



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes

72nd Annual Mens & 30th Annual Women William N. Fraser Memorial
Regional Basketball Tournament Friday, March 10, 2017
Hosted by MAAD
Council Bluffs Silent Club – Council Bluffs, IA

Meeting Called to Order:

President Barbara Nacarelli called the meeting to order at 8:23 a.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017.

Roll Call:

Elected Executive Board Officers: President Barbara Nacarelli, Vice-President Robert Lister, Secretary Amy Thompson, Treasurer Marti Herman and Board-at-Large Candice Arteaga

Appointed: Tournament Director Greg Petersen and HoF Director Tami Richardson-Nelson.

Past Presidents: none

Delegates – Omaha Association of the Deaf – Tony Nacarelli and Brent Welsch; Greater St. Louis Association of the Deaf – Marvin Haynes; Lincoln Association of the Deaf – Jonathan Arteaga and Roy Scherling; MinnePaul Athletic Association of the Deaf – Ralph Fuechtmann; Fairbault Deaf Club – Christian Deaton and Suzanne Warwick.

Pledge of Allegiance - Travis Gable

Parliamentarian - Greg Petersen

Silent Prayers - Tracy Waddell

Approval of Agenda –

(Marti Herman) moved to accept the Board of Delegates' Meeting Agenda. Candice Seconded. **CARRIED WITH CORRECTION:** Candice need to change to Candice and 7.e. – Board at Large is Candice Arteaga, not Robert Lister.

Correspondences (letters, information's, etc): none

Approvals

1. 2016 MAAD Basketball Board of Delegates Meeting minutes. Ralph, Tony 2nd
2. 2017 MAAD Basketball Executive Board Meeting Minutes. Suzanne, Brent 2nd
3. 2016 MAAD Softball Player's Council Motions(s). NONE
4. 2016 MAAD Softball Financial Report (hosted by MAAD). CARRIED
5. 2016 MAAD Annual Financial Report. CARRIED

I, MinnePaul, moved for this meeting, club can vote from number of delegates they send. – Christian 2nd.
CARRIED.

Reports of Officer(s):

President Barbara Nacarelli –

Welcome to MAAD Basketball Tournament here in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Hope you all will enjoy and help us make this tournament successful!

I would like to thank MAAD Board and Greg Petersen for their support and getting this tournament ready for you all. This past year had been up and down within board and outside, and we still did not give up. That shows how much we care to have a tournament for you all, especially for the players. Huge thank you to the volunteers for signing up to help with registration and security, please respect them as well.

*Hall of Fame Director – (email and letter attached)

*Tournament Director – MAAD Bylaws states:

**(page 4) Article 3, Section 2; F. Shall have the authority to search and appoint
Tournament Director and Hall of Fame Director.**

Any interest, please let me know... let your club know and email me at maadpres@gmail.com.

Be smart with the weather this weekend and pray that it will go smoothly for us. DNO Saturday night (flyer) at Council Bluffs Silent Club, be safe and have fun this weekend!

Vice President Robert Lister –

Greetings and welcome to Council Bluffs/Omaha!! Here is hoping that all players, coaches, fans and officers enjoy this year's MAAD Basketball Tournament and that it is a success for everyone involved.

Last fall, I wanted to establish a Retreat for MAAD to invite MAAD Member Clubs to sit down and discuss how the Organization can improve. For number of years, fan attendance, number of teams, and overall interest in MAAD Softball and Basketball Tournaments has been declining. Unfortunately, time got away and was not able to set this meeting up. I am hoping to do so this coming fall. The future of MAAD depends on the efforts of its Member Clubs.

I have selected three law committee as temporary for this tournament. They are Greg Peterson, Jonathan Arteaga and Amy Thompson. Also, asked Tami Richardson-Nelson to be on committee and she accepted. But if there is anyone who is interested to join law committee, please see me.

We have encountered some situation that come up during Softball that cannot be addressed because there is no Delegate Meeting. We need to find a way to make this work, so that we can address

the issues at the time, instead of having to wait until Basketball season to address them. One option is to start having Delegate meetings during softball season. Think about this and throw your ideas out.

Share the story about CAAD region had issues last weekend related to team name Indy Hawks. Issues was that CAAD President required driver license number for that team which is not in bylaws.

If anyone has any questions or comments, my email address is rbl.maad@gmail.com

Secretary Amy Thompson –

- Sent out registration information for 2016 Softball to club members and posted in Facebook and website in April 2016.
- Sent out club membership renewal in October 2016 to club members.
- Sent out registration information for 2017 Basketball to club members and posted in Facebook and website in November 2016.
- Sent out Delegate's form to clubs and will have 5 out of 8 clubs with 8 delegates (club can send 2 delegates).

Treasurer Marti Herman –

Welcome everyone to 2017 MAAD Basketball in Council Bluffs!

- Collected 8 club membership renewal forms and checks for the year of 2017. Many thanks to those who renewed!
- Collected 10 teams' registration forms. There are 7 men and 3 women teams. There are 7 club team, 1 women independent team and 2 men independent team.
- Worked on 2016 Annual Financial Report and will meet with 3 auditors on Thursday evening.
- Worked 2016 Softball Financial Report.
- Need to fix the wording on the financial report (p.10) Number 8 to Athletic of the Year.
- St. Louis Deaf Club – will refund \$60.00 back.
- Received several email scammers using Barb and Greg's email address asking her to wire the fund. Asked both to change their password.
- Went to US Bank in attempted to removed one person's name off from the account but we don't know who is the authorization to the account. Marti and the bank representative discussed and they instructed her to provide one of the following:
 - Charter or other governing document stating members/Elected officers
 - State Registration indicating a member or elected officer
 - Meeting Minutes with the following: Club name, purpose date established, officers' names and signed by at least one officers.

I hope you all will enjoy your stay in Council Bluffs and may the best team win; represent our MAAD region well at USADB in D.C.! Good luck AND Have fun!!

Board-at-Large Candice Arteaga

- 1) MAAD Website – need to improve.

Past President – no report

Appointed Tournament Director Greg Petersen –

2016 MAAD Softball Tournament in St. Cloud, MN

The softball tournament went well despite having only 4 COED teams which was an all-time low. Midwest Maulers won the championship game. I added an All-Star game after the championship game to provide extra fun competition and to prolong their day. It turned out to be a successful, fun event! Big thanks to Diane Schiffler-Dobe for working with MAAD and I to coordinate the softball tournament.

2017 MAAD Basketball Tournament in Council Bluffs, IA

I'm thrilled to know we have 7 men teams participating. This means the tournament will use bracket only without round robin games. I'm also thrilled to know that we'll have 3 women teams with Iowa Storm being a new team! I'm thankful to Iowa School for the Deaf and Lewis Central for providing us their gyms for our basketball games.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Hall of Fame Committee – Lorrie Shank

The committee for Hall of Fame are Tami Richardson-Nelson, Wayne Morse, Jack/Ann Cooper and Greg Peterson. The committee and MAAD Board had voted 7 new inductees for 2017 which are Ladimer Baird, Jerry Crabb (deceased), Jeffrey Branch, Jay Dieterich, Michele Heise, Michele Malcolm and Ronda Jo (Miller) Donatucci. Their names with bios are posted in MAAD's website. Ladimer Baird and Jay Dieterich will receive their plaques during halftime at Men's Championship game (rest of inductees had their plaques mailed to them). Congratulation to them all!

Lorrie Shank had resigned from this position effective March 1, 2017 due to other commitments.

Budget Committee – Marti Herman

- Jonathan Arteaga, Andrew Stone, Ralph Fuechentmann – if interested to be on committee, let Treasurer Marti Herman know.

Law Committee – Vice President Robert Lister

- Greg Peterson, Jonathan Arteaga and Amy Thompson

Special Committee(s)

Annual Sand Volleyball – vacant

- Currently, MAAD Board is running but if you are interest to be on this committee, let President Barbara Nacarelli know.

HS Athlete of the Year – Greg Petersen

- Sent out formal letter regarding H.S. Athlete student to the deaf schools. Received no response.
- Re-sent again in January with no response.

Report of Tournament Chairs:

2017 Basketball Chair – Barbara Nacarelli

Gyms at ISD and Lewis Central H.S. do allowed water but not pop. Council Bluffs Silent Club will be selling foods in the concession at ISD. Good Luck!

2017 Softball Chair – Candice Arteaga

Still working on the fields. Will keep update with MAAD Boards.

2018 Basketball Chair – Marvin Haynes

This is Marvin Haynes and I am the chairperson for 2018 MAAD basketball hosted by GSLAD. The basketball tournament will play on March 1-3, 2018 at Maryland Parks and Recreation, 2344 McKelvy Rd. The gym has two full basketball courts all brand-new floors and very attraction basketball building as it said to be opened on April 2017. Parking lot is great and there are some other small stores like fast food for lunch and snacks too on Bennington.

Hotel is La Quinta Inn & Suites, 13615 Riverport Dr, Maryland Heights. I have blocked 30 rooms and contract with this hotel. The room costs \$89.00 for both Queen and King. It also included one complimentary guest room for every 25. Breakfast, buffets, wireless internet, parking lot is huge, shuttle to airport and local shuttle.

Social night for 3 days at GSLAD on 2190 N Creve Crouer Rd. Combo ticket for early bird \$15.00 before March 11, 2017. Special combo \$20.00 from March 11 to May 10, 2017.

MAAD meeting rooms will held at GSLAD hall on March 1 to 3, 2018 – more information TBA.

Marti moved to take break, Brent seconded. Back at 10:40am.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business

BDBB17-01:

I, Robert Lister, move that ADD: or Past President after (5) MAAD Club members, to Bylaws, Article 4, Section 5. (OAD Seconded)

Section 5 – Law Committee: The Law Committee shall be composed of an individual representative from each of two (2) to five (5) MAAD Club Members appointed and chaired by the Vice President, and have the following duties: 1. Maintain the organizational policies; 2. Review and consider proposed amendments; and 3. Present any proposed amendments for action at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates.

As whole: Section 5 – Law Committee: The Law Committee shall be composed of an individual representative from each of two (2) to five (5) MAAD Club Members or Past Presidents appointed and chaired by the Vice President, and have the following duties: 1. Maintain the organizational policies; 2. Review and consider proposed amendments; and 3. Present any proposed amendments for action at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates. **CARRIED.**

BDBB17-02:

I, Robert Lister move that MAAD has a delegate meeting during Softball Tournament and it is added to Bylaws. (OAD seconded) **REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE.**

BDBB17-03:

I, Robert Lister move that officer's transportation expenses are removed from Bylaws and Tournament Host Guidelines. (OAD seconded) **REFERRED TO LAW AND BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

BDBB17-04:

I, Robert Lister move that independent teams from outside MAAD's region are permitted to register for MAAD Tournaments, subject to MAAD Board and TD Approval. (OAD seconded)

AMENDED: FDC amended to remove 'subject to MAAD Board and TD Approval.' (GSLAD 2nd) **CARRIED.**

As whole: I, Robert Lister move that independent teams from outside MAAD's region are permitted to register for MAAD Tournaments.

AMENDED: Marti Herman amended to do one year trial in 2018. (withdraw by Marti)

As whole: I, Robert Lister move that independent teams from outside MAAD's region are permitted to register for MAAD Tournaments.

AMENDED: Marti Herman amended to do one year trial in 2017 Softball and 2018 Basketball and Softball. (OAD 2nd).

As whole: I, Robert Lister move that independent teams from outside MAAD's region are permitted to register for MAAD Tournaments for one year trial in 2017 Softball and 2018 Basketball and Softball.

CARRIED 6-4.

BDBB17-05:

I, Robert Lister move that the Tournament Director position is added to MAAD Executive Board. (OAD Seconded) **CARRIED.**

BDBB17-06:

I, Candice Arteaga move that Bylaws, Article 4 Section 4 (page 6) – Budget Committee to change the wording to (3-5) three-five committee. (Marti seconded)

AMENDED: Amy Thompson amended to add 'from 5-7' (OAD 2nd)

As whole: I, Candice Arteaga move that Bylaws, Article 4 Section 4 (page 6) – Budget Committee to change the wording from 5-7 (five to seven) to (3-5) three-five committee. **CARRIED.**

BDBB17-07:

I, MinnePaul move that each club who sends two delegates shall have two votes in the Delegates Meeting. (OAD Seconded).

Rephrase: ARTICLE 5 – BOARD OF DELEGATES Section 1 – Club Delegates: Each Club Member is entitled to send up to two (2) voting delegates to the Annual Board of Delegates meeting.

CARRIED.

BDBB17-08:

I, OAD move that club with no teams pay affiliation annual fees of \$10.00. If club does and up with a team, then pay remaining \$40 affiliation fee. (page 23). (MP seconded)

AMENDED: Candice Arteaga amended with no late fee. (Marti 2nd)

As whole: I, OAD move that club with no teams pay affiliation annual fees of \$10.00. If club does and up with a team, then pay remaining \$40 affiliation fee with no late fee. **CARRIED.**

BDBB17-09:

I, Candice Arteaga move that change the field fence numbers from 285 to 275 feet. (SB Rules & Regulation, G, 1.d – pg.31) (OAD seconded).

G. FIELD REQUIREMENTS – The field to be used for the softball tournament shall have four (4) or more softball diamonds. MAAD will follow the park’s official authority field specifications.

1. Requirements of each field shall have:

- a. a permanent backstop;
- b. b e t w e e n 65 and 70 feet base;
- c. between 50 and 55 feet pitching;
- d. an outfield fence with a minimum radius of 275 feet;
- e. a maximum radius of 325 feet of home plate fence;
- f. and tables for scorekeepers.

CARRIED

BBDB17-10:

I, Candice Arteaga move that delegates pay the early combo rate at said tournament. (Robert Lister Seconded)

Amended: Marti Herman amended that delegates pay only \$15.00 and added to the Bylaws. **CARRIED.**

As whole: I, Candice Arteaga move that delegates pay only \$15.00 and added to the Bylaws at said tournament. (Robert Lister seconded) **CARRIED.**

BBDB17-11:

I, LAD (Jonathan Arteaga) move that to add into SB Rules and Regulation – M,7, d “A Parent who plays, their CODA will not be counted against 1 Male and 2 Female rule” (OAD seconded)

M. ELIGIBLE TEAMS/REGISTERED PLAYERS FOR COED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT:

1. To enter the MAAD Softball Tournament, a team shall have at least six (6) males and six (6) female registered players with a maximum of twenty (20) registered players including the coaching staff, on official MAAD/naaD registration form
2. Minimum of ten (10) players shall be allowed on the field.

3. A team shall not have more than sixteen (16) players on its lineup.
4. At least four (4) male and five (5) female players must be in the lineup at all time (six and six if additional hitter is used),
5. Male and female players must be in the alternate batting order,
6. When a male batter receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he shall be awarded second base with the next female batter choosing the option to walk or bat on two (2) outs only,
7. In the event of less than ten (10) players, there shall have a few options to be determined at Players' Council and/or Softball Council meeting(s):
 - a. If four (4) males and five (5) females on the line-up, the 10th batter in the line-up is automatically out.
 - b. The five (5) males and four (4) females are not allowed.
 - c. CODA shall be permitted to play, according to NSAD's regulations, provided that one (1) male CODA and two (2) female CODA are allowed.

AMENDED: Robert Lister amended to limit to four CODAS. (OAD 2nd) **REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE.**

BBDB17-12:

I, GSLAD move that cost of any combo price applied to all no exception or special price. (LAD Seconded).
FAILED

BBDB17-13:

I, Marti Herman move that we add two (2) delegates on Article 2 – Membership, Section 4. (Candice seconded)

Section 4 – Representation: Each club shall be eligible to appoint one delegate to attend the annual meeting.

As whole: Section 4 – Representation: Each club shall be eligible to appoint two (2) delegate to attend the annual meeting. **CARRIED**

Future/Selection of Basketball/Softball Tournament Hosts:

- 1) 2017 Softball – Omaha Association of the Deaf
- 2) 2018 Basketball – Greater St. Louis Association of the Deaf
- 3) 2018 Softball – open
- 4) 2019 Basketball – open
- 5) 2019 Softball – open

Announcements: none

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 12:38pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Amy Thompson, Secretary