

MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Executive Board Meeting Minutes

65th Annual Men & 23th Annual Women

William N. Fraser Memorial

Regional Basketball Tournament

Thursday, March 11, 2010

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

St. Louis, Missouri

Meeting Called to Order

President Paige Thompson-Matzker called the meeting to order at 8:16 am on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

Roll Call of Elected Executive Board Officers, Appointed Past President and Tournament Chairs

Elected Board Officers

President Paige Thompson-Matzker, Vice-President Barbara Nacarelli, Secretary Marti Herman, Tournament Director Greg Petersen, Hall of Fame Matt Teter. Absent: Treasurer Jeff Eccles

Appointed Past President

Jack Cooper

Host Chairs

2010 Basketball Chair Sara Smania, 2010 Softball Chair Jim Buettner, and 2011 Basketball Chair Herman Fuechtmann

Communications: Secretary Marti Herman (letters, information's, etc)

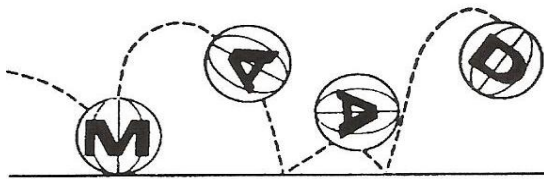
- Received a bid letter for 2014 Basketball.
- Received receipt for NDBO affiliation fee for the year of 2010.
- Received a new club member
- Received a Thank you card from Ralph Fuechtmann
- Received Financial Report from 2009 Softball - Olathe

Reports of Officer(s):

Commissioner Paige Thompson-Matzker

Welcome and thank all for coming this morning for Executive Board Meeting.

1) I would like to gave thanks to Sara Rose Smania and GSLAD for planning the 2010 Basketball



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Tournament. We appreciate all that has been accomplished.

2) Jeff Eccles will not be with us during this basketball tournament. He paged/emailed me around 7:02 a.m. and we talked on VP around 7:30 a.m. and he explained due to illness/health, he will not be attending. He gave all information to Wayne Morse and has all answers that Jeff Eccles shared with him, as well as pointed him as proxy/pro tem treasurer. I explained to him that I would notify MAAD Board and Host Chairperson/Treasurer/Registration for the heads up. I will need to make sure all expense sheets are signed before Wayne leaves on Sunday morning so Jeff can process reimbursement. Let's all wish him well.

3) Linsay Darnell requested his testimonial to be posted in exchange for his services. I inquired about it last year but was told his website was not up and running until recently so I typed up a statement which I informed you all.

4) I attend a parliamentary workshop last October 2009 that GSLAD hosted and learned a few things through the workshop. This was beneficial for me as I already knew some and gained my knowledge/understanding on 1-2 procedures.

5) Regional and National rules -

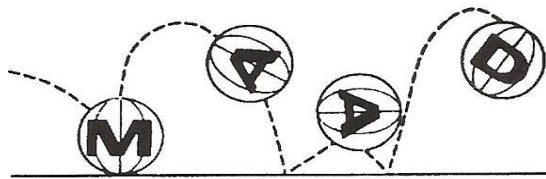
Forms seems to be an ongoing issue the past few years. BOTH USADB and NSAD does not permit the use of two forms (regions and national) - NSAD gave us a warning 2008 softball and USADB recently warned another region for doing two forms. I explained to Joey who is Deputy Commissioner about our procedure of forms... we discussed about the idea that USADB should change their rules to 'respect Region rules and set up rules to honor National'. Example - allow regions to use own form along with USADB form and honor Region's deadline/rules with understanding to honor USADB deadline that Regions mail all money and forms by february 15 or whatever deadline USADB sets up. NSAD is a another issue which I plan to discuss with board if attend end of March.

This also applies with the KC Kings situation - USADB allows late team forms and situations related with a fine while region (MAAD) stays firm with rules. Also applies adding of players which a team did request if possible and tried to 'persuade' me.

With this said and we are to honor National rules as our own, I believe MAAD shall come up with some kind of statement that we honor our bylaws first then NSO bylaws then RRO to protect us.

5) NSAD

NSAD was interesting this summer. I attended two meetings, BofD and Softball Council. Several motions were passed which will require our abiding in bylaws... the most significant ones are forms and audiograms as well as SODA. Please review the minutes that are posted on NSAD. MAAD men, women and coed teams played well throughout the tournament.



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I completed my NSAD report which I am announcing to you all this morning... (show report) Reason for the delay was the minutes from NSAD. My report is posted on MAAD website. I will send email after the tournament is over. They have also posted team registration forms and I already got two requests about forms. MAAD will have to figure out what to do about this after EB meeting.

NSAD has planned a Board of Directors meeting end of this month - Should MAAD attend as asking Board due to finances and last minute? (show email)

6) USADB

USADB is still going through growing pains but there are some good and bad improvements. the two biggest issues on table right now for USADB and regional(s) are \$20 and affiliation. Bylaws should be up to date with motions up to 2009 but does need major cleaning. I forwarded the email - USADB has not posted on their website... The tournament will be in Louisville, Kentucky where they hope to have at least 16 men team format but unsure of women. They have not determined if they will give lodging and/or transportation to championship due to finances and they are well within their bylaws because it is based on the Finance Committee decision. They will be holding elections for two positions, Commissioner and Secretary, plus new position if pass - Public Relations.

7) NDBO

MAAD paid affiliation dues so teams can have choice to go tournament if interested. there hasn't been much activity going on with NDBO. However, you will see my name on NDBO because of their bylaws which states -

Article 4 Board of Directors and Officers

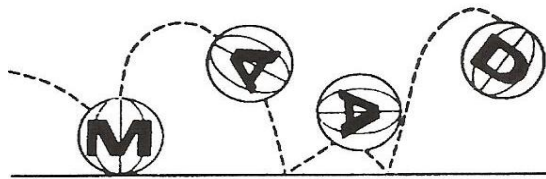
1) Board of Directors

- a) The organization shall have a Board of Directors consisting each Region's Officer prescribed in Article 6 of Region Members.
- b) No person shall be a member of the Board of Directors who is not an officer of any Regions.

Its been quiet although I did receive email from Rachel Bradford asking if MAAD or I plan to attend.

I may have left out some other important information and please do let me know if there is something I need to share. Otherwise, it has been a pleasure to work with you all the last two years. I appreciate each and every one of you and for your continued contribution/support towards MAAD.

- No pager allowed in meeting except current chairperson



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- Discussed about Jeff Eccles's unexpected situation and Jack Cooper stated that Wayne is to take the privilege to take Jeff's place as an acting treasurer but with understanding only one vote - not two votes (past president)

Deputy Commissioner Barbara Nacarelli

Welcome to St. Louis! Happy to see you all and hope you all had a good and safe trip on the way here. I am still working on to improve MAAD's Bylaws and make it simple for all of us, and to improve communications with Clubs. For example, separate the current Bylaws in correct sections (still one book), and add Tournament Host Guidelines at the back of the book to enforce it and leave room for adjustments and improvements.

Olathe Softball 2009:

During Executive Board Meeting: 6 motions were made - 5 passed & 1 referred to Bylaws Committee.

During Special Executive Meeting: 3 motions were made - 3 passed.

During the Board of Delegates' Meeting: New Business: 6 motions were made - 5 passed & 1 referred to Bylaws Committee.

Total of motions made: 15

Passed: 13

Failed: none

Referred to Bylaws Committee: 2

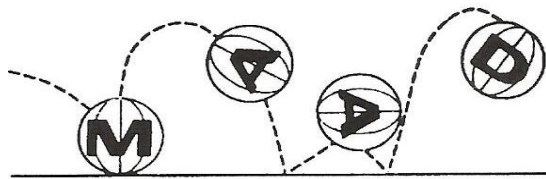
Good luck for those running in the election and all of you to have a FUN weekend and good and safe trip back home after the tournament is done.

Secretary Marti Herman

Welcome to St. Louis for 2010 Basketball Tournament!! I want to raise my hands to applaud 2010 GSLAD/MAAD Chair Sara Smania and her committees for their hard work to ensure that this tournament will be a successful one!

12 clubs renewed their membership with 5 clubs paid late fines. One of the club was dropped due to not enough members. One new club submitted. Thanks for those who renewed!

Received a bid letter for 2014 Basketball.



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Will receive another bid letter by in person sometimes today or tomorrow letter for the 2014 Softball.

Received receipt for NDBO affiliation fee for the year of 2010.

Hope you all enjoy your stay in St. Louis and may the best team win and represent MAAD at USADB in Kentucky! Good luck to our MAAD women and men teams and Have fun!!

Break recess: 9:40 am

Resume from break: 9:55 am

Treasurer Jeff Eccles (Absent) – Wayne Morse as of acting Treasurer

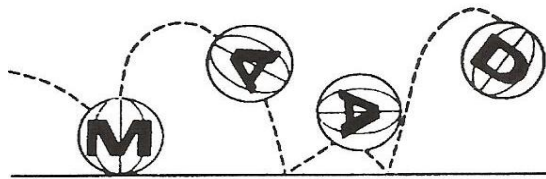
- There was question about BPAC but there were no answer to that question.
- Discussed about President/Commissioner and VP/DC as being recognized for the national level. Best solution: leave as a full position like President/Commissioner with all in one word.
- Immediate past president – What does this stands for? Need more specific information on this one. Paige stated that there's no procedure of how to appoint the past president.
- Will have 3 auditors (Stephen Foster, Lori Gearhart, and Bill Blank) after 1 p.m.

MAAD'S MONEY BAG SAYS.....

What a past decade into 2000 already passed us by as I looked back the last 10 years I have been your MAAD Treasurer. It sure has been enjoyable time as I get to see old friends as well as meet new people along on the road. The GSLAD club has been working very hard for this coming tournament and wants to make sure all of you enjoy your time while you are here. I wanted to say thank you for all your hard work and enthusiasm for us.

Now we will have the total of 10 teams coming. The comparison for the players between now and last year is that we have gain few more players but the number of teams remain the same. I hope to see that the higher number of fans to help out the St Louis club.

You should have the financial report in your hand. The auditors check to make sure all the facts are there. The reports are being audited on Thursday afternoon. It will be first time I finally get the chance to have the books audited during that time instead of Wednesday night late hours. Hope it will bring out productive results by using the time during the committee time frames. The report is currently being back to normal as business compared to last year which was a huge one due to the special tournament reports.



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I have seen how the Executive Board members have been real hard, working tirelessly over the months for you... It's not an easy job but we would hope to earn your respect. Now the election is coming up and you all will have to vote the right personnel for the next two years.

*May the best team wins and represents our region well in the National tournament!

*HAVE FUN!!!

Tournament Director Greg Petersen

Player Councils' Report

- a. Meeting
- b. Tournament Games
- c. Appeal/Grievances - None
- d. Suspensions – Ivy Matthews and Jesse Crawford
- e. Ineligibles – Chadwick Stevenson II, Mark Jenkins, Miquel Cadena, and Noori Sorrosh
- f. Head Statistician(s) – Barbara Nacarelli

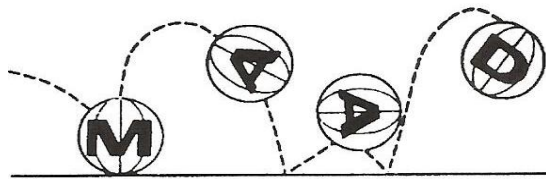
Welcome to St. Louis for 2010 MAAD Basketball Tournament!

I want to applaud 2010 GSLAD/MAAD committee, under the chairpersonship of Sara Smania and her committee for working with me and the MAAD Executive Board to plan and host this exciting tournament! Waving hands!!

The registered number of teams for this weekend's tournament is 7 men teams and 3 women teams. We will continue to have round robin games for women teams. Results of Women's round robin play will determine seedings for Saturday's tournament bracket.

Good luck to our 7 men and 3 women teams as they strive to play their best in this tournament and to have fun!

- Purchased 3 new softwares for MAAD
- Updated "Before, During, After" lineup
- Created "Game Chart"
- Been working with Keith Cassell on gym issues
 - Scorekeeper, spotter
 - Now add scoreboard
 - Have 12 people on list
- Roster review – unable to do anything cuz it's USADB forms
- Seeding info
- Ineligible – letter to Olathe



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Hall of Fame Director Matt Teter

Welcome to St. Louis 2010 MAAD Basketball Tournament!

I want to take a moment applaud 2010 GSLAD/MAAD Chairperson Sara Smania and her wonderful committee for fantastic working hard for fundraising. The MAAD Executive Board looking forward plan and host this exciting tournament! Waving hands!!

There be 10 Teams for this weekend's tournament. We'll looking forward wonderful Tournament bring the winning team best luck in USADB at Louisville, KY

As for the Hall of Fame Class of 2010 will be discuss in Executive Board meeting

- All Audiograms had been submitted ahead of time except MinnPaul!
- Discussion on voting for the Hall of Fame inductees will be continued at 1 p.m. today.

Past President Jack Cooper

Just wanted to say Congrats to GSLAD and thanks EB for your successful effort during two years term.

Report of Tournament Chairs:

2010 MAAD/GSLAD Basketball Chair – Sara Rose Smania

I, on behalf of my committee, welcome you all to our GSLAD/MAAD 2010 basketball tournament. We have worked so hard to get where we are today. It would not have happened without the help of our committee and those people who have donated. We truly hope you guys are very excited for this event to happen!! Finally, after 3 years of planning and fundraising, our work has paid off! (hopefully, chuckling!)

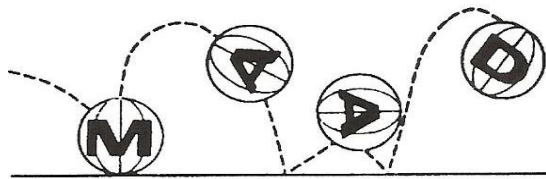
I wanted to elaborate on what will happen throughout our weekend filled with fun and games.

Thursday all events/meetings will be at Sheraton hotel, in Salon A room.

Friday all events/meetings/registration will be at Saint Louis University, Simon Recreation Center.

Parking is free only at Laclede Garage Parking off Grand and Laclede. The registration table will be across the street from the parking garage.

We will have 6 booths, please feel free to check them out, especially DEAF Inc. Booth.



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Hotel parking is \$5.00 for visitor with NO in and out privileges.

\$10.00 self-parking is for the hotel guests with in and out privileges.

The gym floor will open at 2 pm on Friday for practice. Please sign up during the Players Council meeting which will be at 7 pm on Thursday evening. We will have a table where ONLY coaches can sign up! We will limit practice 30 minute per half court!

The games will start at 4pm on Friday and ends around 4pm on Saturday. We will be playing at West Pine Gym for the ladies and gentlemen's championship game, which is just a walk away from Simon Recreation Center.

The banquet room will open at 7pm and ends at midnight. We had a surprise guests for our entertainment. There will be more information to follow later.

We have three different color shirts around here during the tournament. Black shirt is the core committee, yellow is the volunteers, safety green (bright green) shirt is the interpreters. Please feel free to use any of the interpreters.

If you need anything, questions, please ask anybody with black shirt.

No foods and drinks are allowed in the gym. Bell Club/MAAD 2011 softball committee will be selling food outside at the other entrance, please show them your support! (more information is on the other literature about gym rules).

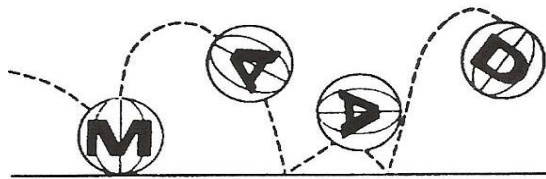
Lastly, let's enjoy your stay here, any questions, please please ask any of my staff, they will be more than happy to assist you with whatever you need!

We are here to help you to have a greattttt, wonderful stay!

2010 OAD/MAAD Softball Chair - Jim Buettner

Omaha Association of the Deaf would like to be clear about the MAAD Softball 2010 Tournament.

O.A.D. is planning the 2010 Softball Tournament, not Sioux City, and it will be in Sioux City because it is in the Midwest Region. Also, yes, O.A.D. is aware of the DeafNation World Expo going on in Las Vegas, Nevada on July 18-23, 2010 with the DeafNation Golf Classic on July 24-26, 2010. However, O.A.D. planned this prior to knowing when DeafNation was going to be in Las Vegas that week/weekend. They had been communicating with the City of Sioux City via vp, in person, and emails before deciding on the dates when the HyVee Ball Park Fields will be available as well as the Holiday Inn meeting rooms.



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- 1) Pets allowed @ fields
- 2) No cooler with pop, food – only jugs allowed
- 3) No outside alcohol allowed
- 4) NO pets allowed @ hotel

*Field and location – 1 entrance only

*Directions/time – 5-10 minutes drive from hotel to fields

*If rain – fields will drain to be ready

*Dugouts have cover

*Concession stand have food, pop, water, and have separate window for selling beer – must stay on fields

*The fields have their own security for alcohol reasons

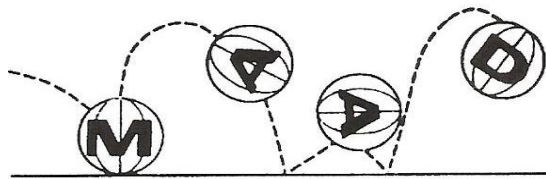
2011 MP/MAAD Basketball Chair – Herman Fuechtmann

1 year ago, I contacted the Bloomington Convention Bureau seeking some help to set up a package for hotel and gymnasium in order to host the event. The reason Bloomington was being considered as the location was because of its close proximity to the airport and the Mall of America. I worked with a contact named Matt Meunier.

Bloomington Jefferson HS had the nicest facility and ample size to host an event like this. The school could not finalize the dates for the tournament and commit the dates and sign the deal. The problem is their school's athletic program is very good and their varsity teams regularly compete in state high school basketball tournaments. If that was the case, then their team takes priority in hosting state playoff games and could bump MAAD to change the dates at the last minute. End of February and early March are when state girls and boys basketball teams play their conference championships and state playoffs. Negotiations were progressing until about 3 months ago when communications became rather infrequent and silent.

I had learned that Matt, on his own, contacted USADB directly and started negotiations with Tom Morrison in order to bring the national deaf basketball tournament at Bloomington.

When I learned about rumors from other people in Minnesota about the possibility of national basketball tournament in Minnesota for 2011, I had hoped it was not true. The reason being was that MinnePaul and MAAD will suffer from loss of business if the same venue is hosting two tournaments in the same year. Local fans are critical to the host for making up most of the revenue and influences the bottom line in profit or a loss. If a tournament is held at the same place less than a month apart, most likely they will choose the "bigger fish". And since MinnePaul is not part of the planning or will not get any profit from the national tournament, MinnePaul would suffer an impact and loss of business.



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I felt betrayed both by USADB and the Bloomington Convention Bureau when USADB made an official announcement that Bloomington, MN has been selected as host for 2011 National basketball tournament. I do not blame Matt Meunier as he was trying to do his job and his job was to bring events to Minnesota in this tough economy. He saw an opportunity to bring in more revenue for local businesses and the Mall of America. I just feel that the timing was bad and would prefer they host it one year later in 2012 instead of one month later.

MinnePaul board seriously considered the idea of cancelling the tournament as host and paying the harsh penalties to MAAD for withdrawing at the last minute. Our board met one month ago and put the question to a vote. We decided to make the sacrifice and continue on with the tournament but to change gears and explore the possibility of hosting at another location. Bloomington is still in contact with Herman and is still trying to convince MinnePaul to make the contract to host MAAD at the same facilities as USADB will use. The question still remained on dates of availability for the gym.

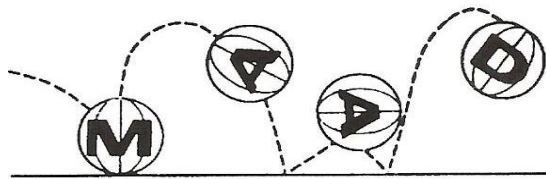
The board proposed that we consider St. Paul as the location for the tournament for two reasons: 1. Thompson Hall Deaf Club is located in St. Paul and can serve as a base headquarters for meetings and events. 2. Metro Deaf School-Minnesota North Star Academy (MDS-MNSA) is a deaf charter school located about 2 miles from the deaf club. It is a few miles away from the 2nd largest mall in the Twin Cities, Rosedale Mall with many stores and restaurants and also a smaller mall called Har Mar Mall.

I have contacted 4 local colleges located in St. Paul and two of them have replied with interest. I scheduled a facility visit in the next two weeks. The issue with colleges is the cost of rental and the availability of the gym during those dates. MDS-MNSA has a new gym built last summer and is our last resort if the colleges cannot provide their location as the site. Next door to MDS-MNSA is Hmong Academy which has a good sized gym and could serve as a place where final round games could be played.

Two hotels nearby have been identified as lodging. Both are under Days Inn and are located on University Avenue running between Minneapolis and St. Paul. Their current costs are reasonably cheap and both have breakfast provided which I feel is very nice feature. We plan to set up contracts with them for a larger discounted group rate. We will do this after the site of the gym is finalized.

Committee:

Herman Fuechtmann- Chair
Ralph Fuechtmann- Vice Chair
Carol Monroe- Treasurer
Jack Graff- Gym/Referees
Jason Smith- Lodging/Awards



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Unfinished Business - None

New Business

EBBB10-01: Herman Fuechtmann moved and was seconded that MAAD send President Paige Thompson-Matzker to the NSAD Board of Directors meeting in Austin, Texas on March 26-28, 2010 @ MAAD's expenses. **PASSED.**

EBBB10-02: Herman Fuechtmann moved and was seconded that MAAD sends President Paige Thompson-Matzker to NDBO meetings on April 21-24, 2010. **PASSED.**

EBBB10-03: Greg Petersen moved and was seconded that MAAD Executive Board authorize Wayne Morse to be our "Acting Treasurer" in this tournament with full voting privileges. **PASSED.**

EBBB10-04: MAAD Executive Board moved and was seconded that we accept Greg Petersen's recommendations on top 4 seeding men's team - Lincoln Blackshirts, MinnePaul "A", CBSC and GSLAD in that order. **PASSED.**

EBBB10-05: Sara Smania moved and was seconded that we, MAAD Executive Board, accept MinnePaul's flyer with corrections. **PASSED.**

EBBB10-06: Sara Smania moved and was seconded that we set up a ADHOC committee to work with CAAD to see if we can merge. **FAILED.**

EBBB10-07: Wayne Morse, acting treasurer, moved and was seconded that to have Alan Hurwitz post humanity Hall of Fame as leadership.

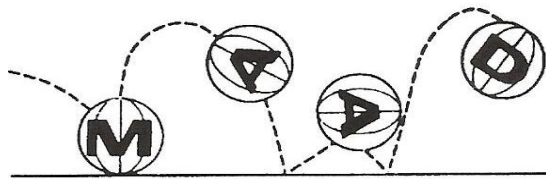
Amend #1: Herman Fuetchmann amended and was seconded to strike "post humanity" and replace with awarded.

Amend #2: Greg Petersen amended and was seconded to refer to Hall of Fame Committee for further study.

Referred to Hall of Fame Committee.

EBBB10-08: Wayne Morse, acting treasurer, moved and was seconded that the budget committee recommendation for MAAD's registration fee structured breakdown to be changed to 7/2/1. **PASSED.**

EBBB10-09: Herman Fuechtmann moved and was seconded that Coach can sign more than 1 team form. **PASSED.**



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Amend #1: Sara Smania amended and was seconded from the same club. **PASSED.**

Motion as whole: Moved and Seconded that Coach can sign more than 1 team form from the same club. **PASSED.**

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Marti Herman

MAAD Secretary