

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
Wednesday, July 13, 2011
Hosted by St. Louis Bell Club
St. Louis, Missouri

Meeting Called to Order

Commissioner Barbara Nacarelli called the meeting to order at 6:53p.m on Wednesday July 13, 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

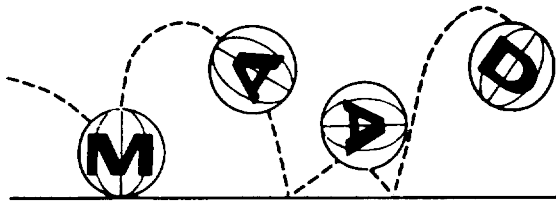
Appointed Past President: Wayne Morse

Tournament Chairs: 2011 Softball Chair Laura Lister, 2012 Softball Chair Marti Herman

Observers: Julie Woodner, Lorrie Shanks

Ratification of chat room/email motions:

- James Johnson moved for Ralph Fuechtmann to compare prices tomorrow to see how much it would cost for one registration form copy to be printed in comparison to shipping the box. Seconded and passed.
- Greg Petersen moved that we send out the memo to the member clubs and solicit bids with May 27th deadline. Seconded and passed.
- Robert Love moved that MAAD host 2012 Basketball with an event planner. Seconded and passed.
- James Johnson moved that MAAD allows CT Karnowski to review MAAD financial reports to gather the data he needs to analyze for a report to delegates at the MAAD Revisited meeting. Seconded and passed.
- Greg Petersen moved that MAAD hires Darnell Consulting LLC to help MAAD plan, manage and moderate the Revisited meeting along with the proposal. Seconded and passed.
- James Johnson moved that that MAAD host the MAAD Revisited meeting in Omaha, NE on September 9-11, 2011. Seconded and passed.
- Robert Love moved to accept Sioux City, Iowa as the location of 2012 Basketball tournament. Seconded and passed.
- Lynda Collicott moved that MAAD stick with what was agreed upon at wrap up meeting in Minnesota and that is to have EB meeting on Wednesday and Delegate meeting on Thursday. Seconded and passed.



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- James Johnson moved that MAAD fine NEWB \$100 for not having enough players on its team registration form and not allow late added players to play at the MAAD tournament. Seconded and amended.
 - James Johnson amended to add Deaf Jacks to also be fined. Seconded and passed
 - WHOLE – It was moved to fine NEWB and Deaf Jacks \$100 for not having enough players on its team registration form and to not allow late added players to play at the MAAD tournament. **PASSED**

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

- 2011 Basketball Minutes Report
- Omaha Association of the Deaf Financial Report –Revised version
- Minneapolis Association of the Deaf Financial Report
- OAD Bid and Withdrawl letter for 2012 Basketball
- SFAD Bid letter with check for 2012 Basketball – returned due to MAAD hosting
- Three delegate forms arrived past deadline of July 1st. MAAD needs your approval to accept OAD's Tony Nacarelli, GCAD's Tuffy Norris and WAD's Honesty Powell.

Reports of Officers:

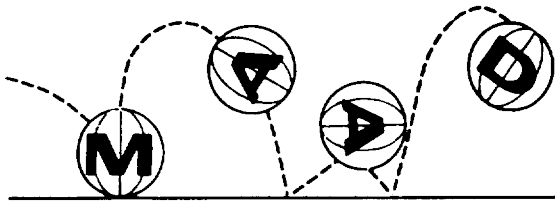
Commissioner Barbara Nacarelli –

Welcome to St. Louis! Kudos to Laura Lister and her committee for their hard work to make this weekend happen.

- USADB Report/Retreat
I attended USADB in Bloomington, Minnesota from March 29 – April 3, 2011 to represent as a Commissioner for our MAAD Region. I brought our passed motions from MAAD Basketball to USADB's attention. USADB Retreat will be on September 29 through October 2, 2011 in Fremont, California. Some motions that had been referred will be discussed during the retreat. From my perspective as a Commissioner attending USADB for the first time, I do see that they are improving. They are focusing on present and future as they had hired a lawyer to focus on the lawsuit, Ira Hendon, and the previous years of financial.

Our motions:

1. Make own registration forms – **Failed**
Reason: USADB already has in bylaws that only one form can be used
2. Have the option to play national basketball level and paying their \$20.00 fee is not required – **Out of Order**
Reason: Already referred and will be discussed during the Retreat
3. Request a letter from USADB to explain the following problems:
 - a. 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 complete with audited financial report
 - b. Explain the breakdown of the \$20 player fee
 - c. Explain why USADB is not financial documents to the auditors to finish audit financial report



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- d. Explain why they threw out CAAD after voting 3 times and the first 2 times, CAAD won and the 3rd one CBAD won.

Out of Order

Reason:

- a. Auditors could not complete the whole financial reports due to some missing documents, the current USADB board is aware of this and it is now in the lawyer's hands.**
- b. \$**
- c. USADB had provided all they have, and the lawyer is working on to get more information.**
- d. let CBAD and CAAD issues be resolved at the region level (have PowerPoint if interested)**

MAAD teams that went to USADB: 5 Men's: CSD Arctic Warriors- 11th Place, Lincoln Independent Team- 13th Place, MinnePaul A- 14th Place, MinnePaul 40's- 17th Place, and MinnePaul B; 3 Women's: MinnePaul A- 4th Place, Omaha Eagles- 7th Place, and MinnePaul B- 9th Place.

USADB Awards for MAAD players:

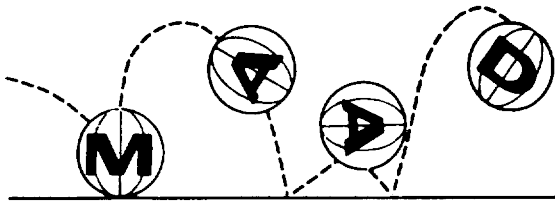
Women's Most points – Rachel Nemmers, Omaha, 78 points

Women's Most 3 points made – Rachel Nemmers, Omaha, 17

Women's 2nd All-Star Team: Razmpour Shabnam - MinnePaul A, Amanda Huser – MinnePaul A.

Kudos to these players! ☺

- Bonnie Schwebke – CAAD President – was on the USADB Audit team, now removed due to sharing information when told not to. I would like MAAD to send a letter to Bonnie and request her to stop sending emails via bcc and sharing. Let the USADB's lawyer do the work without any more interfering. We focus on MAAD, and the future for it. USADB will focus on their present and future and they are striving to make it better for us.
- Communication/Transparency – we need to improve in this area, pay fees on time or early, not at last minute, take about 5 minutes of your time to keep Board up to date to we don't have to nag each other, just that we need to remind each other as in teamwork.
- NSAD- I will be going to NSAD in Dallas, Texas as MAAD's representative from August 11-14th, 2011. So far, to NSAD's knowledge there will be 2 MAAD Men's teams going. I need one male and one female player representative for the Softball Council on Sunday, August 14 at 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, proposals (see attached); Summit Meeting may be in January or February as they will let us know as soon as possible. NSAD is working to move member dues to change from July 1st to April 1st.
- People vs Bylaws – Anyone who affiliated, abide the rules and don't blame or get mad at the board or me. Delegates/Clubs are the one who made the approvals, and we follow it. If there was something you didn't like or want to add – have your delegate make a motion, we have a procedure for this in the Bylaws for motions to be made prior to meeting.
- Coed – follow MAAD first, NSAD unofficial, other regions starting to have Coed as trials
- My role as Commissioner and Personal
- Gift Certificates for tournament chairs



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Deputy Commissioner James Johnson –

Bylaws Committee

No Bylaws committee was set up to review MAAD Bylaws and to propose revisions for consideration at Board of Delegates during the upcoming softball tournament because I have begun to ask a few individuals to participate in drafting Bylaws revisions for delegates to consider and to vote upon during the MAAD Revisited meeting in September. Honesty Powell from Wichita is the first member of the MAAD Revisited Bylaws committee and I hope to announce a few more members during executive board and board of delegates meetings at the tournament. An issue came up – one is the metro of St. Louis. I contacted CAAD, and asked them about the metro of St. Louis and was told that CAAD disagreed with it. Perhaps we need to ask NSAD and USADB to recognize the 5 counties?

MAAD Revisited Meeting

The MAAD Revisited meeting has been scheduled for September 9 to 11, 2011 in Omaha, Nebraska. Darnall Consulting, LLC is under contract with MAAD to provide logistical support for lodging, meals, and meetings, and to moderate discussions among delegates. Up to 30 delegates including MAAD officers are expected at the meeting, and non-delegates will be welcomed to observe proceedings throughout the weekend.

Darnall Consulting secured 15 rooms at Best Western Serrville Plaza at a very reasonable rate and the hotel is right across the street from Lied Learning and Technology Center where all meetings will be held. Many restaurants are located nearby. Kudos to Darnall Consulting for coming up with this arrangement which delegates should be pleased with.

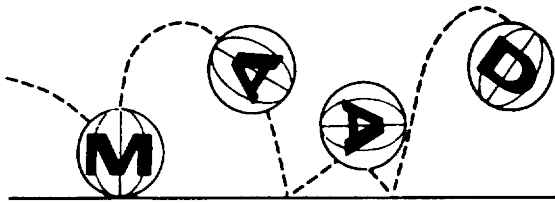
Budget: so far, we are under the budget set for the meeting. I do not anticipate going over budget at this moment.

I have received two confirmed delegates and I expect to receive responses from active and inactive clubs prior to the July 15th deadline. We will send out a reminder a week in advance.

Challenges: There are two challenges I'm facing now. 1) getting the bylaws committee together and come up with revisions in time for the meeting; and 2) getting MAAD finance analyzed and compiled for delegates. I believe these can be achieved before the meeting.

Secretary Lynda Collicott-

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to St. Louis! Let's "wave our hands" for Laura Lister and her committee as they have poured their hearts into making this a great tournament for the players and fans. As you know, MAAD went green (paperless) and to some extent, it was a success. There are some things that will need to be "tweaked" but there were no complaints and I believe once it becomes "old hat", it will go smoothly in the future. I would like to remind you all that 2013 Basketball is still vacant. Please, if any club is interested, contact MAAD. It is a growing concern of MAAD that clubs are not bidding to host future tournaments.



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I am sorry to be the bearer of sad news – Arthur Nelson passed away July 4th, at 6:40pm. He was a former MAAD President and very active in the deaf community.

Treasurer Ralph Fuechtmann –

I gave the brief summary of the financial reports. The checking balance on May 31, 2010 was showed \$24,060.85. The Merrill Lynch Report ending on May 31, 2011 showed \$19,388.66.

Currently, we have a total of 11 teams coming and play ball at Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex. All together there are 171 players and coaches participating the games. I hope more fans will come and watching these amazing games, however, we recognize that there are losing 3 teams and 43 players last year. We need to strengthen MAAD mission and future. Anyone who is interested to participate the MAAD Revisiting meeting on September 9-11, 2011 in Omaha.

I withheld 4 Coed teams NSAD fee of \$125 because it is unofficial within NSAD. Since '99, MAAD has paid Coed fees to NSAD, and some teams didn't go.

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

Tournament Director Greg Petersen –

Welcome to St. Louis – site of 2011 MAAD Softball Tournament!! Hats off to 2011 St. Louis Bell Club/MAAD Softball committee chaired by Laura Lister!! This summer softball classic will feature 10 teams – 4 men and 6 coed. Last year at Sioux City, we had a total of 14 teams – 5 men, 3 women, and 6 coed. It saddened me a great deal that we only got 1 women team from GSLAD that registered to enter the tournament. Since MAAD only got one women team, the women tournament has been cancelled. I wanted to share with you that this year marks the 30th annual women tournament and we have no tournament this year for the women. I will share an idea how MAAD can do better to increase the number of softball teams.

I will be completing two inspection trips at:

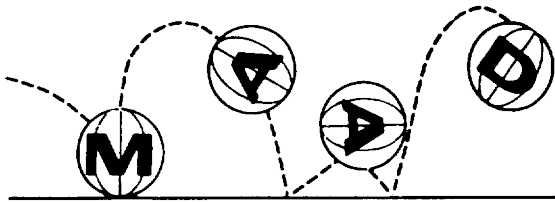
1. Sioux City, IA for 2012 MAAD BB tournament, hosted by MAAD Board
2. Olathe, KS for 2012 MAAD SB tournament, hosted by Olathe Club for the Deaf

I want to emphasize to you all delegates to insure that your club sends a delegate/representative to the Revisited Meeting in September 9 – 11, 2011. I will address the issue why the number of teams has dwindled and find ways to increase the number of teams to make the tournament more appealing.

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

Hall of Fame Robert Love –

The awards were mailed to hall of fame winners. I am still trying to figure out how to reach to the other 2.



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The new players that don't have audiograms will be named at the players meeting.

History is still worked on I am trying to get it all done by basketball tournament. It is not an easy task when history is already behind to begin with when I had it at the beginning of the term. Goal is to catch up on everything that needs to be done and not be left behind. It was brought up about MP Saints never having HOF inductees as many have 9 years not 10 as per HOF requirement. Perhaps, it would be good to set up unique circumstances for MPSaints.

I will start the new inductees soon as possible since the date has change to Sept or Oct. Will see how things go with the new system hope there will be improvements.

Recess at 8:46pm

Resumed at 8:59pm

Appointed Past President Wayne Morse – none

2011 Softball Chair – Laura Lister

Glad to have you back in St Louis! St Louis Bell Club is thrilled you are here. We hope you have a fun filled weekend. The last time I've been to Maad is in 2009. There are several things you need to know.

There is a small breakfast bar open from 6 to 11 then TGIF is open until 12 or 1 a.m. Other restaurants were listed in the program book. There is a weight room and indoor pool for your pleasure. Saturday night we will have an appetizer buffet starting at 5:30 to 6:00 depending on the timing of the last championship game. We are having toasted ravioli, hot wings, cheese quesadillas, and mini tacos as well as vegetable and cheese/cracker trays. We want everyone to be able to enjoy it so be smart. Kids are welcomed but it is the parents' responsibility to watch them we are not babysitters.

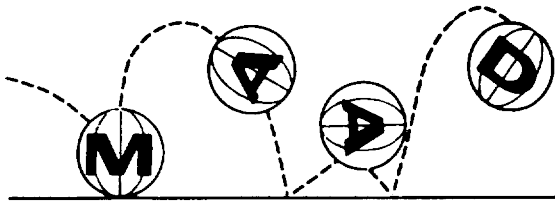
Players please remember your badges to the games. When the games are over Saturday make sure you get a wristband. BMAC is anxiously waiting to have us play there again. Umpires will all be hearing as they were in 2007. Interpreters will be at the fields if there are any concerns or questions. Water coolers can be filled up just asked at the concession stand. Remember no outside food or drinks are to be taken in the park. PLEASE when the game is over clean up the dugouts that is each teams responsibility before moving on to the next game. My committee and I are not your parents. Let's play ball and have some fun!

The committee can be recognized by the yellow shirts with the logo on it as well as badges. We have numerous volunteers if you cannot find one of us they too will have badges. We, the committee, want everyone to have FUN.

2012 Basketball chair – MAAD

- Power point presentation given – showed different sites of hotel/gym for possible 2012 Basketball location
- 2102 Basketball tournament will be February 29-March 3rd, 2012

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- Deadline of July 27th for Corey and Angela to come up with more information

EB-1

Greg moved that Wayne become Chairperson for 2012 Basketball. Seconded and passed.

2012 Softball Chair – Marti Herman

Welcome everyone to St. Louis for the 2011 MAAD Softball Tournament! We are excited to have our 2012 MAAD softball tournament in Olathe. The date will be on July 12-14, 2012. We will use SIX fields at the Mid-America Sports Complex in Shawnee, Kansas. Good news - There is no league game on Friday night! Which means the games will start on Friday, July 13, at 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. and Saturday, July 14 at 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The headquarter for the hotel has not been determined yet as we have about a year to look for one but I've narrowed down to two hotels that I've been in contact with the sale managers lately. The hotel will be in Kansas City, Kansas at "The Legends" which is about 15 minutes drive north of Shawnee, Kansas (from Mid America Sports Complex). "The Legends" is one of the centered among a number of family-friendly, one-of-a-kind shopping (regular stores and outlets) and entertainment venues, including Livestrong Sporting Park featuring Major League Soccer and concerts, Schlitterbahn Vacation Village (Waterpark), Nebraska Furniture Mart, Cabela's, Kansas Speedway, and T-Bones independent professional baseball. Please note that there will be no ballroom (Saturday night) at the hotel. The awards will be at the field after the men's championship game. Hope to see you all next year!

Added notes: MAAD reviewed our flyer and it was approved with 2 revisions: to add "schedule is subject to change at any time" on bottom of flyer and \$35 at door to be added.

Grievance Complaint –

Steve Corbett emailed MAAD tournament director with a complaint of tampering against SFAD with Ron Wyatt.

EB2

Robert Love moved that MAAD send an email to Steve Corbett that we will not take action due to no such thing in bylaws. Seconded.

Amendment#1 - replace no such thing to wrong procedure Seconded **PASSED**

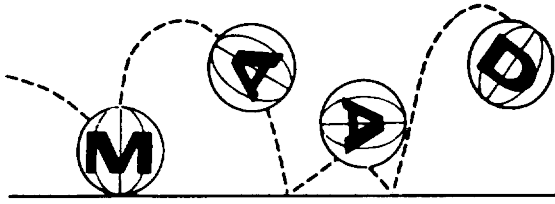
Whole motion – It was moved that MAAD send an email to Steve that we will not take action due to wrong procedure in bylaws. **PASSED**

Unfinished Business – none

New Business –

Motion#1 –

I, James Johnson, move that we exempt the 2012 basketball tournament from bylaws related to the fees that teams, players, fans and officers pay. Seconded PASSED.



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Motion #2 –

I, Lynda Collicott, move that MAAD give a gift card valued at \$100 dollars to be given to the chairperson o the tournament, to be effective at this 2012 softball tournament. Seconded **FAILED**

Announcements –

Robert mentioned that he looked through history to see when the largest turnout of fans was and it was when MAAD used to host over Labor Day weekend.

Adjournment at 10:32pm

Respectively submitted,

Lynda Collicott, MAAD Secretary