



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

2015 MAAD Softball's Players Council meeting was called to order on July 10, 2015 at 11:15 am at Celebration Park Pavilion of Gardner, KS.

Tournament Director Greg Petersen welcomed 9 team representatives to the meeting.

Greg informed team reps that audiograms/diplomas were all turned in and thanked everyone for their cooperation.

Greg reminded team reps that teams can add additional players at the last minute during Players Council without paying the fine. Sioux Falls Blue Storm added Shawn Whitney and 10 for the Win added Tom Layton. Greg informed the registration people of these two additions.

Marti gave a brief presentation on heat illness.

Marti Herman, MAAD SB Chairperson, welcomed everyone to MAAD Softball. She expressed optimism that this afternoon's RR games will go on as planned.

Barb Nacarelli, MAAD Commissioner, greeted the team representatives and wished them the best of luck.

NSAD will have their tournament in our own region at Omaha! Greg shared that our own two men's teams, two women's teams, and 6 Coed's teams have registered to play at NSAD. He wished them well at NSAD.

UIC did not show up so the Questions and Answers session was cancelled.

Greg gave his Tournament Director's Report.

1. Roster review –
 - a. All forms were completed but one had a missing signature. Greg got the player to sign her name on the team registration form.
 - b. Advised team reps to keep forms to the minimum, not one player sign one form each to save paper.
2. Informed team reps of new changes approved by 2014 SB Players Council which will be in effect in this tournament.
 - a. No scorekeepers/stats for all games. Teams finishing 1st to 3rd places will receive trophies.
 - i. Open forum
 1. President Barb read Hall of Fame Director's report as stated

Hello players -

Sorry I couldn't be here this weekend and I wanted to share my perspective about not having individual awards for softball as I'm handing the Hall of Fame system.

- 1) It'll hurt a person's chance in getting Hall of Fame by not recognizing any individual awards from softball while only recognize individual awards from basketball
- 2) Many softball players do not play basketball and that lessen the recognition of having individual awards in softball
- 3) By not having softball individual awards - it hurts a player's self-esteem or being proud to be notice as one of the best player in specific category like Most RBI, Most Homeruns, etc.

4) I strongly encouraged to have statisticians again for softball with understanding not do the defense stats (putout, assists, errors, etc.) as only focus on keeping stats on offenses. (I believe this would lessen the error in stats when inputting in computer) Good luck to all teams!

2. Discussion about stats followed.

3. **Motion 1** - *Midwest Underdogs moved & was seconded to reinstate stats effective now for the bracket games. CARRIED*

4. Discussion followed to what kind of awards besides plaques or awards but can be gift cards, just plain recognition, or provide free combo as incentive.

b. Umpires

i. All games – 1 umpire; exception – championship games will have 2 umpires

3. Showed Friday’s RR schedule. Games begin at 1:00 pm.

a. Maulers was placed in Pool A as defending champions; Ruthless placed in Pool B as runner-ups

4. Showed Saturday’s bracket. Games begin at 8:00 am.

New business:

Motion 2 – 10 for the Win moved & was seconded to have open debate about having one day tournament. **CARRIED**. Discussion followed. Majority felt two days tournament set-up best meet MAAD’s needs.

Motion 3 - Worldventures moved & was seconded that we allow both ASA and USSSA bats in this tournament. Motion was ruled **Out of Order** as MAAD already informed managers and placed information on FaceBook about new USSSA stamp required on bats.

Drawing of teams was completed on the Round Robin (RR) schedule. Greg reminded team representatives that the RR results will determine seeding for Saturday’s tournament play.

<u>Pool A</u>					<u>Pool B</u>				
Team 1 - Midwest Maulers					Team 5 - Ruthless				
Team 2 - Wichita Tornadoes					Team 6 - Midwest Underdogs				
Team 3 - Olathe Outlaws					Team 7 - Worldventures				
Team 4 - Midwest Storm					Team 8 - 10 for the Win				
					Team 9 - Sioux Falls Blue Storm				

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

NOTE:

Park Supervisor Jason announced that fields are closed due to recent heavy rain and fields are now over-saturated.

Greg and Marti immediately consulted with Jason and the two USSSA umpires (Russ and Ronald) to search for another park with playable fields. After several phone calls and discussions, RR games and bracket tournament has been moved to Black Bob Park. Greg assembled the managers again to give them the update that both RR games and bracket play will be played on the next day. Greg collected manager’s text numbers to keep them informed with new developments.

Meeting recorder – Barb Nacarelli

Attached is the Players Council’s Roll Call list.