

MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
66th Annual Men's and 24th Annual Women's
William N. Fraser Memorial Regional Basketball Tournament
Thursday, March 3, 2011
Hosted by MinnePaul Athletic Association of the Deaf
St. Paul, Minnesota

Meeting Called to Order

Commissioner Barbara Nacarelli called the meeting to order at 8:08am on Thursday March 3, 2011.

Roll Call of Officers, Past Presidents and Tournament Chairs

Executive Board: Commissioner Barbara Nacarelli, Deputy Commissioner James Johnson, Secretary Lynda Collicott, Treasurer Ralph Fuechtmann, Tournament Director Greg Petersen, Hall of Fame Robert Love

Appointed Past President: Wayne Morse

Tournament Chairs: 2011 Basketball Chair Herman Fuechtmann, 2012 Softball Co-Chair Ginny Redden

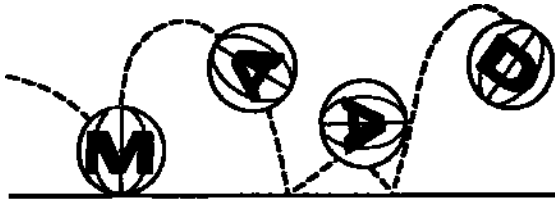
Observers: Mike Layton

Ratification of chat room/email motions:

- Greg moves to appoint Paige to attend the retreat at MAAD's expense. (If they achieve with 6 or more regionals) Seconded and passed
- Lynda Collicott moves for MAAD to pay up to \$200.00 to have a parliamentarian interpret the bylaws regarding the president resignation, vice-president duties and the vacancy clause situation as explained by Barbara Nacarelli. Seconded and passed
- Lynda moves to send a memo advertising the Deputy Commissioner vacancy with a deadline of November 30, 2010. Seconded and passed
- Robert moves to resend the memo of the Deputy Commissioner vacancy on December 6th with a new deadline of January 31st, 2011. Seconded and passed
- Herman moves to appoint James Johnson as Deputy Commissioner for the rest of the one year term. Seconded and passed
- Wayne moves to send Robert Love to NDBO as MAAD rep. Seconded and passed

Herman moves to approve ratification. Seconded and passed

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

- 2010 Softball Minutes Report
- Omaha Association of the Deaf Financial Report
 - No letterhead
 - Need 3 trustees, not two
 - Where is the income from Sioux City \$1,167.50? It should be included on front in income section. Put it as "in kind gift" in income and expense to cancel each other out.
- Received Paige's resignation letter from MAAD
- Receipt from NDBO for Affiliation fee
- NDBO Referendums for 2011
 - Board needs to vote and send to NDBO
- Contract from Faribault for tourney – needs to be signed
- Two delegate forms arrived past deadline of February 1st. MAAD needs your approval to accept GSLAD's Joel White and MinnePaul Jack Graff.

Reports of Officers:

Commissioner Barbara Nacarelli –

Welcome and thank all for coming to MinnePaul's MAAD Basketball.

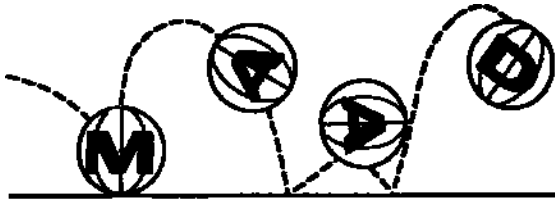
- 1) I would like to give thanks to Herman Fuechtmann and MPAD for hosting the 2011 Basketball Tournament. We appreciate all that has been accomplished.
- 2) Kudos to Paige Thompson-Matzker for her hard and dedicated work she did for MAAD before she was elected Deputy Commissioner for NSAD.
- 3) I would like to extend MAAD's welcome to the KC Kings team! *waving hands in air* Please do make them feel like at home as well as other teams. The last time KC Kings played was back in 2008. I was in touch with Jennifer and Wendell Gaskins since December as they had questions and wanted to make sure they are following the procedures, which they were.
- 4) MAAD's current Web Master is Paige Thompson-Matzker and the contract is still good until March 2011. I had my talk with Paige about this and she told me she does not mind continuing this for MAAD.

EB1

Robert moves to keep Paige as webmaster. Seconded and PASSED.

- 5) Regional and National rules – Reminder that BOTH USADB and NSAD does not permit the use of two forms (regions and national). We will still follow and honor MAAD's Bylaws first before the National's.
- 6) USADB –
 - Online Registration – due to MAAD's time frame and the work to contact each team's coach and the time to explain to them on how to do it. I took the time and stayed up late to register ALL of MAAD's teams and sent emails to coaches and had asked them to check the roster, information, etc. that I had entered for them to make sure they are correct. In return, MAAD received the rosters back in excel format which can make things easier for the host's program book.

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- Regional teams count: Men and Women

*CBAD	3	1
*EAAD	9	1
*FAAD	4	2
*MAAD	8	4
*NEAAD	2	1
*NWADB	10	1
*SEAAD	11	4
*SWBAD	9	2
* total =	56	16

- Division 1 tournament will be filled in with. Regional champions and runner-ups and the rest of teams will go and play in the Division 2 tournament. We cannot promise or won't know much more until after reach region complete its tournament. As always, we will try our very best in letting people know who will play in Division 1 and 2.
- Kay is offering her expertise to provide some kind of training to Regional Presidents and USADB Board on how we can improve on some certain issues. Before we go into this, USADB Board would like to feel the Regional Presidents out. Would you be interested? Would you be available maybe on Friday for a special training?
- California Beavers Stripped of NWADB Championship Title for 2009 - It was discovered that the team violated the USADB player eligibility rules, and attempted to do so again in 2010. These disciplinary actions implied by USADB are effective immediately. The rule violation was for an ineligible player who played in college and during USADB tournament.
- Bylaws updated and posted on website www.usadb.us

- 7) NDBO – Since MAAD is affiliated with both USADB and NDBO, we had voted and chose Robert Love to go there as MAAD's representative as I am going to USADB and cannot attend both national organizations. The NDBO Tournament is on the same weekend with USADB and will be in Chicago, Illinois, however, the teams still have choices of which tournament to attend.

For MAAD's future, we need to stop the old habits, and move on. Please allow MAAD to grow for our future youth. I'd like to let you all know I have an open mind and will accept criticism to improve myself for the better of MAAD. Please do not be afraid to approach me to talk to me about anything. I appreciate each and every one of you for your continued contribution/support towards MAAD. Let's all strive for a good teamwork, and make this tournament a successful and memorable one! ☺

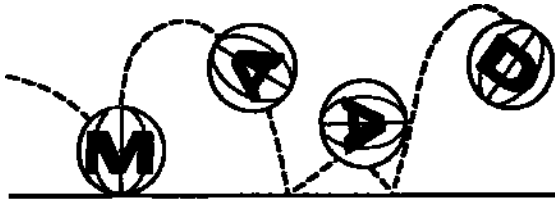
Deputy Commissioner James Johnson –

- Came up with a proposal for the delegate retreat. Any questions?
- Gather all in one place – it will be more effective to discuss and improve bylaws
- Maybe have MAAD become responsible as host
 - More likely to get sponsors
- More exposure, recruit youth
 - Youth camp?

Secretary Lynda Collicott-

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Minnesota! Please give a big wave of hands/ applause to Herman Fuechtmann and his committee for working hard to provide us with a historical place to host this basketball tournament. Thankfully the

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weather cooperated enough that teams from out of state could attend this tournament. I would like to remind you that we still have the Olathe bid letter from last softball tournament with no check. While sending out team registration form packets, I encountered some difficulties with mail not arriving to its designation. That was very frustrating as I strive to do my job. I did some research and found that in softball 2009, we had online registration. I consulted with Paige and asked if it all went smoothly and she confirmed that it was so. Let's go green! I will work with Paige on getting future team packets either done via email or on the web. Please watch for an email from me on which method I will use. It was also brought up that the delegate forms need either a President/Secretary signature so I apologize for that. During our Executive Board meeting, we reviewed the NDBO referendums and voted on them.

- Referendum #1
 - Nay
 - Aye
- Referendum #2
 - Nay
- Referendum #3
 - Nay
- Referendum #4
 - Aye
 - Amend that the committee is made up of non-team players.

I wish everyone the best of luck and may the best team win! ☺

Treasurer Ralph Fuechtmann –

I gave the annual summary of the financial report. The checking balance on December 31, 2010 was showed \$23,731.58. We realized that the MAAD had been spent a lots of money on the officers expenses, retreat and agent's expenses. The Merrill Lynch Report ending on December 31, 2010 showed \$18,491.88. It was good to increase \$1,552.28. I find that I am in need of a financial budget committee. There was also some confusion on why LAD had to pay \$100 check and was told that it was because LAD didn't have a team after hosting in 2009.

Currently, we have a total of 12 teams coming and play ball at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn. All together there are 146 players and coaches participating in the games.

I hope more fans will come and watch these amazing games, however, we recognized that the United States of America Deaf Basketball (USADB) hosts the deaf national basketball in Bloomington, MN on March 30 – April 2, 2011.

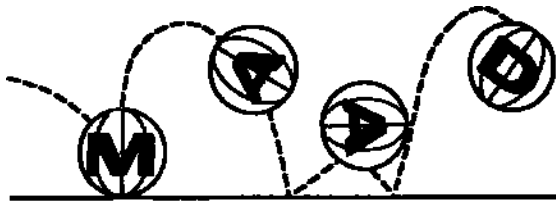
May the best team win and represent our region in either of two (2) national tournaments.

Recess: 9:45am, Resumed at 9:50am

Tournament Director Greg Petersen –

Welcome to MinnePaul for 2011 MAAD Basketball Tournament!

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I want to applaud 2011 MP/MAAD committee, under the chairpersonship of Herman Fuechtmann and his committee for working with me and the MAAD Executive Board to plan and host this exciting tournament! Waving hands!!

The registered number of teams for this weekend's tournament is 8 men teams and 4 women teams.

New change:

- USADB has initiated "Team Online Registration" on their website. MAAD chose to stick with our traditional team registration paperwork which the teams filled out their "Team Registration Form" (teams were encouraged to do the online registration) and send the Team Registration Form with money to our MAAD Treasurer. MAAD President Barb Nacarelli volunteered her team to enter all 12 teams' data into USADB's Online Registration.

Columbia is fined \$100 for not having Coach's name listed among players.

MinnePaul A has more than 12 players. Maximum players allowed at MAAD are 12 but USADB rules are not clear.

EB2

Robert moves that due to conflicting bylaws, that MinnePaul A not be fined, but still only bring 12 players to USADB. Seconded and PASSED

James amended not to fine MinnePaul A but to let USADB decide what to do. Seconded and PASSED.

Whole – Moved that MinnePaul A will not be fined and to let USADB decide what to do. PASSED

Good luck to all the teams as they strive to play their best in this tournament and to have fun!

Hall of Fame Robert Love –

First year as a Hall of Fame director has been an overwhelming experience. I would like to start off with the names that need to bring proof or have let me know of their name changes.

Men

Columbia

Cory Moorhead

Herbert Bowden

Brandon Jones (in record but no audiogram or diploma)

CSD (SFAD)

Sergi Giterman

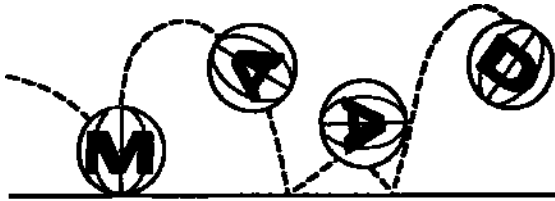
Fletch K....

Jason Ruzicka (in record but no audiogram or diploma)

Evan Winegard

Andrew Donatica

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Minnesota Faribault

Philip Anger
Mikell Sandberg
Justin Barlow
Matthew Rademacher
Tony Oliver

Kansas City Kings

Charles Tompson
D. Miller
Jamar Johnson
Muarice Swindell
Rahem Jessie
Charles Blackmon
Richie Pantoplett

Minnepaul "A"

Bryan Lewis
Ben Lewis
Lee Jones

Keith Tucker (In record No audiogram or diploma)
Ryan Johnson
Josh Tape (In record No audiogram or diploma)

Women

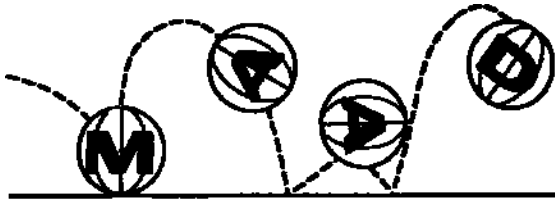
MinnePaul "A"

Beckie Perkins
Rochelle Jones
Stevie Stowie
Sabrina Humber

MinnePaul "B"

Amanda Nino
Jenny Williams
Tracy Kuehn
Selima Carlin
Calena
Jennifer Hume
Masha Klintsevich
Paige Garrison
April Johnson

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Omaha

Brittney Widick
Alba Lavrenz
Wichita
Natasha Carpenter
Geri Marcak
Maria Green
Grace Wigley
Shantel Johnson

Some of the names are not record in the file or have audiogram/diploma. Just needto show proof of those. Some name like women being married have changed so not sure.

What can we do about the people that don't have a document proof of audiogramand/or diploma? March 1998 is the start of requiring those and some players don't have it in file.

EB3

James moves to have those players without a documented audiogram to send to Robert within 2 weeks so that MAAD can verify with USADB that players are indeed eligible. Seconded and passed.

The 6 Hall of Fame inductees of 2011 are:

Michele Golden
Tom Mills
Dale Kerns
Rex Moers
Gary Schwarzenberger
Robert Pickens

I'm very excited about the plague and very impressed with the company.

EB4

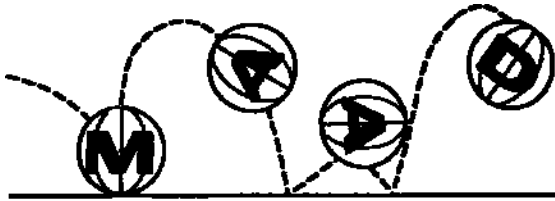
Robert moves that Accolade Designs www.accoladedesigns.com become our Hall of Fame contact for future Hall of Fame awards. Seconded and PASSED.

EB5

Robert moves to change in Appendix A-3, 4 the dates to September 10, September 25, and October 1st. Seconded and PASSED.

The Hall of Fame committee and myself had discussed some issues and need to be change a little bit will be brought up in the new business in EB meeting

Appointed Past President Wayne Morse –



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I would like to ask you "What does an Appointed Past President do? I advice and share my experience from previous years as a President.

Past President Paige Thompson-Matzker -

- During 2010 USADB in Louisville, Kentucky, USADB recognized MAAD as regional of the year. You can view that information on the minutes - <http://www.usadb.us/PDF/2010usadbkyhodminutes.pdf> on page 2 "Region Award of the Year Award goes to MAAD. MAAD President Paige Thompson-Matzker accepted the honor on behalf of MAAD. "You all should give yourself a pat on the back!
- Have a wonderful tournament and may all the teams play well!

2011 Basketball Chair Herman Fuechtmann –

I am excited about the tournament. 8 men teams and 4 women teams are entered in our tournament. We will use 2 courts for 1st and 2nd rounds. Then change over to main court with shot clock for last 3 games on Saturday afternoon. The gym temperature will be warm! Be sure to dress comfortably and bring your water bottles!

We purchased tournament liability insurance through K & K insurance. Most insurance companies only provide coverage for youth sports. It was hard to find coverage for adult basketball, but we were able to do it.

There is an athletic trainer on duty for the whole weekend. Her name is Amara and she will be stationed in MP committee room in the SW corner of the gym. She is hearing and does not sign, so be polite and she will serve you better!

Wristbands will be worn by fans from beginning of tournament to the end on Saturday night. Players, delegates, committee and board members will get name badges to wear. After teams are eliminated, players are expected to put on wristbands otherwise they will not be admitted to gym or Saturday night party. Replacing lost or damaged wristbands with proof of purchase is \$10. No proof? Pay full price!

I am very disappointed with the lack of sponsors for trophies. It seems to be a disturbing trend within MAAD. If this keeps up, our future trophies will just be a printed piece of paper!

4 Booth sponsors are: Canadian Diamond Traders, Convo Communications, ZVRS, and Purple. Be sure to visit their tables and see their products and services!

We will be selling \$1 raffles throughout the tournament and the drawing is planned for Saturday night March 5th. Look for the yellow color!

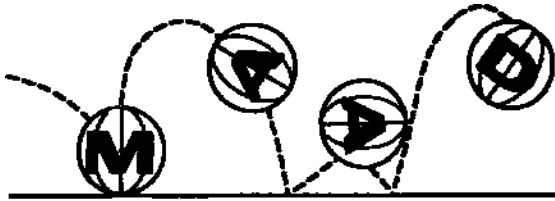
Saturday night party will have DJ called Northern Lights playing music on 3rd floor and at the same time on 2nd floor there is a Texas Hold'em poker tournament.

I want to give a big hearted thanks to our volunteers, committee workers and everyone who helped make this tournament a success!

Till next time!

2012 Softball Co-Chair – Ginny Redden

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Let's first say good luck to the basketball players, coaches and Herman Fuechtmann's committee for the upcoming MAAD basketball tournament. We hope to see you there. Come enjoy the games and get your combo ticket for MAAD softball on Saturday March 5th. St Louis Bell Club will be selling them at a special price that day.

Combo tickets are now \$30.00 buy yours today! If you would like to buy yours today please send the money to

St Louis Bell Club/MAAD2011
Sheila Couch, Registration
8764 Manchester Rd, Ste #201
Brentwood MO 63144-2735

Headquarters is at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Bridgeton. Please use the main number at 314-291-6700 to make your reservations. Group code is MAAD2011. This is to ensure that the players and fans can be put in the same area of the hotel and lets the hotel keep track of how many rooms we have used. Its only 69.00 a night be sure to call them soon. It's a very nice hotel. It has all your accommodating needs there: indoor swimming pool, workout room, restaurant/bar, wi-fi on the premises. We will be having an appetizer buffet on Saturday night after the championship game before the awards are announced. We will also be having pictures slides during that time too recapping the tournament up to awards time. Be sure to come enjoy the picture show and the yummy food.

Tournament is held at BMAC same place as 2007 tournament. They have five fields for us to use. We have been advised to start our Round Robin game time at 10 a.m. on Friday morning. We will know more for sure towards tournament time. They have an air conditioned concession stand. Food may be purchased there. No outside food may be brought in. Now they also have a play ground for the kids to play on. More decisions like umpires and water coolers etc will be in upcoming newsletters and we make our decisions.

Last, attached are forms for awards, advertisements in the program book and sponsorship if anyone is interested in purchasing. Any questions please do not hesitate to email us at maadsb2011@gmail.com. We will answer your questions as soon as we can

2012 Basketball chair - none

Unfinished Business –

- Olathe Club of the Deaf withdraws their 2013 bid for basketball.

New Business –

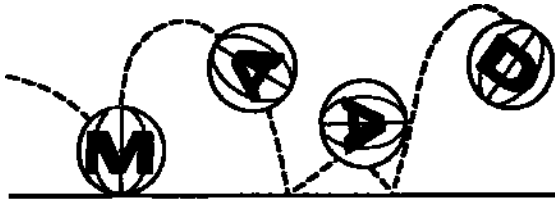
Motion #1

I, James, moved and was seconded that MAAD allows registered non-players to participate in MAAD regional tournaments. **OUT OF ORDER**

Motion #2

I, Herman, moved and was seconded that if a club without a participating team wants to host 2012 basketball tournament, they will not be penalized for not having a team in 2011 tournament. **PASSED**

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Motion #3

I, Greg, moved and was seconded that MAAD revise their softball schedule – Thurs 9am EB meeting, Thurs 3pm Players Council, Thurs 7pm Delegates, Fri and Sat open to schedule games. **PASSED**

Robert amended and was seconded to provide hosts more flexibility in scheduling softball tournaments with MAAD Executive board's approval. **PASSED**

WHOLE – moved that MAAD provide hosts more flexibility in scheduling softball tournaments with MAAD Executive Board's approval. **PASSED**

Announcements –

able to do it and will bring back to USADB.

X

Lynda

Lynda Collicott, MAAD Secretary