

MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

zMAAD Executive Board Meeting Minutes
63rd Annual Men's & 21st Annual Women's Basketball Tournament
Thursday, March 13, 2008
Hosted by Sioux Falls Association of the Deaf
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Meeting Called to Order

President Wayne Morse called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2008.

Roll Call of Officers, Past Presidents, Tournament Chairs & Delegates

Executive Officers: President Wayne Morse, Interim Vice President Barbara Nacarelli, Secretary Paige Thompson-Matzker, Treasurer Jeff Eccles, Hall of Fame Director Lorrie Shank, Tournament Director Greg Petersen, Past President Jack Cooper

Tournament Chairs: 2008 Softball Chair Jeff Branch, 2008 Softball Liaison Natalie Miller, 2009 Basketball Chair Lynda Collicot

BPAC Representative: Robert Love

Correspondence

- Received 2007 GSLAD/MAAD Softball Financial Report
- Received USADB Champion, Runner up and Invited Team Memo and Delegate Form
- Received NSAD Memo for 2008 Softball Tournament
- Received letter from Bevo Potter SWSAD about doing joint softball tournament

- ✓ Approval of 2007 St. Louis Softball Meeting Minutes: PASSED
- ✓ Approval of 2008 GSLAD/MAAD Softball Financial Report: PASSED

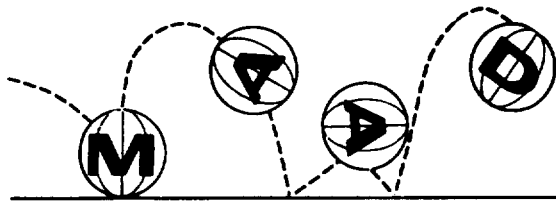
Reports of Officers

President, Wayne Morse

- Unable to send report to Secretary Paige Thompson-Matzker in time due to not have enough time.
- Saw that chatroom meetings are less than before as felt that each of us officers know what we are doing. However, felt that some meetings were getting out of control and would like to see meetings become shorter and to the point.
- Felt that we have a good teamwork as we been sharing a lot of feedback among each other through emails and phone calls.
- Will be attending USADB tournament in Orlando, Florida. There are a few issues that I will be discussing with USADB and regional president, which one is "free agent". USADB is still using 2002 Bylaws, as not finished with it. He sent in his motion about the free agent player at USADB and plans to discuss about it there.

Interim Vice President, Barbara Nacarelli

- As an Interim Vice President, A **GREAT** experience for me to go through and do my best to fix bylaws.
- Thank the Law Committee and MAAD E.B. for their extremely help with the Bylaws.



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- 14 proposals for our Rules and Regulations which were emailed to Club Secretaries for their delegate(s).
- Showed the survey that will be sent to Clubs tomorrow.
- Have projected goals for next term as Vice President/Deputy Commissioner if I get elected.
- For this election, good luck to those who are running for it!!

Secretary, Paige Thompson-Matzker

- Great seeing everyone again! I raise my hands to give appreciation to Jeff Branch and his committee for organizing the tournament! Everyone – be sure to thank him when you see him!
- 12 clubs renewed their membership. 3 clubs paid late fines. Des Moines chose not to renew.
- I would like to discuss about forms.
 - What method to use for upcoming Softball Tournament due to NSAD using online form method.
 - Whether we stick with one or two forms
 - Any changes to memo or forms that needs to be addressed.

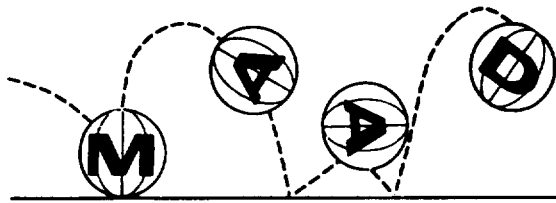
Solution: Board disagrees with the download of forms so Secretary will mail forms to clubs who are fielding teams. Board agreed that will use NSAD forms and one form.

- Come to Council Bluffs and celebrate MAAD's 50th! Help us spread the word out!
- Be SURE to have a GRAND time!

Treasurer, Jeff Eccles

MAAD'S MONEY BAG SAYS...

- Most of you should have the 2007 MAAD Financial Report from me and the financial situation has been stable and strong for our organization however upcoming softball tournament we will be totally 100 % responsible for entire time. It will show much difference next year so we, as the board will need to be totally focused and be economical wise and control our budget. Financial report audited last night by 3 people from Sioux Falls. If you have any questions, ask me.
- When I collected the team registration forms, I was glad to see there are 11 men basketball teams competing in the tournament as well as for 4 women. The number of bb players has remained the very same number as last year. I hope the average number of teams remain the same or increase in the future.
- I wanted to mention that most of the Executive Board members are pulling double duties/roles and they have been working hard on the 2008 50th Anniversary softball tournament which will be held at Council Bluffs, Iowa. A Very first and also the 25th Annual tournament has been held at the same city so we wanted to return there to celebrate our golden anniversary and expect to see our strong region to continue serving the deaf community involving in sports for years to come. The combo prices will be \$25.00 which includes all of the games, and the banquet dinner that will be held on Saturday night at the conclusion of the final games. Hope lot of you people would be



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giving special consideration to come next year and help MAAD's anniversary. I would like to see more teams come out and participate. After all, the celebrations are all yours to have FUN and meet old, new friends. Please come out and help us next year.

- Reminded Executive Board to submit their expense reports.
- May the best team wins and represents our region well in Orlando, Florida!

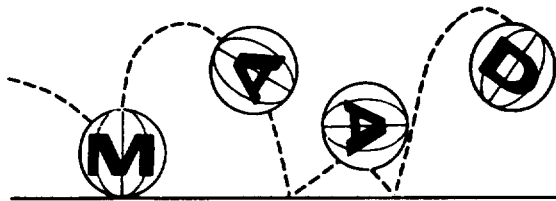
HAVE FUN!!!

Tournament Director, Greg Petersen

- *Welcome to Sioux Falls for 2008 MAAD Basketball Tournament!*
- I want to applaud 2008 SFAD/MAAD committee, under the chairmanship of Jeff Branch and his committee for working with me to plan and host this exciting tournament.
- The registered number of teams for this weekend's tournament expanded again to 11 men teams (from 10 last year and 8 two years ago and 4 women teams (3 teams returned to MAAD – Olathe, MinnePaul, and the home team - Sioux Falls). This is the first time we will have round robin games for women teams.
- Round robin games will be played on Friday evening only. Results of round robin play will determine seeding for Saturday's tournament bracket play.
- When I started working on the "Master Basketball Schedule" with game times and court assignments, I discovered that including women round robin games was inappropriate.
 1. It added more games thus giving the host club the burden of paying increased cost of officials
 2. Motion was not clear if Round Robin is to be used without the tournament bracket. Since the tournament bracket is still effective in our Bylaws, I combined round robin games for Friday evening only and use tournament bracket on Saturday
 3. Motion, again, was not clear how many round robin games to be played so I selected 2 round robin games per team as it best fit into Friday's portion of the Master Basketball Schedule
 4. Scheduling women tournament games on Saturday only, along with 11 men teams, created two problems
 - a. Women's 3rd place will be played immediately after the first round (similar to consolation games played without a rest)
 - b. Men's championship game was bumped into 5:00 time slot
 5. Men teams who lose 2 consecutive games will be eliminated while women teams are guaranteed to play 4 games. That's unfair for men teams!
- I have updated the Host Guidelines and added a list of softball and basketball suggestions to help guide future host clubs plan for a smooth, successful tournament.
- Good luck to our 11 men and 4 women teams as they strive to play their best in this tournament and to have fun!

Hall of Fame Director, Lorrie Shank

- Welcome to Sioux Falls! Jeff Branch, chairperson, did a wonderful job making this tournament a successful one! He always asking MAAD Officers questions to get the answers he needed to run the tournament smoothly. Be sure to show your appreciations to him and his committee.



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- I'm proud to announce six Hall of Fame Inductees for 2008! They all deserved this special recognition. They are Rhonda Ellenbecker (Minnesota), Sheila Jakes (KC/Olathe/MinnePaul), Nicky Finck (North Dakota - played for Minnesota/Sioux Falls), Gregory Desrosiers (Council Bluffs), Steve Janecek (Souix Falls), and Jack Morrow (St. Louis Bell). Congratulations to them all!

Pas President Report

Past President, Jack Cooper

No Report.

Tournament Chair Report

2008 Sioux Falls Basketball, Jeff Branch

- Reported that everything is coming along smoothly.
- Ice chest filed with water for referees, board officers, and committee.
- Concession stands will be in the front, same area as registration.
- Meet with Greg Petersen to go over some last minute things.
- Would like us to enjoy the tournament!

2008 MAAD Tournament, Natalie Miller

- Date is last weekend of July which is July 24 – 27, 2008.
- Rate is \$25 for fans, senior citizens, delegates. \$12 for children – can get ticket at tournament this weekend or pay online.
- Banquet is at MAC (Mid-America Center and Fields at Council Bluffs Recreation Center.
- Meetings are at Country Suites.

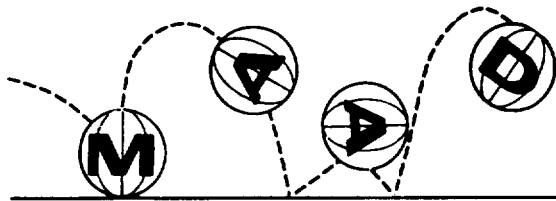
2009 Lincoln Basketball, Lynda Collicot

- Hotel (Holiday Inn - \$79 a night and Gym (North Star High School are reserved and both are right off interstate.
- Will have Awards/Food/Entertainment
- Reserved Hotel and Gym. Right off the interstate. See Flyer for information.
- Door prizes for those who stay in Holiday Inn
- Parking is free for those who stay at Holiday Inn, others pay.
- Meetings are at Holiday Inn.

Review of flyer: Jack Cooper moved to accept the flyer as read. Lorrie Shank seconded.
PASSED.

Upcoming tournament: MAAD 2009 Softball Chair, Lorrie Shank

- Chair is Tammy Waddell and Co-Chair is Lorrie Shank
- Reserved fields – Mid America Sports Complex
- Hotel – Marriot in Overland Park
- Meetings at Hotel
- Dates of Tournament is June 18-20, 2008



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Tournament Games Report

Player Council Meeting

- Mentioned there is not enough chairs for delegate/player representative to sit together for meeting
- Made club stands, once complete, will hand over for Board of Delegates Meeting.

Tournament Game

- Agreement made between Regional President. Scott Tetzlaff from Illinois will be playing for Denver.
- *GKCAD contacted to wanting to suspend two players and was given suspension checklist but received no response afterwards.*

Motions for round robin – Omaha BB 2006. Discuss about number of games – if 2 games on Friday and 2 on Saturday, women have 4 games while Men have 2 games. Jeff discussed that it would work better if it was 3 teams, not 5 for the game format. Will discuss more at Player Council

- Registration form issues:

Women

1. Omaha Ariel McGlothlin – still hs? Discussion about how to prove that graduated. Discussion about diploma and high school to show is not high school.
2. Olathe – no age recorded – any high schoolers? Lorrie replied NONE.
3. MinnePaul – Steve Hubmer didn't sign roster as required. Will warn him to sign next time.
4. Sioux Falls – Sara Smania signed as player while signed as scorekeeper for St. Louis Men. Will pick one team tonight.
5. MinnePaul Shabaam Kazmpour – signed two region forms (MAAD and EAAD– not allowed to play.

Men

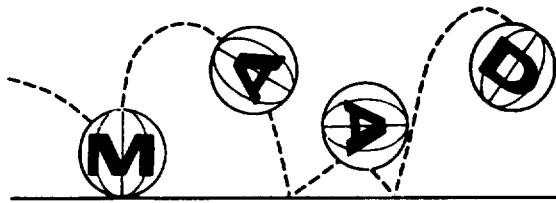
- 1- St. Louis – Sara Smania (same as above– pick one)
- 2- Lincoln “A” – Zach Phipps – explained the issue about hs/college issue.
- 3- Sioux Falls “B” - Matthew Sayler – age 18 & in hs – changed mind as he is scorekeeper but has a number so fined \$100
- 4- MinnePaul “B” – no coach signature or information – explained Howie Virnig
- 5- MinnePaul “A” – Aaron Klein – age 18- verified that he did graduate.
- 6- KC – alleged players from out-of-region – explained that one player from Illinois but plan not to show up. Rest all live in region. Deb is asking for id's. will allow to play.

Seedings for Men's Division.

2007 MAAD results	Proposed Seeding
1 st Denver	1 st Denver
2 nd St. Louis	2 nd St. Louis
3 rd Sioux Falls	3 rd Sioux Falls
4 th Kansas City	4 th Kansas City

Seedings for Women's Division

Results depends on Round Robin Games.



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Suspension

Ivy Matthews and Jesse Crawford

USADB/BPAC Report – Robert Love

- Shared with MAAD that he been a BPAC for 3 years now – noticed changes through out the USADB program.
- Discussed DBO, Deaf Basketball Official – they have high demands with USADB so changed system – Gene Duval remains as Referee Coordinator, not DBO Corrdinator
- Discussed about Free Agent rule Wayne Morse proposed to USADB and BPAC added “Restricted Free Agent” – putting a limit on player and 2 year term. Not official until Florida.

Rules & Regulations: Interim Vice President

14 proposals

Unfinished business

Traveling trophy – discussion continues.

Wayne Morse discussed what happened – motion was made to put plaque for traveling trophy. Then we forgot to add for women/coed.

Jeff Eccles against the trophy

- 1) STL meeting when brought up traveling trophy. Reaction was like “What you talking about?” IT was lost then found – if we continue, it would be lost again.
- 2) Cost effective? Take it easy budget wise because of 2008 tournament.
- 3) Felt that the amendment to the motion was out of order was because Delegates will expect us to follow what they want. Trophy versus Plaque – explained the difference. Trophy can be object or thing or whatnot while Plaque is considered a memory.

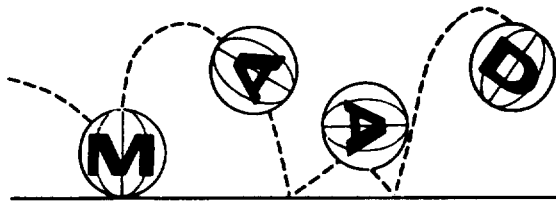
Wayne Morse explained the traveling trophy was donated by CB.

ME1: Jack Cooper moved that we take no action on the traveling trophy. Jeff Eccles seconded. PASSED.

Entertainment/Awards – continuance from Wrap Up Meeting in 2007 St. Louis Softball
Paige Thompson-Matzker discussed why want to change the format of Entertainment/Awards – cost effective as prices keep going up and time wise. Awards should be a free viewing event. Also fans only want to attend social, not games and pay extra fees.

Jeff Eccles explained that cost keeps going up without entertainment being provided and sees many would socialize in the lobby and not go into entertainment. He explained it would be time wise as has to audit registration forms at conclusion of tournament.

Wayne Morse explained that many clubs don’t have a place like SDAD or GSLAD. They have a cost effective place while others use hotel and have expenses to cover.



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Lynda Collicot asked about time deadline for registration if we do kill entertainment/social as part of the requirement – suggested like at 3rd quarter of basketball game or 7th inning of last softball games.

ME2: Barbara Nacarelli moved to remove to remove Appendix B, B-3 1 f and B-5 d 5. Jeff Eccles seconded. **PASSED.**

ME3: Paige Thompson-Matzker moved to change “a ballroom for the Awards Ceremony and entertainment according to applicable players council rules and regulations” to “a place for the Awards Ceremony according to applicable players council rules and regulations”. Barbara seconded. **PASSED.**

Barbara Nacarelli questioned what to do with the many bylaws books she has from previous years.

ME4: Paige Thompson-Matzker moved that Vice President/Deputy Commissioner keeps 2 bylaw books from previous years except the current year until year is finished. Lynda Collicot seconded. **PASSED.**

New Business

Paige Thompson-Matzker moved that online chat room meetings may be called by the President/Commissioner or by the majority of the Executive Board to address any issue/situation as stated for the purpose of this special meeting. Seconded by Greg Petersen. **PASSED.**

Paige Thompson-Matzker moved that the results of motions that were made in chat room meetings or emails between Executive Board or Executive Committee shall be announced by MAAD Secretary at the next annual meeting. Seconded by Greg Petersen. **PASSED.**

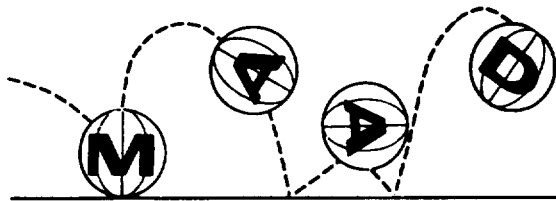
Paige Thompson-Matzker moved that we remove “and all team entry forms must be faxed to MAAD Treasurer before mailing the forms” from Article II, Section 3, part e. Seconded by Jeff Eccles. **PASSED.**

Barbara Nacarelli moved that MAAD Executive Board do the final vote on Hall of Fame inductees. Seconded by Jeff Eccles. **PASSED.**

Lynda Collicott moved that if a player is a drop out from high school that there is a 6 months waiting period before he/she can play on any team in MAAD. Seconded by Barbara Nacarelli. **REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE.**

Jeff Eccles moved that we allow the treasurer to submit the 50th Anniversary Financial Report to be attached with next year 2008 Financial Report. Seconded by Barbara Nacarelli. **PASSED.**

Jeff Eccles moved that we open the discussion on Champion Fund to be double for 1 time exception from the Bylaws for the special event, 50th Anniversary Softball Tournament. Seconded by Barbara Nacarelli. **PASSED.**



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Jack Cooper amended that Executive Board makes a recommendation to the Board of Delegates. **PASSED.**

Jeff Eccles moved that we allow the treasurer to pay half on the banquet invoice and borrow from the Champion Fund. Seconded by Barbara Nacarelli. **PASSED.**

Wayne Morse moved that we change the phrase “out of the tournament” to “declared ineligible to play”. Seconded by Jeff Eccles.

Paige Thompson-Matzker amended to change the wording “play” to “participate”. Seconded by Greg Petersen. **PASSED.**

Motion as Whole: Wayne Morse moved that we change the phrase “out of the tournament” to “declared ineligible to participate”. **PASSED.**

Jack Cooper moved to close new business. Jeff Branch seconded. **PASSED.**

Announcements

Barbara Nacarelli displayed the red/green cards for aye/oppose for Players’ Council and Board of Delegates meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Thompson-Matzker. MAAD Secretary