



# MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

## MAAD Executive Board Meeting Minutes 48th Annual Men's, 25th Annual Women's and 8th Annual Co-ed's John L. Buckmaster Memorial Regional Softball Tournament

Thursday, July 20, 2006

Hosted by Sioux Falls Association of the Deaf  
Sioux Falls, SD

### Meeting Called to Order –

Commissioner Wayne Morse called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2006 at Sioux Falls Association of the Deaf in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

### Roll Call of Officers, Past Presidents and Tournament Chairs –

**Executive Board** - Commissioner Wayne Morse, Deputy Commissioner Robert Lister, Secretary Paige Thompson-Matzker, Treasurer Jeff Eccles, Tournament Director Greg Petersen, Hall of Fame Lorrie Shank, Past-President Jack Cooper

**Past President** – Art Nelson

**Tournament Chairs** – 2006 Softball Chair June Park, 2007 Basketball Chair Tony Nacarelli, 2007 Softball Chair Eric Grote

### Communications –

- Financial Report from GKCAD for Basketball tourney
- Letter from Lincoln Association of the Deaf Athletic Director, include check, requesting to host 2009 Basketball Tournament
- Letter from Greater St. Louis Association of the Deaf, requesting to move future Softball Tournaments to Labor Weekend
- Letter from Omaha Association of the Deaf, notifying MAAD they suspended Jesse Crawford for financial debt

Lorrie Shank proposed to carry the Omaha suspension issue to Wrap Up meeting. PASSED.

### Reports of Officer –

#### **Commissioner, Wayne Morse –**

First of all, I want to give my biggest waving hands to each of all my officers members who work hard through my 3rd term and make it many good and bad happenings so keep solving many problems or mistakes to make it looking correction for each officers, players, fans and many more others that is not part of MAAD. Thanks and applause each of you, board officers whenever it is pleasure or not but keep our heads up and keep rolling forward through smallest or biggest struggling as long as holding our hands in unity. Keep our works done and better with our efforts for MAAD itself.

Give my appreciation to June Park as the chairwoman of MAAD 2006 Softball Tournament in Sioux Falls and get her into devoting her time to make sure that have softball tournament to be ready with her marvelous committee members. I am sure highly appreciated that the tournament will be successful with 15 teams participating with smoothly. Men's, Women's and Coed's teams will do their efforts in NSAD on the weekend of August 2-5 in Ontario, California so wish each team the best of luck there. Congratulations one more time to June Park, the chairwoman of MAAD Softball Tournament.

- Registration deadline - Discussed registration deadline, as stated in the bylaws. In the 2004 bylaws, deadline is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of June. In 2006 bylaws, deadline is 30 days prior to tournament. Lorrie Shank explained she had issues with it, while on Law Committee. Lorrie

Shank felt 30 days was fine, yet for this tournament, 1 day doesn't hurt. Jeff Eccles explained Wayne Morse and him had a good discussion with a MinnePaul Club member, receiving clubs perspective on deadlines as well as looked up NSAD bylaws. NSAD bylaws states Regionals can have own deadline as long as we send ours 14 days before NSAD tournament starts. Wayne Morse spoke concerns about program books with Host's deadlines, etc. Conclusion is 30 days is reasonable for registration deadline.

Bob Lister proposes that we take no action on the issue. PASSED.

- Ballroom issue - Discussed ballroom phrase was to be changed in bylaws. Jeff Eccles made the motion in the past – change from required to optional.
- USADB Tournament - Wayne Morse stated he had many observations, discussions and a good time with many palyers, officers and fans.
  - Wayne Morse asked USADB Treasurer Lad Baird to attend the Regional President meeting to explain about the USADB breakdown with USADSF. Wayne Morse displays the breakdown of USADSF Membership fee of \$16 on the overhead. Wayne Morse proposed that the \$16 be reduced to \$5, carried to meeting, until someone proposed that USADB be unaffiliated with USADSF, then the motion was dead. Explained that many people asked Lad Baird a lot of questions which was answered all without hesitation. From now on, USADB will only require players to pay \$20. If team champion from Regional tournament, they don't have to pay entry fee (\$250).
  - USADB had election. Ray Kiltbau is no longer president. There is a new board. Their terms are two years, not four years.
  - 2007 USADB Basketball tournament will be in Indianapolis.
- Registration Forms – discussed about one player signed two forms. It has become an issue that a person would sign as player for a team and coach for another team. As for fees – if person sign as player and coach, they pay \$42 then pay extra \$12. Lorrie Shank proposes that team member sign one registration form. June Park seconded. PASSED.

Bob Lister amends that if team member signs two registration forms, they are automatically out of the tournament. Tony Nacarelli seconds. PASSED.

Lorrie Shank amends “effective next tournament.” Tony seconds. PASSED.

*As Whole* – Lorrie proposes that team member sign one registration form effective next tournament. If team member signs two registration forms, they are automatically out of the tournament. PASSED.

- Voting Format/Hall of Fame - Discussed voting format for Hall of Fame. Seemed leadership has not been picked for the last few years. Example – a person never played but is officer for 20 years. Lorrie Shank explains the database does have those criteria's but can start reviewing for past people who served as officers, delegates, host chairs, etc.
- 2008 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Softball Tournament planning – We seemed to process accordinging but Council Bluffs did not appreciate it. So Loretta Derby will voice out and Jeff Eccles will share his comments as well.
  - Loretta Derby felt that Council Bluffs should host the tournament for 2008. Due to Bylaws statement says that Member Host should host.
  - Jeff Eccles explained the timeline for 2008 planning with past documents/minutes from the start of the motions in St. Cloud to next meeting to plan for banquet, etc.
  - Bob Lister questioned Council Bluffs club membership status and according to the bylaws, they must be a member in good standing for the last 3 yrs. Lorrie Shank voices that we should compromise with Council Bluffs to work with us in planning. Wayne Morse mentioned that the board asked past Vice-President to type up an agreement which it never happened so asked Bob Lister to type up the agreement.

- Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation department – Discussed issue about coolers not being allowed in park. Many complaints followed a memo from June Park. Wayne Morse has served many years on MAAD Board and knows we can't change Park & recreation policy. There will be a Red Cross rep at player council this evening. Art Nelson questioned about water jug. It is allowed but must be water only, food forbidden.
- Championship Fund - Discussion about Championship fund - \$16,000. There has been several teams who won first, second or third, end up not going to nationals so MAAD ends up keeping the money, due to Bylaws. Wayne Morse would like to see a change – teams accept as cash prize, whether they go to Nationals or not. One suggestion was to change the word “Defray” to another word/statement.
- CAAD – received newsletter yesterday before leaving. The tournament was in Chicago. Newsletter mentioned an umpire passed out during game and went to hospital. Complained about NSAD, lack of two way communication. For instance, regionals would give advice to NSAD but NSAD would never take their ‘words’. CAAD teams have no motivation for NSAD. Would like to see NSAD take responsibility for regional zones.
- NSAD - Talked about how NSAD had their board meeting same time where USADB hosted tournament. Allowed download of forms from NSAD website so instructed Paige Thompson-Matzker to do separate forms for NSAD to restrict ‘copy’ of information.
- Audiogram issue – explained to Tracy Patzner the results of the discussion at GKCAD. Tony Nacarelli spoke that Tracy Patzner is waiting to hear. Wayne Morse and Jeff Eccles caught up with Gloria Nathanson to receive her opinion on the audiograms. Gloria Nathanson explained the bylaws did not explain enough on criterias for dB loss, what kind tests, etc. Jeff Eccles spoke out that Gloria Nathanson felt that two audiograms did not provide sufficient information.
- Wayne Morse explained about Paige Thompson-Matzker sending out memos with the registration forms explaining limit of players on the forms and crossing-out lines. Need to figure out how to solve this problems as it keeps happening.

Jeff Eccles proposed to fine GSLAD and SFAD (women) for improper information on the registration forms. Seconded.

Robert Lister amended that all teams to be fine for not sending the forms to MAAD Treasurer by fax as stated in bylaws. Seconded. FAILED.

*As Whole* – Jeff Eccles proposed to fine GSLAD and SFAD Women for improper information on the registration forms and to fine all teams for not sending forms to MAAD Treasurer by fax as stated in bylaws. FAILED.

***Introduces Val Wojton – NSAD Commissioner***

- Wayne Morse questioned bylaws as it has many loop holes. One concern was about liability insurance. Does the sanction fee includes the insurance? Val Wojton responds that \$250 pays for the sanction fee which includes insurance. Invitational tournament will not be able to get sanctioned.
- Wayne Morse stated that MAAD supports CAAD reason. CAAD stated there are 8 regions and NSAD should work together. Val Wojton responded that this opened a can of worms.
- Jeff Eccles questioned NSAD is affiliated with or pay to be in any softball association. Val Wojton respond no as they already have their own umpire association – DRA. Jeff Eccles explained this as Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation questioned about ASA affiliation. Val Wojton responded which NSAD wishes not to be affiliated with any due to conflicts. June Park explained that South Dakota must require a ASA Recognized sanction to host a tournament. If not, then umpires will be suspended if they went ahead and umpired a non-sanction tournament.
- Bob Lister questioned Val Wojton why teams should teams pay a \$5 fee if they are not going to Nationals. Val Wojton explained the fee covers the insurance. Bob Lister

- questioned, the fact SFAD has own insurance, why do we still have to pay a \$5 fee if not using NSAD insurance.
- Bob Lister questioned about \$15 pay fee to NSAD, why? As players have their own insurance. BUT what if team don't pay? Val Wojton responds NSAD won't recognize the team.
  - Bob Lister explained about how we pay and NSAD not act upon their request. Val Wojton explained that is NSAD's goal.
  - Wayne Morse explained that when regions meet with NSAD and give advice/suggestions, there is no action taken on region's advice. No response from Val Wojton.
  - Greg Petersen questioned why Coed is not official. Val Wojton responded that all 8 regions must have coed to make it official.
  - Bob Lister questioned what if propose to have coed with regions, why do we have to wait on "I don't want a coed team." Why not follow on region? Val Wojton responds how that if small number of teams, they must touch regional first. Sometimes in regional tournaments, they would form their co-ed team even if it is not official.
  - Tony Nacarelli questioned about money – if men and women go and win, they receive cash prizes where as coed do not. Val Wojton responds NSAD is working on it.
  - Tony Nacarelli questioned about CODA... MAAD does not allow, NSAD does not. Val Wojton responds NSAD allows 1 CODA for coed.
  - Jeff Eccles questioned about regional dues which is no longer required and it was already included in the insurance/sanction fees. Val Wojton responded that it was an error on NSAD secretary-treasurer's part. Jeff Eccles asked how can we meet the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline which it was already passed. Val said it s too late but asked him how would NSAD recognize us? Val Wojton was not able to couldn't answer.

***Deputy Commissioner, Robert Lister –***

- Thanked the board for sending flowers for the passing of his mother.
- Had a discussion this morning about the bylaws and reviewed what has happened in the past few years. Possible have an overhaul of the bylaws to clean up the clauses and overlaps. MAAD needs to follow bylaws, not use the word, "tradition" or "as practice".
- Bylaw Committee consists of Matt Teter, Ann Cooper, and Wayne Morse as ex-officio. Bob planned to look for one more to fill the 4<sup>th</sup> slot.
- Art Nelson requested to use "past" vice president instead of the name of officer.
- Lorrie Shank moved to move the discussion about audiograms to the wrap-up meeting. Seconded by June Park, passed.

***Secretary, Paige Thompson-Matzker –***

- Questioned for bylaws on how registration forms should be created. If not in bylaws, after some consideration, I redesigned it and eliminated high school and age where that is replaced with '18 or over?' Reviewed the handouts and board requested I work with Greg Petersen and Lorrie Shank to improve it.
- Lorrie Shank approached me wondering if Hall of Fame should be responsible for audiograms. I have no problems with it except what is stated in bylaws (Article 11, Section 1, I(b) page 35) for me to be responsible but Article 9 states otherwise which is Hall of Fame. However if we want Hal of Fame to be responsible then a motion needs to be made to restate the verbiage for both.
- As of May 15, 2006, Rod Newell is no longer suspended.
- If someone request information from me and I do not have it, please accept my word There is no need to be unprofessional and repetitive about it.
- Softball statistic posting on website, it will not happen until after August 8th due to Greg Petersen's schedule (July 23-28) and my family trip (July 28-August 7).
- Warned all board members that I was going to have a busy schedule this summer and a hectic work schedule. If I say I am not available during the time frame, please do not even e-mail or contact me via pager, etc. I will not have access.

**Treasure, Jeff Eccles –**

- Welcome to all of the softball participants and the fans to the M.A.A. D John Buckmaster Memorial 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's, 25th Annual Women's and 8<sup>th</sup> Co-ed's softball tournament here in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- Let's wave our hands so high so we can commend on how hard the preparations June Park and her host committee has done for this tournament. Be sure before you go home for the tournament, stop by and tell June or one of her committee members - "Good job".
- Look forward to come out to Sioux Falls, one of the finest cities in the nation as well as where the home of the CSD is. Also, nearby the city the camp called Camp Lakodia, an hour away driving.
- Have 15 teams softball teams participating. There was same number of teams last year at Omaha. Each division has changed but gained 15 more players than last year. For the Men, lost one team and lost one in Co-ed division but gained two more team for Women. What a nice way for women as we recognize them because its 25<sup>th</sup> year of softball for women in MAAD. Nice going!!
- Report from the money bag..... As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the surcharge fund showed a balance of \$1196, host fund at \$3000, the champions fund at \$16379.42. End of June 30, the mutual funds matured at value of \$15,752. Last, the general fund displayed a balance of \$1173.
- Would like to collect expense report at end of tournament.
- Would like to get together with Bob Lister and Greg Petersen about new fine system.
- Revised a formal letter to NSAD, requesting us to host MAAD tourney at a different date other than July for 2008 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Softball Tournament. Collected all officers' signatures on the formal letter to be submitted to NSAD.

**2008 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Softball Tournament Report –**

There has not been much activity since Kansas City Tournament. We requested Tony Nacarelli to check on two hotels, which one no longer there and other too expensive. Asked Tony Nacarelli to check on Treynor, IA about a hall, not accomplished yet. Waiting to work with Eric Emmons, Sorenson.

**Tournament Director, Greg Petersen –**

- Excited about going to Sioux Falls! The main reason is because we will celebrate 25th Anniversary of Women's softball! It is an honor for me to be part of this celebration as your Tournament Director.
- Proud to announce that we will have 4 women teams competing in the 25th Annual Women softball tournament.
- The first new challenge I faced is that we will be starting Round Robin games at 12 noon, instead of the traditional 3 pm. This prompted me to redo the round robin schedule. One blessing I had was the use of two fields at Sherman Park (for men's round robin games) and Kenny Anderson Park (for women's and coed's games).
- Second new challenge I'm facing is to get the men's Round Robin games completed by 4 pm in order to allow Sioux Falls operate their weekly league games. With the short time frame we were given, I decided to use 55 minutes time limit for Round Robin games only. This will help us expedite the men's Round Robin games and get it all completed before 4 pm. The Round Robin schedule at Kenny Anderson will be the same as Sherman, except there will be 2 games played at 4 pm. The ultimate goal is to get all Round Robin games played and completed before delegates resumes their meeting at 7 pm. Saturday's tournament will all be at Sherman Park with the use of 5 fields.
- My third new challenge is to implement a new formula to determine the All Stars. I called my new formula "Performance Rating Index – PRI". This formula is based on the stats that will be fed into the computer and I will apply the formula to get the top 10 All Stars in each division. By using the formula, this will eliminate the need to get nominations and votes from all managers.
- Revised Protest letter to show Lorrie's name and address.
- Presented his inspection report for 2007 MAAD Softball tournament in St. Louis
- Found that previous proposals were not followed up by previous Vice President/Deputy Commissioner for the bylaws.
- Discussed about Registration packet with memo and forms sent by MAAD secretary

- Some forms were not filled out properly
- Some forms had scratched out lines
- One form had 21 team members, limit is 20. Should there be a fine?
- Managers signed not need a jersey number.
- Confused about addresses on MAAD/NSAD forms. MAAD Forms shows High School, then city and state where as NSAD shows city and state – city/state of high school or resident?
- Need to add wording on memo to inform teams of number of free agents allowed by NSAD, which is 2 free agents.. Running Rebels has 3 free agents.
- Received many correspondence regarding uniforms and caps. Wished teams took care of this before signing forms. The teams were Denver, Sioux Falls Women, Omaha Women and St. Louis Bell Club.
- Two Audiogram issues with St. Cloud and Sioux Falls Women.
- Discussed about ASA Sanction ruling and fee.

***Hall of Fame, Lorrie Shank –***

- It's really good to be back as MAAD Officer again after two years. I finally realized how much I missed being an officer and helping players have enjoyable tournaments. I will be presenting two Hall of Fame awards during the Awards Ceremony Saturday night. The two inductees are Angela Kuehn and Lyndia Stevens, both from Minnesota.
- I'll be working on trying to develop a new database for all names and history of their involvements with MAAD. My committee consists of Tony Passeralli of Denver SAC, Mike Friesen of Lincoln and Ralph Fuechtmann of MinnePaul.
- Met with Ralph last May to retrieve 3 to 4 boxes. Questioned about Hall of Fame plaque as it is full, would like to know what to do it.

**Reports of Past Presidents –**

***Past President, Jack Cooper –***

No report.

***Past President, Art Nelson -***

No report.

Ray Kilthau, Paul Hrabovsky, Greg Desroisers, Ralph McLaughlin, Joe Carrico were not present.

**Reports of Chairs -**

***2006 Softball Chair, June Park –***

- Weather is looking good this weekend, as compared to the 100+ heat we had last weekend! Although there may be some humidity. Every effort has been taken to help players and umpires stay cool. Of course, our fans too!
- ASA Sanction, this was brought to us last week, in the state of South Dakota. All tournaments are required to be ASA Sanctioned, and the fee for this is \$3 per team. With the time constraints, I paid the \$45 per team to get our tournament ASA Sanctioned. If this did not happen, the umpires who participated in the tournament would have been suspended. For this, can MAAD make the payment of \$45 back to SFAD?

Jack Cooper proposes that MAAD pays SFAD \$45 back for ASA Sanctioned. Seconded.  
PASSED.

- We are in desperate need of scorekeepers! Volunteers would be greatly appreciated!
- Reminder: There will be a heatstroke workshop tonight at the Players' Council. Greg Petersen has put Red Cross spokesperson on the agenda. Interpreters will be presented.
- Greg Petersen mentioned that it is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for women, we got gifts for the teams. Should MAAD or SFAD be responsible for this financially?

Bob Lister proposes that MAAD pays 100% to SFAD offset the cost of the gifts. Seconded.  
PASSED.

**2007 Basketball Chair, Tony Nacarelli –**

- Handed out folders to all board, explained what's inside the folders
- Hotel and gym has been reserved
- Meetings will be held at Omaha Association of the Deaf Club
- Greg Petersen will make arrangements to go to Omaha to inspect

**2007 Softball Chair, Eric Grote –**

- Explained the fields at Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex, it has 5 fields. Games will be on Friday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Hotel is EconoLodge and Suite.
- All meetings, awards, and entertainment will be at Greater St. Louis Association of the Deaf Hall.

**Approval of Flyer –**

Changes – remove “Ballroom”; insert explanation of \$12 fee and change the delegate combo fee.  
APPROVED.

**Final Approval of 2006 MAAD Basketball Tournament – Kansas City –**

- a. Final Approval of minutes report – PASSED.
- b. Final Approval of financial report – PASSED.

**Tournament Games Report: Greg Petersen –**

- a. Players' Eligibility – None.
- b. Tournament Schedules and Bracketing –  
*Tournament* - Explained the location of fields. Friday's Round Robin games – both Sherman and Kenny Anderson. Lorrie Shank will be responsible for Anderson, Jeff Eccles will be responsible for Sherman. Saturday Bracket games – Sherman and Greg Petersen will be available.  
*Bracketing* - Co-ed has an odd number of teams so one team will be playing four games so chose seed #3. MIT gets first seed for men. Sioux Falls women get first seed for Women. Explain about seeding for COED – MinnePaul was champ but only 3 players new. St. Cloud was second place. Decision to leave as is.
- c. Appeal/Grievances – None.
- d. Suspension – None.
- e. Head Statisticians – Karole Rogers

**Unfinished business**

None

**New business**

It was moved and seconded that the number of umpires for each division's games be the same – 1 umpire for Robin Round games; 2 umpires for Tournament games; 3 umpires for Championship games. PASSED

It was moved and seconded that in “Schedule of Games” we delete “...3:00 p.m.” and replace “Round Robin games shall be played on Friday.” PASSED

It was moved and seconded that all games shall go to 7<sup>th</sup> inning or 1 hour 15 minutes whichever comes first. FAILED.

It was moved and seconded that Rules/Regulations – fields section from Men, Women & Co-ed be merged. REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE.

It was moved and seconded that Uniforms - #4 – Women/Coed to delete “caps” and insert “headwear”. PASSED.

It was moved and seconded that Awards section be deleted and replaced with “A system/formula shall be used to determine award winners.” PASSED.

It was moved and seconded that co-ed Softball “L” #4 – add “on 2 outs only.” PASSED.

It was moved and seconded to reword “Applicable” to state the bid process for basketball /softball be made at retrospective tournament such as basketball during basketball and softball during softball. REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE.

It was moved and seconded to remove Article 16, F. and put “becomes effective after approval at the delegate meeting the day after the Board meeting.” REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE.

It was moved and seconded to strike out “15 runs in 5 inning rule” and insert “15 runs in 3 innings” and “10 runs in 5 innings”, effective July 21<sup>st</sup>. FAILED.

It was moved and seconded to refer the “audiogram issue” to wrap up meeting to discuss which officer should be responsible for keeping audiograms. PASSED.

Open discussion on letter from GSLAD – referred to players’ council

**Announcements –**

Wayne announces that he has 2 health issues and hope all goes well.

If Board of Delegate meetings done before 11 a.m., then will have Executive Committee after games.

**Adjournment –**

Meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,  
Paige Thompson-Matzker  
MAAD Secretary