it unpleasant for others.

I hope everyone enjoys themselves and let the best team win!

Addition to her report:

-Welcome to Lincoln

-Explained about filling out tickets at lobby/front desk to get door prizes that will be presented Saturday night during ballroom, must be present.

-Apologizes for the different meeting rooms; the delegates meeting will be tomorrow on the second floor with good size that holds 30 people or more.

-Saturday night entertainment – after Awards done, will ask everyone to leave the Ballroom and go through different entrance for admission to Keith Wann. Certain tables are reserved for close vision and Committee.

2009 Softball Chair Tami Waddell (reported by Lorrie Shank)

Since January 2008, my committee and core-committee are doing wonderful jobs on their positions. We are working hard to earn money for our softball tournament. Right now, we have met our goal of \$10,000 as I hardly believed!

One part is that I hated looking for softball fields. Our hope was at Mid-America Complex; however, they focused on the youth program. Finally at last, we found Celebration Park in Gardner, which is very "NEW". Last January, Greg Petersen visited for inspecting the hotel and fields. Everything was satisfied as PASSED Greg's tests!

The hotel is at Holiday Inn in Olathe, which has been used so many times for previous MAAD tournaments. The hotel went through huge renovations and everything is set for all meetings and Saturday night's entertainment/awards. Room rate is \$79.00 up to four people, all information for reservation is in the package for each delegate and MAAD officers.

There are 4 softball fields (one 300 ft and others are 285 ft), very nice concession and sheltered playground. Across the parking lot has 2 picnic shelters and 10-acre Lake. Players can bring drinks and foods into the park but expect them to clean up after themselves.

Chris Perry will be our Umpire-in-Chief and he works as interpreter (also is KSD's boys basketball coach). He will work with Joey Herman, Field Coordinator, for getting/scheduling umpires.

The committee hopes to see a great turnout at our tournament so come on out to play in our tournament or as a fan! See you all there!

Additional report by Lorrie Shank

- Tami cant came due to work obligation
- Explains about softball field in Gardner called "Celebration Park". A guy Chris Perry is umpire in chief.
- Holiday Inn in Olathe with meeting room arrangements
- Question to Paige Thompson-Matzker about putting in MAAD's history in program book or website, answered is "optional".
- Question for Greg Petersen how many balls – suggest 4 dozens of men's balls and 3 dozens of women's balls.
- Thanked Paige, Meow, Robert Love, Scott Bradley for coming to Wine and Cheese party Feb 7th.
- Met the goal of fundraising - \$10,000.

2010 Basketball Chair Sara Rose Smania

-Dates are March 11 – 13, 2010

-Exciting and looking forward for the basketball event to be successful one, GSLAD as the headquarters for the event. All of the meetings will be held at GSLAD on Friday.

-Signed contracts with Saint Louis University (Recreation Center) to use their gym for our event and Greg Petersen toured with us and gave his approval. There will be playing on 4 different courts at the Simon Recreation Center on Friday and then we will be playing on 3 courts at Simon Recreation Center on Saturday and 1 court at the Wine Pine Gym. They will open 10 a.m. for players for practice; have 4 locker rooms – 2 for men; 2 for women – 1 men and 1 women have showers while other don't. There is also an office for MAAD board and Players' lounge for players only (treats).

-In process of negotiating with Wynn Gate Hotel and Wynn Gate at Earth City, Missouri near GSLAD club. They give us the code for everyone to use for that event. We have booked 30 rooms with hotel, it is very nice hotel. There is a possibility that a shuttle bus may be provided. The hotel room rate is \$79.99 per night.

-We truly hope to see you all there and help pull more women teams. Best luck to everyone teamwork!

FLYER:

Corrections – put Giveaways, Gym information, Entertainment issue,
Jack Cooper (Matt Teter) moved that Executive Board approve the tentative flyer with some corrections. **PASSED**

2010 MAAD Softball Discussion

Paige Thompson-Matzker explained about the motion that was made in 2008 50th Anniversary Softball Tournament where Board of Delegates gave Executive Board the authority to make a decision where 2010 Softball tournament be held at: Wyoming, Waterloo, Iowa, Sioux City Iowa and Olathe. Olathe dropped out of their interest; received no communication from Waterloo and information about Wyoming. However, Sioux City did show their interest with a package deal. Then MAAD receives a letter from Omaha Association of the Deaf to host the tournament for 2010.

MOTION:

Lorrie Shank (Greg Petersen) moved that Executive Board to accept Omaha Association of the Deaf to host 2010 MAAD Softball in Sioux City, Iowa. **PASSED** 7 with 2 abstains

Tournament Director's Report

Player Council's Meeting

There will be 7 men's teams, 3 women's teams – down from 11 men's and 4 women's from last year.

Tournament Games

Game starts at 4:30pm Friday and 8 am on Saturday at the gymnasium. The tournament game schedule will be easy with 10 teams.

Pairings setting are based on number of players who stay with the current team or move to other teams or percentage of players returning with those players' registering on the teams.

MOTION:

Jeff Eccles (Sara Rose Smania) moved that we start fresh drawing on all team (men's and women's).
Lorrie Shank amended to refer to Player's Council meeting. **PASSED**

Bracket – women's division already planned to drawing on all teams since they have round robins. Men's division will be determined at Players' Council Meeting.

Appeals/Grievances

One from MinnePaul Association of the Deaf (refer to Tournament Director's Report)

Suspension

Jesse Crawford and Ivy Matthews

Head Statisticians

Barbara Nacarelli

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Motion #1: Matt Teter (Greg Petersen) moved that MAAD to have a new webmaster for the MAAD website. Lorrie Shank (Greg Petersen) amended that no officers in MAAD shall be webmaster. **REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE**

Motion #2: Lorrie Shank (Lynda Collicott) moved that MAAD removes their name off the NDBO's flyer and/or website for 2009 Tournament. **PASSED**

Motion #3: Barbie Nacarelli (Greg Petersen) moves that the profit from the 50th Anniversary softball tournament goes to MAAD's General Fund. **PASSED**

Motion #4: Greg Petersen (Barbara Nacarelli) moved that Executive Board permits Deb Kuglitsch to receive her HOF award during half time at women's championship game on Saturday, March 21, 2009. **PASSED**

Motion #5: Greg Petersen (Matt Teter) moved that MAAD sends a formal request to USADB to ban Kansas City Kings from playing in their national tournament (2009). **PASSED**

Motion #6: Wayne Morse (Jeff Eccles) moved that MAAD changes the number of persons on Hall of Fame committee up to Hall of Fame Director's choice. Sara Rose Smania (Lorrie Shank) amended to add "up to committee of 5". **BOTH PASSED**
NOW READ AS: "MAAD changes the number of person, up to committee of 5, on Hall of Fame committee, up to Hall of Fame Director's choice."

Sara Rose Smania (Jack Cooper) moved that the new business be closed. **PASSED.**

Announcements

Paige Thompson-Matzker thanks to Jack Cooper for the "Leadership Training" workshop this morning.

Adjournment

Jack Cooper moves that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

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