



# MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

## **MAAD Executive Board Meeting Minutes 49th Annual Men's, 26th Annual Women's and 9th Annual Co-ed's John L. Buckmaster Memorial Regional Softball Tournament**

Thursday, July 19, 2007

Hosted by Greater St. Louis Association of the Deaf  
St. Louis, MO

### **Meeting Called to Order –**

Commissioner Wayne Morse called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at Greater St. Louis Association of the Deaf, St. Louis, MO.

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

**Executive Board** - Commissioner Wayne Morse, Secretary Paige Thompson-Matzker, Treasurer Jeff Eccles, Tournament Director Greg Petersen, Hall of Fame Lorrie Shank

**Past President** – Jack Cooper, Art Nelson, Joe Carrico

**Tournament Chairs** – 2007 Softball Chair Paige Thompson-Matzker/Laura Lister, 2008 Basketball Chair Jeff Branch, 2008 Softball Chair Wayne Morse/Tony Nacarelli

NOTE: Laura Lister sat in for Paige Thompson, Tony Nacarelli sat in for Wayne Morse – both as liaison for Chairs.

### **Communications –**

- Letter from GSLAD regarding Robert Lister's suspension from GSLAD Club
- Omaha Association of the Deaf 2007 Financial Report
- Letter from Robert Lister submitting his resignation of Vice President/Deputy Commissioner
- Letter from Olathe Deaf Club submitting their bid for 2009 Softball
- From Basketball 2007 – Letter from St. Louis Bell Club submitting their bid for 2009 Softball

### **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 third term and make it many good/bad happenings so keep solving many tiny or big problems or mistakes to make it looking corrections for each officers, players, fans and many more others that is not part of MAAD. Thanks and applaud each of you, board members whenever it is pleasure or not but keep our chins up and keep rolling through struggling as long as holding our hands in unity. Keep our work to be done with our efforts for MAAD itself. Our attitude motto is **“FIX IT UP AND MOVE ON”**
- Gave my appreciation to Paige Thompson-Matzker as the chairwoman of MAAD 2007 Softball Tournament in the city of St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis Rams and St. Louis Blues and GSLAD and get her into devoting her time to make sure that have softball tournament to be ready with her marvelous committees members. I 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 9-11 in Dayton, Ohio so wish each team the best of luck there. Congratulations one more huge time to Paige Thompson-Matzker, the energy chairman of MAAD Softball Tournament.
- Received email from Mark Bella, NSAD President, about surveys for players to fill out. Paige Thompson-Matzker made copies for the players to fill out for the tournament. Wayne Morse shares

he not appreciate some of the questions on the survey. Arthur Nelson questioned about #8 which is a coda issue. Wayne Morse explained that NSAD allows coda within rules.

- Received email from NSAD and email was to name the 5 Hall of fame –
  - Jamie Fisher, Player for Pierce Valley, Rochester and Greater Tampa Bay
  - Roger Moss, player for Carolina
  - Gary Combs, player for Metro Washington, Block G and Carolina
  - Tina (Lewis) Takcas, Old Timer for Detroit, Grand Rapids and Chicago
  - Wayne Morse, coach for MinnePaul
- Discussed about altered forms where players bypassed MAAD to get answers from NSAD. Wayne Morse felt that the players should contact regional first before going to NSAD. NSAD this year is Dayton, Ohio. Next year is in Denver, Colorado.
- Talked with CAAD president – have 1 day tournament due to less teams, not many in the 20-30 year old.
- Shared frustration about bylaws not being completed and Vice President/Deputy Commissioner resigned. It seems like becoming a problem the last few years and would like to see a completed bylaws. Lorrie Shank asked Paige Thompson-Matzker if I have all the materials in my hands. Paige Thompson-Matzker replied yes. Paige Thompson-Matzker received communication that Jason Roberts was interested in filling the spot. Wayne Morse spoke that he would like to see Paige Thompson-Matzker do the job. Lorrie Shank brought up Ann Coopers' name. Discussion to be continued at Board of Delegate Meeting.

**Deputy Commissioner, vacant** – no report

**Secretary, Paige Thompson-Matzker** –

- Emphasized to find a solution for Registration Forms. Gave examples of different scenarios of what happened such as one team had lots of scratch off, one team alter forms, one team had two forms with 1 player different on each form. Done all can be done to get information passed.

**Lorrie Shank proposed to use the National level form. Seconded. PASSED.**

- Questioned about motions made in Executive Board meetings. Answered that it was already accepted at Board of Delegate Meeting so considered passed.
- Explained that will use “Executive Board” when signing letters or memos instead of using my name.

**Treasurer, Jeff Eccles** –

MAAD'S MONEY BAG SAYS.....

- There is not much to report except that the financial situation for MAAD is still remaining strong and same... I have been focusing more toward our Executive Board's responsibly for the next year MAAD 2008 softball tournament in Council Bluffs, Iowa to help celebrate the softball 50<sup>th</sup> year's anniversary. We have determined the combo prices will be much lower and be all the same rate for everyone except the kid's rate. 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.
- \*We had an opportunity to have a budget committee meeting. We have to meet to discuss on the 3 refers from the delegates in Omaha I will be reporting the results at the old business during the delegates meeting. Our budget committee members contain five people and they are Wayne Morse as ex-officio, Jack Graff, Ralph Fuechtmann, John Fetcher and me.
- Hope lot of you people would give 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.
- Again the main thing for all of us is three letters! It's called FUN. Enjoy play ball and may the best team win so they can represent us well at the NSAD.
- Interesting Statistics
  - Only 2 teams out of 15 teams faxed.
  - Got 2 codas for MAAD tourney
  - 5 players this year are 18 years old.

- 4 teams out of 15 teams used delivery confirmation for mailing their forms.
- 3 teams out of 15 used USPS as their method of mailing their forms.
- 2 teams out of 15 hand delivered the forms.
- Number of players this year – 237, last year 245, two years ago 240.
- Shared about number of teams over the years.

**Tournament Director, Greg Petersen –**

- It is my great pleasure to have this year's softball tournament in St. Louis – Gateway to the West, home of the 2006 World Series champions – Cardinals, and my home too!
- My “waving hands” goes to Paige Thompson-Matzker and her committee for their hard work with the planning. I have been involved in some of their committee meetings as an advisor and answered questions about tournament planning.
- BMAC – site of the games is a new park with 5 fields and an air-conditioned concession building! The turfs on the fields are short which resembled like a soccer field. I know you will enjoy playing on these fields!
- GSLAD – while we have meetings and social events at GSLAD Hall, take a moment to walk around and marvel at the new hall and give your appreciation to the building staff.
- Let's have a fantastic weekend!

**Hall of Fame, Lorrrie Shank –**

- Welcome to St. Louis for the MAAD's Slo-Pitch Regional Softball Tournament! Please to show your appreciations to Paige Thompson-Matzker for her hard-working efforts as chairperson and her hard-working committee members for making this tournament go smoothly and enjoyable!
- I'll be presenting Hall of Fame plaques to three people: Raul E. Brown (Colorado), Leonard Hall (Kansas) and Kerry Pudas (Minnesota) during the Social/Awards event (Saturday night). Please come to this event and congrats these three people!
- My husband, Dale, made a new wood carrying case for the individual gold plate of each name of Hall of Fame inductees (1992 to present). The first wood carrying case is full and will use the second for future new Hall of Fame inductees' names.
- I made a list of Hall of Fame inductees' names that do not have picture in the photo albums. If any of you know where they are or how to contact them, please let me know. I would love to collect all of their pictures for the photo albums before the next Hall of Fame Director take my place.

**Reports of Past Presidents –**

**Past President, Jack Cooper –**

Keep up a good work. TOGETHER, WE MOVE FORWARD!

**Past President, Art Nelson -**

I enjoyed seeing everyone and good luck!

**Past President, Joe Carrico –**

Pleasure to be here and see many new faces.

**Reports of Chairs -**

**2007 Softball Chair, Laura Lister –**

- Explained about BMAC –
  - Clean up after yourselves
  - Concession stands sell food and drinks
  - Teams can only bring jugs
  - Can bring umbrella or canopy for shade.
- Explained about GSLAD –
  - Entertainment Saturday night – mime, song/dance, dj
  - Clean up after yourselves
- Wear badge or wristbands all times; if lose it there will be a \$25 fine.

### **2008 Basketball Chair, Jeff Branch–**

- ✓ Brought a stack of flyers to pass out to fans and players this weekend.
  - ✓ Will be meeting with gym person at USF at end of this month to finalize details.
  - ✓ Back of flyer has directions of where to go.
  - ✓ Selling early bird combo this weekend - \$30
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- Jeff Eccles questioned if the gym and hotel are tentative, how do we approve – use email, chat room or website to promote it.
  - Greg Petersen mentioned that if using the same facilities as MAAD Basketball 2004, then there is no need to go inspect again.
  - Wayne Morse questioned about hotel – Days Inn or American Inn. Will research more on that.
  - Wayne Morse explained 2008 Sioux Falls Basketball Tournament will be the last tournament for surcharge.

### **Tournament Games Report: Greg Petersen –**

- a. Players' Eligibility – none
- b. Tournament Schedules and Bracketing –
  - Two codas in tourney which MAAD does not allow but NSAD allows. SFAD has one player and asked not to play and Olathe Men team has coda for coach but plans not to play.
  - There are 5 fines (per club) –
    - GSLAD Men & Women Team for scratch out on form.
    - St. Louis Bell Club "Blue" for scratch out on form.
    - Midwest Running Rebels for late mail
    - Olathe Men for scratch out on form.
    - Omaha women for having 10 players on roster.
  - Free Agent issue - Midwest Running Rebels – have 5 free agents. New Mexico is free state so they don't count. NY, AZ and FL.
  - Robin Round Schedule are 55 minutes. The #3 seed will have to play 4 games. There was a concern as #3 plays 4 games straight with no breaks so will rearrange scheduling with BMAC Umpire in Chief.
  - Tournament games are 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- c. Appeal/Grievances –  
Explained MinnePaul Coed team sent letter of appeal for the fine of caps in 2006 Softball Tournament. Denied.
- d. Suspension – none
- e. Head Statistician – Wayne Morse

### **Rules & Regulations**

None

### **Unfinished business**

None

### **New business**

- ✓ I, Jeff Eccles, move we open the floor for a 15 minute discussion on the age issue: change age 17 from age 18. Greg Petersen seconded. Discussion ended.
- ✓ I, Jeff Eccles, move we open the floor for a 15 minute discussion to remove all star and other players' awards. Seconded. Discussion ended. Suggested to bring up at Players' Council.
- ✓ I, Lorrie Shank, move MAAD pays one night lodging for new Hall of Fame inductee(s) using money from Museum Fund. Tony Nacarelli seconded.  
Wayne Morse amended that effective on next tournament. Passed as amended.

MOTION AS WHOLE - I, Lorrie Shank, move MAAD pays one night lodging for new Hall of Fame inductee(s) using money from Museum Fund effective next tournament. PASSED.

- ✓ I, Lorrie Shank, move we change the age 18 to 17 to play in MAAD Tournament effective next tournament. Jeff Eccles Seconded. PASSED.
- ✓ I, Arthur Nelson, move that a CODA player be able to participate effective next softball tournament. Joe Carrico seconded. OUT OF ORDER.

**Announcements** – None

Meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,  
*Paige Thompson-Matzker*  
*MAAD Secretary*