

MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Players' Council 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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Tournament Director Greg Petersen. Ann Cooper was the recorder.

Roll call was passed around and team representatives signed. We have a full 100% participation!

Brian Collette presented Heat Workshop. He gave the latest weather report and passed out the 5 pages handouts on Exertional Heat Illnesses with PowerPoint.

MAAD/OAD 2010 Softball Chairperson Jim Buettner gave his "Welcome" address.

1. Explained about the softball park. Dogs are allowed as long on leash. Only 3 minutes drive from hotel.
2. Homerun Derby shall start at 1:00 p.m. Friday.
3. Gave directions how to get to softball park.

MAAD Commissioner Paige Thompson-Matzker gave her talk.

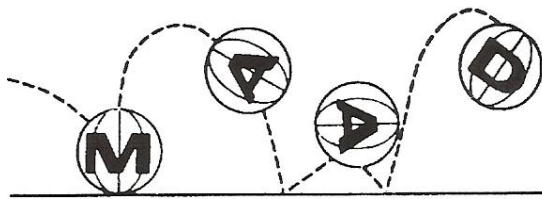
1. Was happy to see you all here! Encouraged team reps to give "waving hands" to Corey Westra and Matt Davis (UIC) for their hard work to make our tournament successful.
2. Gave congratulations to our MAAD teams that played well in last year's NSAD in Florida.
3. This year's NSAD will be at Portland, Oregon. Three MAAD men's teams will participate.
4. Have fun and play well. Keep cool!

Saul Gevarter, Homerun Derby chair, was given the floor to explain how the Homerun Derby works.

Robert Love, MAAD Hall of Fame Director, was given the floor. Robert wanted to remind team reps to submit their verification papers before the start of games. There are 7 players left but one won't be here so need 6 verifications.

MAAD Tournament Director Greg Petersen took the floor.

1. Explained that since we have to be finished with our Round Robin games by 5:30 so the Round Robin schedule was set up to have 2 round robin games, which is still in accordance to the MAAD Bylaws.
2. Explained that he is now starting to notice a pattern that softball complexes want to keep their hearing league games intact on Friday nights; thus imposing "time restriction" on us.
3. Showed a PowerPoint presentation to clearly show the pattern and the options how we can deal with this "time restriction"



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- a. Limit to 2 round robin games
- b. Start round robin games Friday morning; delegates' meeting start 1-2 hours after the conclusion of round robin games
- c. Move Players' Council to Thursday afternoon, Delegates meeting on Thursday evening, and round robin games all day Friday. Friday night shall be for social time.

Open forum was used to discuss the 3 options. Team reps like 'b' and 'c'.

Next topic was to address the issue of doing 2 round robin games in this tournament or revise to play 3 round robin games. Discussion followed. Team reps moved and approved to have 3 round robin games in this tournament. Round Robin schedule was revised to have game times at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00. Matt Davis, UIC, said the revised schedule was acceptable and he can rearrange the umpires to work in those revised game times.

Matt Davis, UIC, took the floor. He explained the USSSA's playing rules with some MAAD softball rules. Fields all have electronic scoreboard with timer. Bats will be checked on the field before the start of the games.

Drawings:

Women –

1. Olathe
2. Fly Khicks
3. GSLAD

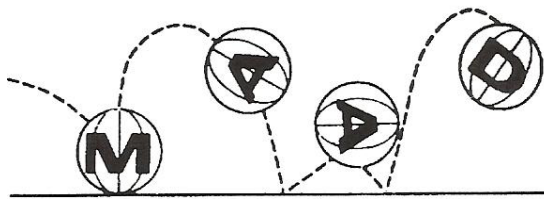
Coed –

1. Deaf Jacks
2. Columbia
3. St. Louis Bell Club
4. Sons of Pitches
5. Omaha ECA
6. Council Bluffs

Men –

1. Olathe
2. Midwest Express (play 4 straight games)
3. Sioux Falls
4. Columbia
5. Faribault

New business – None



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Announcement:

- Barb Nacarelli demonstrated the orange t-shirt for sale.

Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m.