



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Players' Council 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 –

Tournament Director Greg Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2006 at Sioux Falls Association of the Deaf

Players' Representatives –

Men's – Sioux Falls Jeffrey Branch, Olathe Mike Muszynski, Omaha Brent Welsch, St. Louis Rooster Joe Polito, SAC Colorado 5280ers Joel Derrick, M.I.T. Ray Fonseca

Women's – Sioux Falls Heidi Branch, Omaha Lynda Collicot, Olathe Mary VanBavel, Minnesota Runnin' Rebels Mary Baker

Coed's – St. Louis Bell Club Jack Morrow, Omaha Tyler Swoboda, St. Cloud Susan Femling, MinnePaul Dennis Walter

Heat Stroke Prevention Workshop -

Lisa Keller from Red Cross gave presentation on heat stroke prevention.

Welcome message from June Park, 2006 Softball Chair –

- Welcomed everyone to 2006 Softball tournament
- Explained about water coolers/station. Coolers and stations are provided for players and umpires. Food is not permitted in fields.
- Retrieve badges at Registration tables before 10:30 a.m. at SFAD.

Welcome message from Wayne Morse, Commissioner –

- Encouraged representative to share information learned from Heat Stroke Prevention Workshop to team
- Encouraged players to leave parks at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 21 so hearing league can have their games.
- Introduced Val Wojton, NSAD Commissioner
 - o Described the fields at NSAD.
 - o Explained the \$15 NSAD fees which covers the NSAD operating fees and insurance. NSAD no longer collects \$15 at door and have money prizes.

Tournament Games Report from Greg Petersen, Tournament Director –

- Explained field situation for Sherman and Kenny Anderson Park. Directions in program book.
- Mentioned game time limit – 55 minutes for Friday and 75 minutes for Saturday.
- Seeding
MEN – 1) M.I.T. 2) St. Louis Rooster 3) Olathe 4) Omaha 5) Sioux Falls 6) Denver SAC
WOMEN – 1) Sioux Falls 2) Runnin' Rebels 3) Olathe 4) Omaha
COED – 1) St. Louis Bell 2) Council Bluffs 3) Omaha 4) St. Cloud 5) MinnePaul
- Changed the nomination format. Instead of chasing down managers or teams to get forms back, created a "PRI"
Run + "Total Base" + BB (walk) + SAC + RBI / "At Bat"
- Mentioned that Secretary Paige Thompson mailed out a memo clearly explaining not to cross out or abuse registration forms. Please do not do again.

- Explained that one team member can only register on ONE form. In other words, team member may not sign one team as a player and another team as a coach.
- **Introduced Willard Schumack, Umpire in Chief –**
 - o Men permitted to steal bases for Saturday games.
 - o Re-entry of game must have same 2 players and 2 per game
 - o Homerun limit – 5 for men; unlimit for coed/women
 - o No courtesy foul
 - o Tie-breakers – for Robin Round, leave as is; for Brackets, use KC rules
 - o Use yellow ball - .44 core
 - o Umpires – 7 deaf; 3 hearing
 - o Coed Rules
 - When female hit, outfielders must be behind white line
 - When male walks, female cannot walk on 0 or 1 out but option to hit or walk on 2 outs.

New Business –

Brent Welsch proposed that courtesy foul be allowed. Seconded.

Jeff Branch amended for Saturday's bracket games only. Seconded. PASSED.

As Whole – It was proposed and seconded that courtesy foul be allowed in Saturday's bracket games only. PASSED.

Brent Welsch proposed that pitching height be set at 3 feet from release to 12 feet from ground. Seconded. FAILED.

Joel Derrick proposed that men team can wear visor cap, follow ASA Rules. Seconded. FAILED.

Ray Fonseca proposed to remove stealing base for men's team on Saturday. Seconded. FAILED.

Announcements – None

Adjournment –

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lorrie Shank, Hall of Fame (recorded)

Paige Thompson-Matzker, Secretary (typist)