

MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
52nd Annual Men's and 29th 12th Annual Coeds Softball
John L. Buckmaster Memorial Regional Softball Tournament
Thursday, July 22nd, 2010
Hosted by Omaha Association of the Deaf
Sioux City, IA

Meeting Called to Order

Commissioner Paige Thompson-Matzker called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday July 22nd, 2010.

Roll Call of Officers, Past Presidents and Tournament Chairs

Executive Board: Commissioner Paige Thompson-Matzker, Deputy Commissioner Barbara Nacarelli, Secretary Lynda Collicott, Treasurer Ralph Fuetchmann, Tournament Director Greg Petersen

Absent: Hall of Fame Robert Love

Appointed Past President: Wayne Morse

Tournament Chairs: 2010 Softball Chair Jim Buettner, 2011 Basketball Chair Herman Fuetchmann, 2012 Softball Representative Rene Schoeffler

Observers: Art Nelson, Tami Nelson, Jack Cooper, Ann Cooper

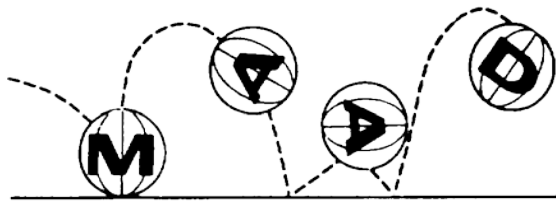
Communications: Secretary Lynda Collicott (letters, information's, etc.)

- St. Louis GSLAD Financial Report
 - "Rough draft" needs to be changed to "Unofficial"
 - Misc amount is too large and needs to be broken down further
 - There is no date on it.
 - Some officers will contact chairperson to explain this
- Letter from MinnePaul with intent to bid for 2013 Softball in Faribault and explained that they will bring check to tournament. I received the check during a meeting break.
- Was told by Marti on VP that she is the chairperson for 2012 Softball for OCD. Am supposed to receive email or letter from OCD President stating this as fact.

Reports of Officers:

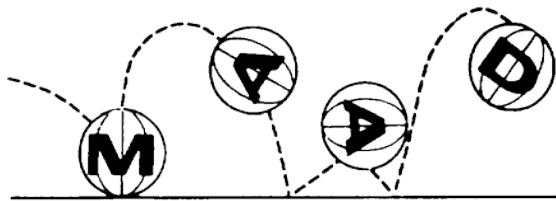
Commissioner Paige Thompson Matzker –

- Kudos to MAAD Officers and Chairs who work hard through good and bad times and work together as a team.
 - Transition from outgoing officers to incoming officers was a challenge due to many conflicts.



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- Matt Teter requested his travel from Des Moines to home be reimbursed. I approved that.
- Communication was a bit confusing and overwhelming at times. Will find solutions after collecting feedback over the weekend.
- Please know that I appreciate each and every one of you.
- Congratulations go to Wayne Morse as Past President as I appointed him. He accepted my offer. I thank Jack Cooper for his service.
- A big applause goes to Jim Buettner and his committee for the 2010 Softball Tournament.
 - Tournament is quite different from other tournaments considering it is happening in a city wanting to show support where as the club host is in another city.
 - Be sure to stop and thank OAD/MAAD committee as well as the Sioux City folks for making this happen.
- Proud to see 5 men, 6 coed and 3 women participating in this tournament. 3 men (Olathe, Sioux Falls and Midwest Express) and 1 Coed (Omaha – Son of Pitches) will travel to NSAD.
- Welcome a new club to MAAD – Faribault Deaf Club. We now have 12 clubs.
- NSAD Information
 - Congratulations go to several teams who attended NSAD in Ft. Lauderdale in 2009. Men teams – Sioux Falls came in 7th, Olathe came in 9th. Women teams – St. Louis Humblebees came in 7th, Olathe came in 9th. Coed – Omaha/Akadema were champions.
 - There was good food, good attendance probably because of the beach.
 - Commissioner Valentine Wojton planned to attend this weekend's tournament, until tonight at 10:30 p.m. I received email letting me know he is unable to attend.
 - This year MAAD gets to send a women and a men player representative. Greg assisted me by asking teams who are going and who was interested.
 - I received one interest. – Scott Bradley from MinnePaul Midwest Express
 - Are there any other people you have in mind that I can ask? I would appreciate your help because I would like some more representatives to be representing MAAD.
 - Will ask again at Players Council for representatives to make sure all teams are happy with chosen representative.
 - As you all know, I attended Board of Directors meeting in Austin, Texas on March 27-29, 2010. The meeting was productive with no motions made. 4 out of 8 regions attended. Many discussions were held – over several topics such as 4 regional tournaments, softball regions vs multi-sports, softball association views, etc.
 - As you know, there are some new rule changes with NSAD. In the past, I mentioned to you all to read NSAD minutes, but if you haven't done so, please familiarize yourself with them.
 - The bylaws on the website is outdated where I helped the NSAD Law committee, as a chair (and meeting on May 15) by inserting of passed proposals from 2006 to 2009 and submitted a draft copy to NSAD. I will be following up with NSAD after this tournament.
 - NSAD is very confusing.
 - Free Agents is not clear
 - CODA/SODA rules are not clear



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- Hoping that new officers will improve conditions of bylaws and post them quickly on the website
- NSAD will be in Portland this coming August. 18 men teams, 10 women teams and 4 coeds will be going.... It is a small number due to the high airfares and other economical factors.
- I will be following up with various reports that I am to do – USADB and NDBO after NSAD as need to receive minutes.

USADB

- All teams are invited
- \$20.00 fee for everyone
- Political, long standing history

NDBO

- Very team oriented
- Person has positions of authority within 2 clubs

- Thank you all for you do for MAAD.

Move to recess at 10:14am

Resume meeting at 10:32am

Vice President Barbara Nacarelli –

Welcome to SIOUX CITY! I am SO thrilled to be here because I am the person that helped bring MAAD Softball Tournament to Sioux City and to work with Omaha Association of the Deaf. Yes, I may have had too many hats on, and so far it is a success with the help from Corey Westra, President of Sioux City Sports Authority.

*Thank You:

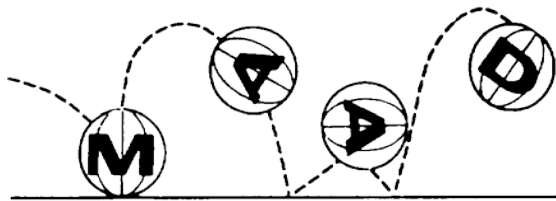
Everyone - Thank you for your patience, cooperation, and understanding about when I was unable to stay in the loop with the unexpected early birth of my newborn daughter.

Paige – Thank you for sending the email with the link to read the minutes ahead of time. I really did appreciate it.

*Press Release – Corey Westra – which I was really impressed with and wanted to share with you all since Sioux City Sports Authority is the major sponsor of this Tournament.

*Host/Treasurer – Any guidelines for the host to submit the tournament fee, and the 50% transportation fees as well as for the Treasurer to submit the player's fees.

*Email/Chatroom communications – set up a guideline of knowing when to include chairs or not. Try to keep it in a business-manner.



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*Public Relations – It is one of my duties as a Deputy Commissioner/Vice President to promote your tournaments, events, etc. via website, Facebook, etc. Feel free to send me your stuff, and I will get them posted.

*Bylaws Committee – I currently do not have one, and had a bit hard time finding someone who is interested. Delegates? Know anyone else? Please do give me names and I will have the Commissioner go through them.

*R&Rs - none during softball due to no Bylaws Committee and Bylaws state it is to be at the Annual Meeting which is Basketball – make suggestions instead.

*Webmaster – How is it going? Is everything updated?

Last of all, let's all just move on and have fun!!! Thank you.

Secretary Lynda Collicott-

Welcome to Sioux City!! I know this phrase has been said a lot today but it's with great pleasure that MAAD Softball is being hosted here by OAD's chairperson Jim Buettner and his committee. Let's give them *waving hands* for deciding to do something different and hosting it outside of their usual domain.

Thank you for making me feel welcome as a secretary. Bear with me while I make mistakes, but with your help I will improve and learn for future tournaments. To make my job easier, I would appreciate it if reports are sent to me by the deadline that is issued. It is greatly appreciated.

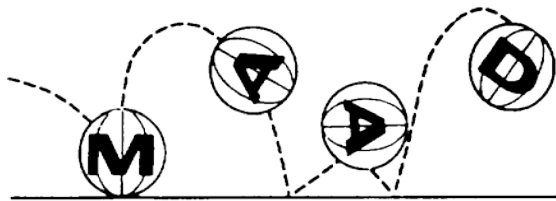
Treasurer Ralph Fuetchmann –

I gave the brief summary of the financial reports. The checking balance on June 30, 2010 showed \$33,038.84. The Merrill Lynch Report ending on May 28, 2010 shows \$16,986.51. President Paige and I will complete our signatures on the Merrill Lynch Endowment Management Account forms during the softball tournament.

Currently, we have a total of 14 teams coming and play ball at HyVee Ballpark. All together there are 214 players and coaches participating in the games. I hope more fans will come and watch these amazing games. However, we recognize that many people have taken vacation time or spent their money to attend the DeafNation Expo in Las Vegas.

We want to thank Jeff Eccles, the previous treasurer, who served 10 years in MAAD. I will be changing from his style program using the columnar pad to my style program using Excel program into the computer. While going through the boxes, I realized that there were papers beyond 7 years so would like to toss those papers. I will keep everything up to 7 years.

May the best team win and represent our region in the national tournament!



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Tournament Director Greg Petersen -

Welcome to Sioux City – site of 2010 MAAD Softball Tournament!!

Hats off to 2010 OAD/MAAD Softball committee chaired by Jim Buettner!!

This summer softball classic will feature 14 teams – 5 men, 3 women, and 6 coeds.

I completed two inspection trips this month.

1. Inspected hotel for St. Louis Bell Club's 2011 MAAD SB tournament. Hotel was approved. Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex (BMAC) will be used for softball and the tournament headquarters will be at Crowne Plaza
2. Inspected gym, hotel, and Deaf Clubhouse for MinnePaul's 2011 MAAD BB tournament. All were approved. Basketball games will be held at Hutton Arena of Hamline University. Tournament headquarters will be held at the Deaf Clubhouse. The only negative thing is that the changing rooms are very small so recommend that all players shower at hotel afterwards.

Friday's round robin games will start at 1:00 pm and use 55 minutes time limit. This year, due to time restrictions, Round Robin games will be reduced to 2 games, than the customarily 3 games. This change is still in accordance to MAAD's Bylaws. Results of round robin competition will determine seedings for Saturday's men, women, and coed brackets. Saturday's games will start at 8:00 am and will use 75 minutes time limit or 7 innings, whichever comes first.

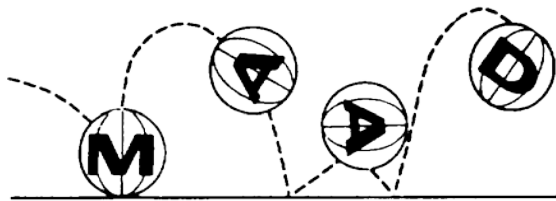
I'm beginning to notice more softball complexes wanting to use their fields for their hearing league games on Friday nights, thus making it harder for MAAD to set up Round Robin schedule, get all Round Robin games completed, and leave the fields on time so hearing league games can take over. This has happened 3 times in the past 5 years. Next year's softball tournament in St. Louis will face identical problem, thus making it 4 out of the last 6 years when this happened. MAAD will need to study and make alternate plans to insure that Round Robin games can be played without time restrictions.

Showed a PowerPoint on possibilities on how to solve the time restriction issues. It will be brought up at Player Council to see what the players would want to do.

Discussed Sportsmanship award issues as in past, the referees would do it but not anymore. Herman gave me an idea so will use a worksheet for the scorekeepers to fill out for Sportsmanship. It was suggested to have two individual sportsmanship options – One with the best Sportsmanship and "second best" sportsmanship.

NSAD now is giving all region tournament balls to use. Men's balls are .52 and Women's balls are .44.

It was brought up that there were mistakes made on the NSAD forms.



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- Men's registration forms
 - Midwest – 3 free agents
 - Sioux Falls – forgot a player's number – fine \$100.00
 - Olathe – No asterisk showing coda player
- Women's registration forms
 - GSLAD – Not clear where the person is from – agreed that person is from Illinois
 - GCAD – No asterisk showing 2 codas

Coed –

- CBSC – Many free agents

Four forms were found to have no region secretary initials as required by NSAD.

- Olathe - 2
- Omaha
- Sioux Falls Mens

Motion - I, Herman Fuetchmann moved and was seconded that MAAD instructs President Paige Thompson-Matzker to contact NSAD to find out the purpose of having Regional Secretary initializing the NSAD registration form and clarify the procedure of when the Secretary should initial the forms. (i.e. before or after sending forms to clubs/teams) **PASSED**

There's a section at bottom of NSAD form that says non-player – means NO playing on team

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

Head Statistician – Barbara Nacarelli

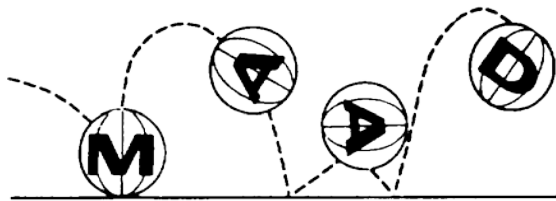
Alternate Head Statistician – Lynda Collicott

Hall of Fame Robert Love –

Hello everyone. Since I can't make it to the EB meeting I would just type this full report here. So that everyone knows what is going on.

Duty

It was not a good start off with my duties and position that I am in. First of all the past director was not easy to work with. Have difficult time to find schedules to vp each other. I was hospitalized with micturition syncope. I have 5 staples in my head. Which lead me to miss the trip to meet Matt halfway. I thought maybe we can pick out another date but can't. Schedules are conflict so we had agreed to communicate thru email. Often I don't get replies and he has been talking to Paige the commissioner which made it a lot more difficult to do my duty. I got the database from him which it was not up to date with the records of any kind. That means when I get the full materials and I will have to update from 2008-2010 and 2010 softball after the tourney is over. A lot of work needs to be done.



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Verifications

The 2010 softball players that will need their audiograms, diplomas, or verification of any kind before playing the games are:

Men

- 1) Jimmy Russell – Midwest Express
- 2) Cleve Farrell – Columbia
- 3) Daniel Gott – Olathe Twisters
- 4) Nathan Hill – Olathe **Twisters**

Women

- 1) Vicky Garms – Olathe Twisters
- 2) Sarah Mosher – Olathe Twisters

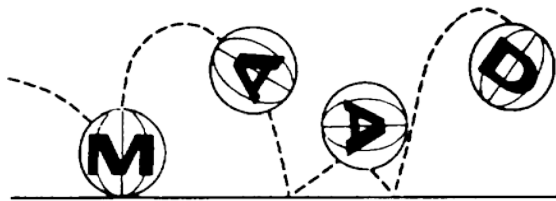
COED

- 1) Lia Chapman - Council Bluffs
- 2) Karissa Fricke - Council Bluffs
- 3) Audree Connelly - Council Bluffs
- 4) Cody Contreras - Council Bluffs
- 5) Peter Schwietz - Council Bluffs
- 6) Shannon Groat - Council Bluffs
- 7) Martha Wolcott - Council Bluffs
- 8) Kenneth Smith - Council Bluffs

I have found that there are some players this year that have played last year or in the past that don't have verifications in file. It could be anywhere from its not placed in there or their names difference or just simply the duty wasn't done. I am not here to blame or anything. What I am interesting is what can we do about the players that don't have verifications in file and yet they are playing this year? The other players that are not playing this year we worry about that later. I understand that they didn't have verifications until after March of 1998 according to the old bylaws. There are some players that played after that date that still don't have verifications in file.

CODA seems to be a problem due to there is no verifications to proof that they have deaf parents or SODA for sisters or brothers. What shall we do about this? It is easy for anyone to say that they are CODA without verification. We just let them in without them feeling like they are not telling the truth or something.

Now my plan with those verifications is to put them in the PDF database. So that way we won't have to carry the books around. Let's take advantage of the technology that we have today and make use of it. But it will be up to the board if still wants to keep the books in file which is fine. I am just trying to make the job easier than flicking the pages and easier to see the names on the computer. I am open to suggestions.



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Hall of Fame Inductee

There are 3 Hall of Fame inductees. Donna Osborne, Gary Shippet, and Robert Pugh. Donna has been in communication with me. She still hasn't confirmed if she will attend to the awards or not. I have given her the instructions straight out of the bylaw on what she is able to do if she come. Once I get the confirmation then I will keep communicating with her. If she doesn't come I will request the address from her and send her the award.

Goals

I have already set a goal to make a new database to make things easier to notice where things are and what the records are and so forth. I know there will be a lot of work ahead of me but I have a feeling that I will get things done when changes are going to be made and easier for the future. I already put one book of audiograms/diplomas in the PDF database. I will be working on the other database as well. I feel that the database I got wasn't clear enough. I will come up with a system and work from there. Please bear with me as I am having a fresh start.

Thank you

I would like to give the thanks to the board that had helped me out with my rough start. It is not always easy during the transfer and I learned from that. For that I thank you. I especially want to thank Lorrie Shanks who took her time to explain to me what I need to do and what to expect and work on certain things. That gave me the clear picture of what I need to do. It was not her duty to do it but she did that anyway so I appreciate it very much. Thank you Lorrie and board!

Appointed Past President Wayne Morse – No Report

2 minute bathroom break

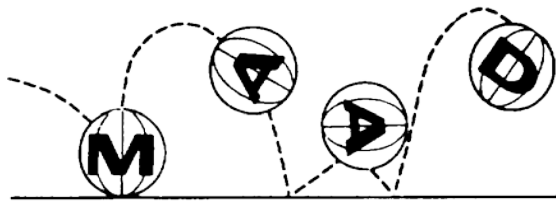
2010 Softball Chair Jim Buettner –

Hello Everyone,

Thank you for coming to Sioux City and hope you all will enjoy this weekend, either playing or visiting. Please do be smart to stay cool if weather gets too hot, or stay dry if it gets too wet.

*Fields Rules – I will let the person explain tonight at Players Council.

*Dogs are allowed to the fields, please keep on leashes, and pick up after your dogs



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*Rhonda's Speak Easy – which is not far from here – will have drink specials this weekend, please check the flyer in the program book.

*Homerun Derby – starts Friday morning at 11:00 a.m., please be sure to pay and sign up at the registration table before entering the fields. 2 bats were donated – they are worth \$300 apiece and will be given to one man and one woman winner of the homerun derby.

*We have some players with Athletic Training experience, so please let us know in advance if you need someone to wrap you. Be sure to bring your own bandages, tapes, first aid kit, etc.

*If EMT is needed, please let us know right away, and the EMT will be there within 5 minutes or less.

Thank you and PLAY BALL!

2011 Basketball Chair Herman Fuetchmann –

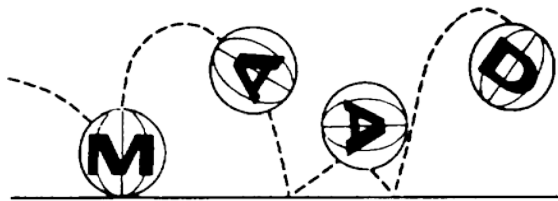
Greetings to MAAD officers and delegates,

I am excited to inform you about the details for the upcoming MAAD basketball tournament in St. Paul, Minnesota! It will be held on the first weekend in March 3-5, 2011, with games starting at 3 pm Friday afternoon, March 4th. We have a historic theme for our tournament as the facilities we are using have a long rich history in St. Paul.

Firstly and most importantly, the games will be played at Hamline University in St. Paul. The address is 1536 Hewitt Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104 and the name of the gym is Hutton Arena. It has a recently renovated wooden gym floor and is the same floor that their college varsity men and women basketball teams use for their home games. We selected Hamline's gym because of the deaf friendly sightlines looking onto the floor. There are two side by side courts and bleachers overlooking the courts on both sides for easy viewing. For final round games, the bleachers will be expanded down closer to the floor. Shot clocks will be used only for final round games.

You would be interested to know that Hamline University was the location of the first ever intercollegiate basketball game in history way back in February 9, 1895! It was a game played between Hamline U and the U of Minnesota Agricultural College. So that's trivia knowledge for you to remember! Of course, we will not play in the same old gym as that building has been torn down long ago!

The headquarters will be at Charles Thompson Memorial Hall also known as Thompson Hall Deaf Club and is located a short 2 miles away. We will have our Player Council meetings and House of Delegates meetings there. After the tournament, we plan to have awards and social event on Saturday night also at Thompson Hall. The big historic building is located on the corner of Marshall and Fairview Ave.



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For lodging purposes, we have arranged for a block of rooms at Days Inn Hotel on University Ave. located between the deaf club and gym. The deadline to get a reduced rate of \$69.95 is February 1st, 2011. Group Code:

MAAD. There are also other hotels in the area especially close to the U of M campus in Minneapolis. You will be happy to know that there are numerous restaurants and stores in the area. Rosedale Mall and Har Mar Mall is a few miles north on Snelling Ave. Rainbow Foods, Cub Foods, Target, Walmart, and various restaurants are close by. You will not have to travel far to find anything you need!

I encourage all fans to buy their early bird combos that are now on sale for \$20. This price will continue until September 30th. That is HALF PRICE off the at door combo price of \$40! You can buy them from me in person here or send them to MinnePaul in care of Carol Monroe at the address listed on the flyer.

My email contact is MAADBB2011@gmail.com. Hope to see you all there next spring!

Review flyer/New information –

- Needs to put tentative on flyer
- Flyer was approved

2012 Softball Chair Representative Rene Schoeffler –

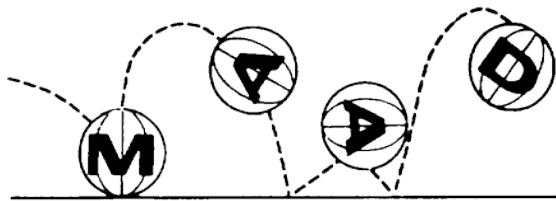
Hello. I am replacing Laura Lister for this tournament. St Louis Bell Club is very excited to be hosting the softball tournament in St. Louis next year. We have been busy with fundraising up to this point. We have raised over \$5500 in various activities. We will continue with our fundraising in the upcoming months.

Our tournament dates are set for July 14-16th. We have just recently secured the softball fields. We will be playing at Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex (BMAC) Same place as tournament in 2007. This has 5 softball fields. They have done some improvements to the fields and added a play area for the kids. The fields are about 7 miles from the hotel.

I promise no repeat of 2007 hotel experiences. Crowne Plaza near the airport will be our hotel headquarters. This is a beautiful hotel of 351 rooms. We have 285 rooms reserved. So there will be plenty of rooms. This is 69.00 a night. They have a breakfast café open in the mornings until 11. Then TGIF is on site for lunch and dinner. The hotel also offers an indoor pool and a weight room. Per the hotel's instructions we are to use the local number provided on the flyer. This is what the hotel calls in house reservation. It allows them to keep track of how many rooms we book. Plus to keep groups together easier.

One thing that was brought to our attention is that the director at BMAC wants to start Round Robin early on Friday. He suggested (this is going by 15 teams) we start at 9 so that we are finished by 5 due to night leagues playing at 6. If we do this we will need to either start delegate meeting earlier or move it to after the RR games. How does the board feel about this?

Any questions or concerns don't hesitate to email Laura at any time. She will do her best to reply in a timely manner.



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Review flyer/New Information –

- Flyer was approved
- Recommended contacting hotel and changing # of rooms reserved and finding out if this impacts the cost of room

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

- Wayne Morse moved and was seconded that we have an open discussion on appendix C –General tournament Section 1 –C **PASSED**
- Wayne Morse moved and was seconded that we change wording in Appendix C – General tournament Section 1 C from “at least 3 years” to “minimum of 2 years”. **PASSED**
 - Barbara Nacarelli amends to make this effective July 22, 2010. Seconded. **PASSED**

Announcements – Olathe Club for the Deaf emailed letting us know their intent to bid for 2013 Basketball.

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Lynda

Lynda Collicott, MAAD Secretary