

MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
61st Annual Men's & 19th Annual Women's Basketball Tournament
Thursday, March 9, 2006
Hosted by Greater Kansas City Association of the Deaf
Kansas City, Missouri

Meeting Called to Order

President Wayne Morse called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2006.

Roll Call of Officers, Past Presidents and Tournament Chairs

Executive Board: Wayne Morse, President; Richard McCowin, Vice President, Paige Thompson, Secretary; Jeff Eccles, Treasurer; Greg Petersen, Tournament Director; Ralph Fuechtmann, Hall of Fame Director

Past Presidents: Jack Cooper; Paul Hrabovsky

Tournament Chairs: Karole Rogers, 2006 Basketball Chair; June Park, 2006 Softball Chair; Tony Nacarelli, 2007 Basketball Chair;

Observers: Ann Cooper, Barbara Nacarelli, Tracy Abbott, Lorrie Shank, Robert Love, Tracy Patzner, Carla Hiser

Communications: Secretary Paige Thompson (letters, information's, etc.)

- Omaha Financial Report
- Denver Financial Report
- Tracy Patzner's letter
- USADB Packet for Champion/Invited Teams and Forms

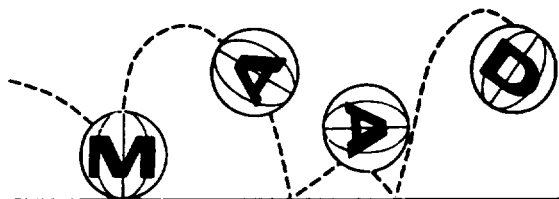
Reports of Officers:

President Wayne W. Morse

First of all, I want to give my biggest waving hands to each of my officers members who work hard through my 2nd term and make it many good and bad happenings so keep solving many problems or mistakes to make it looking corrections for each officers, players and fans and many more others that is not part of MAAD. Thanks again and applause each of you, my officers whenever it is pleasure or not but keep our heads up and keep rolling forward through smallest or biggest struggling as long as hold our hands in unity to serve MAAD into good shape and healthy.

Give my appreciation to Karole Rogers as the chairperson of MAAD Basketball Tournament in Kansas City and get her into devoting her time to make sure that have basketball tournament to be ready with her marvelous committees members. I am sure highly appreciated that the tournament will be successful with 12 teams participating with smoothly. Men's and Women's teams will do their efforts in USADB on the weekend of April 6 – 9 in St. Louis, Missouri so wish each team the best of luck there.

I would like to take the time and let Tracy Patzner have a few minutes to talk as he has a right to defend himself. Tracy Patzner states that he is aware those 2 years ago that he and his brother are hearing. He states that his brothers are hearing but himself have a gradual hearing loss. He knows that there are other teams that are allowing hearing players play but why him and not others? He emphasizes that he still loves to play basketball and would like to come back.



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I would like to give the floor to Robert Love, Men's representative for MAAD for BPAC (Basketball Player Athletic Council) to USADB (United States of America Deaf Basketball).

Robert Love explained what BPAC is, where they meet once a month online until time closer to tournament, which meet often, to discuss many issues among USADB. Explained his role is to get and provide information and feeds it to MAAD, then MAAD gives ideas/suggestions and shares with other BPAC and USADB, to try and make USADB a better organization.

Robert Love continued to explain issues on:

- Raising team fee and how it was done which should be through house of delegates, not USADB board's decision
- Explain WDB (Western Deaf Basketball) refused to pay \$16 and the results of it, WDB ended up paying.
- Why involved with USADSF, where majority do not go to Olympics.
- How USADB is trying to schedule games to shorter times so they can provide more entertainment. BPAC felt that they should focus on Basketball, not Entertainment as that is the purpose of tournament.
- Explain a flat rate of \$300, where USADB wants to use to cover budget needs – Compares with NSAD.
- Wonder why two positions – Commissioner and Tournament Director since both have similar roles have. USADB says Commissioner focuses on games while Tournament Director focuses on entertainment.
- Discusses having 16 men and 8 women tournament in the future because there are fewer women teams and give a better proportion ratio of games.
- If officer of USADB, don't be officer of region – feels conflict of interest. .

Explained about the USADB forms and USADSF waiver forms, does not like the many copies of waivers. Plan to work with USADB/USADSF to eliminate it.

Plan to ask Lad Baird to explain the \$75 team fee, as well as the breakdown.

Informed Board that we will need to notify all players, fans, etc that there will be a change in meeting schedule – will have meeting in morning and evening to allow robin round up due to Sioux Falls Park schedule/rules.

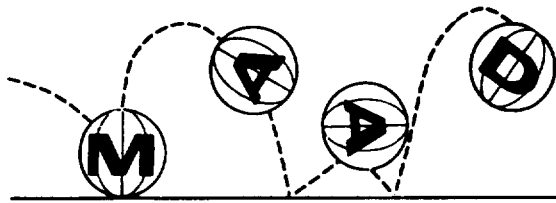
Feels shot clock has become an issue again; we waived it last year and seem to be a problem again this year, suggest we switch back to optional instead of required in the Bylaws.

Explained WDB (West Deaf Basketball) issue – has 9 men and 4 women teams that refused to pay the USADB team fee. Although, USADB gave instructions and to meet guidelines to WDB. End result is that WDB had 6 men and 2 women. Explained about the form issue, the mailing and etc. It seems WDB has it worked at out at the end. WDB is a result of FAAD, splitting into two organizations.

Shared the USADB Code of Ethics and suggested MAAD consider using similar and insert in Bylaws.

Reminds Greg Petersen and Ralph Fuetchmann of team pictures and send to Ray Kilhau and Doug Mader after tournament.

Discussed about Past Presidents issue, explained why other past presidents joining when have immediate past president. At this time, Ray Kilhau is current and Jack is past president. President gets to appoint one



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past president which chose Jack Cooper with board approval. Felt that Board needs a past president that will show up to meetings, not have to rely on others.

Thank Jack Cooper and Lorrie Shank for being MAAD-liaison for GKCAD.

Shares concerns about the Law Committee/Bylaws as there been many negative/positive complaints in the past two years.

Expressed all should respect officers and their jobs as MAAD officers, do not insult.

Vice President Richard McCowin

Thanked Law Committee for their hard work and wonderful job: Lad Baird, Ann Cooper, Lorrie Shank and Matt Teter.

Thanked Greg Petersen for his help on the Host Guidelines and his input.

Lots of revisions in MAAD 2004 Bylaws so will start with new form/look. The new bylaws will have the guidelines, then basketball, softball and other sections to follow. More to come during Board of Delegate meeting.

Secretary Paige Thompson

Fifteen clubs paid their membership dues this year. Three clubs were fined (\$50) for passing deadline.

Thanked Wayne Morse for coming to St. Louis and help me with MAAD Secretary Files. We went through piles of paper and reduced the storage by half. Scanned all audiograms and put in PDF, then on CD.

Showed the box of Rules & Regulations, Kenny Walker's book and Treasurer stuff.

Questioned about Denver Silent Athletic Club Delegate as received news about Tony Passerelli to be Denver SAC delegate. Wayne Morse confirmed.

After tournament, will send a letter to 2007 Softball Chair welcoming them to Executive Board and send letter to Club Secretaries notifying them of open bids for 2008, 2009 and 2010 Basketball Tournaments.

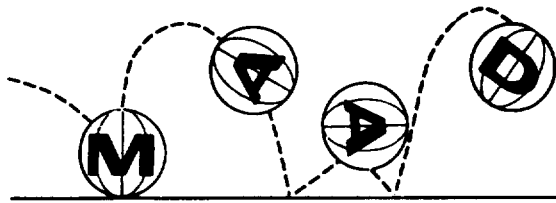
Treasurer Jeff Eccles

Hello to all of the basketball players, managers, coaches and officers. Hope you get here safe.

Nothing much activity for me being as a treasurer except the fact that I have been worked on the 2005 Financial report. You will get one from me. Financial Report Audit was completed last night (March 8th, 2006).

I have been working a little on the special project which is the 2008 MAAD Softball tournament that will be held in Council Bluffs. I had an opportunity to stop by check around in the city when I attended GPSD basketball Tournament at ISD recently.

For your information is that the surcharge is being used for the first time for the purpose of defray our special tournament thru this registration fees. It will continue to collect till 2008 softball. Hopefully it will help us in a way in the future. \$2 from the \$12 registration fee.



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May the best team win the tournament and get to represent our region at St Louis as well as it's in our own region. Go and have a real fun here playing basketball.

Tournament Director Greg Petersen

Welcome back to our 61st Annual Men and 19th Annual Women Basketball Tournament!

I want to commend Karole Rogers and her hardworking crew to make this tournament a fun, rewarding experience for all of us.

I have been in constant communication with Karole Rogers and Lorrie Shank to answer their questions, searched and negotiated for hearing referees from Greater K.C. Area Officials (High School level), and helped them with the tournament planning.

This year, we will only use 2 courts. The remaining 2 courts can be used for team's warm-up times. I decided to switch the championship games around with Men's Championship game starting at 12:30 and Women's Championship at 2:00. Also, this year, we will utilize shot clock on both courts. This is the first we have been able to use the shot clock throughout the entire tournament! Thanks to Great American Basketball of Merriam, Kansas for allowing us to use their portable shot clocks!

We will have a trainer onsite but please bring equipment such as tape, wrap, etc and the trainer will do it for you.

Good luck to all the teams participating in the tournament and the best of luck for winning teams advancing to USADB at St. Louis, my town!

I want to encourage you to come to USADB in St. Louis as fans to show your support to our MAAD member, GSLAD, who is the co-host!

Hall of Fame Director Ralph Fuechtmann

Worked on Hall of Fame database, feeding all information and a new format. There will be some reorganization due to Women's maiden/married last names.

The database shows 3000 players, participants but 61 officers,

Inducting 2 Hall of Fame people: Angela Kuehn and Lynda Stevens. Award will be presented this Softball tournament.

Reports of Past Presidents

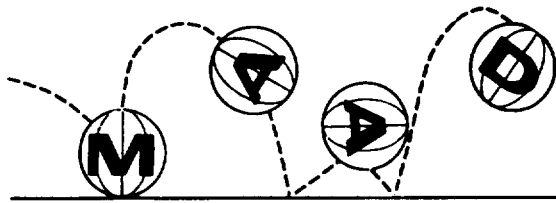
Ray Kiltbau – not present
Paul Hrabovsky – no report
Greg Desrosiers – not present
Jack Cooper – no report
Ralph McLaughlin – not present
Joe Carrico – not present
Art Nelson – not present

Reports of Tournament Chairs:

Host – Karole Rogers

Handed over the gym insurance to Jeff Eccles, explained what happened due to mailing to wrong person.

Displayed paper signs on doors to show where and who is allowed during the tournament.



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Will explain rules and other guidelines to follow during tournament at Players' Council tonight.

2006 Softball Chair – June Park

Fields have been reserved – We will have Kenny Anderson Field (4 fields) on Friday from noon to dusk, and Sherman Park (5 fields) for Friday from noon to 4 p.m. (due to league games at 6) and Saturday from 7 a.m. to last game scheduled.

Insurance is being arranged right now where CSD will help cover us as part of their goods-in-kind sponsorship for the tournament

Hotel has been reserved and contract has been turned in. This information has been updated on the flyer on website.

Our combo prices from now until May 31st, 2006 is \$45 but we are having a special for this weekend only, \$40 combo prices. If anyone is interested, come see June Park.

Greg Petersen states that since we have day games on Friday, we will have delegate meeting from 8 am to 11 am and will resume after games on Friday evening. He states that Sherman Park has no trees and lights so finding shade would be a problem which June Park interrupts that they are working on a water company and finding shade for tournament.

2007 Basketball Chair – Tony Nacarelli

Informs MAAD that MVP awards are to be purchased for 'In Memory of Ken Meyer' until funds are gone.

Thanks Lorrie Shank for free page ad to remember Ken Meyer in the program book.

Gym and Hotel has been reserved. The gym has two areas and they can either be full court to make 2 courts or half courts in each area to make half courts.

There will be a special combo rate, \$30 for all day tomorrow only.

2008 MAAD Softball – Jeff Eccles

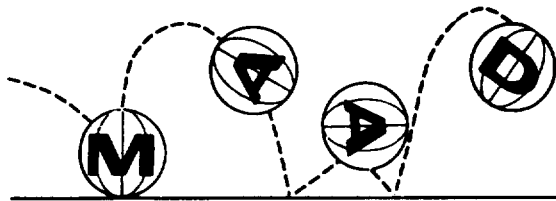
Visited Council Bluffs, Iowa while attending GPSD tournament. He met with the park director and made the deposit and explained Plan A/B. Got both approvals from director/supervisor. The park has 7 fields – 5 men and 2 women. There is another field that is used for practice but can be useful if we need an 8th field. There is a building for statistics, umpires, officers to retire to if necessary (a walking distance).

Next project is looking for banquet/lodging. Went to two places – Ameristar Casino and Mid America Center. Ameristar Casino will not work as their banquet room only holds up to 300 people as their capacity for the room. Yet, a very nice tour of the place.

Mid America Center banquet facilities can hold about 500 or more people. They have a stage and will have round tables (fits up to 10 people). Explained how rental works as well as the menu items and prices. There is a hotel adjoining the center. Explained to the lady what their plan was. Plan A would work best for their booking compared to Plan B.

Plan to check one more place if all else fails.

We hold off until discussed and decide on the final date for tournament at Wrap Up Meeting on Saturday night.



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Final Approval of Flyers:

2006 Softball Tournament Flyer – Sioux Falls – APPROVED.

2007 Basketball Tournament Flyer – Omaha – APPROVED.

Final Financial Report:

MAAD Financial Report – Audit approved.

2005 Denver Basketball Financial Report – APPROVED.

2005 Omaha Softball Financial Report – APPROVED.

Tournament Director's Report

Players Council Meeting

Tonight at 7 p.m.

Tournament Games

There will be 8 men and 4 women teams. Brackets already set up. Gym has four courts; one area has 3 in one room which will eliminate the middle to allow room.

Shot clocks – Lorrie Shank contacted Great America Basketball about shot clock to use for free. She went to pick it up, found out it was not a shot clock. Contacted Keith Fowler, chief referee of Kansas City. Have not received response.

Doug Hurtado backed out. So contacted Keith Fowler and was not able to get a response. Yet, reached Lorrie Shank and she was able to contact her friend, Chris Perry, to find replacements. Will be using college referee system, follow NCAA rules, after negotiating deal, referees will be paid \$57.

There will be a new all star voting system. Will look at the statistics and use the points to select MVP, 3 points, etc. then use those and others for all stars.

Mike Heft is the head umpire of the tournament.

Men's team turnaround is same.

1st KC 2nd Sioux Falls 3rd Omaha 4th MinnePaul Maroon Left four will be drawn out of bag.

2nd place women's team – Des Moines will be 1st seeded. 2nd seeded Minnepaul. 3rd seeded Sioux Falls and 4th Omaha.

Jack Cooper proposed to accept the seeded teams as final decision. Jeff Eccles seconded. PASSED.

Appeal/Grievances - None

Suspension - Missy Owoc, Ivy Matthews, Rod Newell

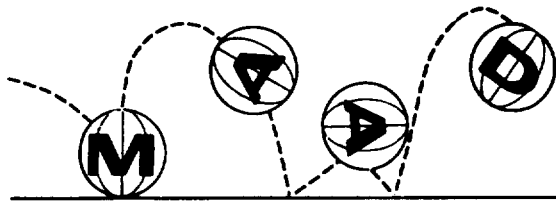
Head Statistician(s) – Paige Thompson

Rules and Regulations: Vice President Richard McCowin

Explained about the proposals, proposals will be in PowerPoint.

Unfinished Business

None.



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New Business

It was moved and seconded that MAAD honor the basketball and softball MVP awards as "In Memory of Kenneth L. Meyer" being paid by Kenneth L. Meyer's Fund until money runs out. PASSED.

It was moved and seconded that we require a "Heat Stroke" workshop for all players and managers mandatory at Softball Player Council meeting in Sioux Falls.

It was amended to delete "Sioux Falls" and insert in all future softball tournaments. PASSED

It was amended to encourage the hosts to search for resources to provide free workshops, if not, and then MAAD will assist. PASSED.

Motion as WHOLE: It was moved and seconded that we require a "Heat Stroke" workshop for all players and managers mandatory at Softball Council meeting in all future softball tournaments and to encourage the hosts to search resources to provide free workshops, if not, then MAAD will assist. PASSED

It was moved and seconded that we change the requirement of having a ballroom in host guidelines to optional for all host clubs. (Appendix C, C-3(e))

It was amended to delete the word "optional" and insert "either" PASSED.

Motion as WHOLE: It was moved and seconded that we change the requirement of having a ballroom in host guidelines to either for all host clubs (Appendix C, C-3(e)) PASSED

It was moved and seconded that we vote and accept the current officers with the exception of Hall of Fame director, slated for Board of Delegate's election. PASSED.

It was moved and seconded that MAAD opens the discussion about the \$150 advertisement to USADB. PASSED.

It was moved and seconded that MAAD pays \$150 for full page advertisement to USADB. PASSED.

Announcements

Greg Petersen informs us USADB is in St. Louis and GSLAD is hosting it.

June Park reminds everyone that the combo special for this weekend only is \$40 for Sioux Falls Softball.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Thompson. MAAD Secretary