



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

**MAAD Basketball Players' Council Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2009**

Tournament Director Greg Petersen called the meeting in order at 7:13pm.

Roll Call:

Women's

Lincoln – Roy Scherling
Omaha – Jim Dougherty
Sioux Falls – (absent)

Men's

Council Bluffs – Mack Weyers
Lincoln Blackshirts – Mike Rentschler
Lincoln Redshirts – Jonathan Arteaga
MinnePaul A – Joe Ruiz
MinnePaul B – (absent)
Omaha – Shannon McArthur
Sioux Falls – Julius Sayler

1. Opening Statement:

a. Lynda Collicott, 2009 MAAD Basketball Chair:

Welcome to Lincoln. It has been 16 years since Lincoln last hosted basketball tournament. I would like to introduce my co-chair Mike, and if you have any questions, please ask either of us. Also, please ask Doug, Gym Coordinator, if there are any concerns at the gym, and please avoid to ask the official scorekeepers. We have hearing referees. Gym is not open until 3:30pm after classes dismiss at 3:01pm. We invite Shane (head referee) to give you a brief presentation. No smoking is allowed in the city of Lincoln.

b. Paige Thompson-Matzker, MAAD President:

Welcome to Lincoln. I have been MAAD President for 10 months, and we still face these challenges lately involving USADB and NDBO. USADB have national basketball tournament on the third weekend next month, April, followed by NDBO on the fourth weekend, so please arrange yourselves accordingly for either or both trips. Please welcome Robert Love, MAAD's BPAC representative.

2. Report from USADB:

Robert Love, MAAD's BPAC representative, gave the power point presentation with so many slides involving USADB basketball issues. He emailed to basketball community, and there are 10 common mistakes that leads to fall off: 1. misinterpretation, 2. neglectfulness, 3. oppression, 4. favoritism, 5. manipulative, 6. aside, 7. conspiracy, 8. embezzlement, 9. lack of information and communication and 10. stubbornness. On the money issue, there are problems due to financial vague, no truth, embezzlement. Summarize about misused USADB financial, lack of reports. Showing the chronology of email corresponding dates. There were two comparison on the column of USADB's and NDBO's.

3. Hall of Fame Report:

Matt Teter informed that MAAD has seven (7) new players that have not submitted their audiograms, asking them to please submit before playing in the tournament games. If they do not submit, then they cannot play.

4. Proposed Basketball Bylaws given by MAAD Vice President Barbara Nacarelli:

There are thirteen (13) proposals for bylaws tomorrow (Friday, March 20, 2009). If you are in doubtful about getting a team, please go ahead and get registration forms ahead of time, not waiting until the last minute. If you do not like MAAD Rules and Regulation, please tell your delegates to have it changed. The motion about delegates' roundtable before the Board of Delegates were carried last year – still encouraging to do so.

5. Head Referee, Shane:

Lynda Collicott asked me to be the head of referee for this tournament. The size of balls between men's and women's are different. Explained about the difference between college and high school on 3-point arc, and other rules on basketball game.

6. Tournament Director's Report:

- a. Suspension: Jesse Crawford and Ivy Matthews
- b. Ineligibility: None
- c. Team Registration form (MAAD/USADB): Seven (7) players
- d. Uniform Fines: Lincoln Redshirts men's team with no number on uniforms.
- e. Session with Head official: Shane (see #5, above)
- f. Tournament set-up:

Starting with three (3) courts, then two (2) courts throughout the tournament until one court for championship for each gender.

7. Drawing of teams for men's bracket and women's round robin/bracket:

- a. Men's Division:

Recommend for men's seeing as follows:

- 1st: MinnePaul “A”
- 2nd: Lincoln Blackshirts
- 3rd: Sioux Falls
- 4th: Council Bluffs

It was moved and second that we draw all teams instead of seeding due to lack of players from last year.
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It was agreed that seeding 1st through 4th remains the same as recommended above except to change from Lincoln Blackshirts to Lincoln Redshirts in 2nd seeding. PASSED

RESULT:

First game:

Omaha vs. 4th Council Bluffs

3rd Sioux Falls vs. Lincoln Blackshirts

MinnePaul “B” vs. 2nd Lincoln Redshirts

Winner of Omaha/Council Bluffs game vs. 1st MinnePaul “A”

b. Women’s Division:

Team 1 – Sioux Falls

Team 2 – Omaha

Team 3 – Lincoln

8. New Business: None

9. Any comments/feedbacks: None

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary
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