



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Players' Council 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

Tournament Director Greg Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2007

Team Representatives

Men's – Jimmy Beldon (Sioux Falls); Brian Van Bavel (Olathe); Brent Welsch (Omaha);
Steve Corbett (GSLAD); Scott Bradley (Denver SAC)

Coed's – Cindy Morrow (St. Louis Bell Club 'Gold'); Jason Roberts (St. Louis Bell Club
'Blue'); Terry Goldschmitz, (O.I.T.); Dennis Walter (MinnePaul); Matthew Larrison
(Council Bluffs)

Women's – Shirley Corbett (GSLAD); Candice Artegea (Omaha); Mary Van Bavel (Olathe);
Steve Williams (Midwest Runnin' Rebels); Misty Leber (Denver)

Observers

Wayne Morse, Paige Thompson-Matzker, Jeff Eccles and Lorrie Shank (secretary)

Heat Stroke Workshop presented by Charlie Weir, certified sports trainer

- Handed out brochures
- PowerPoint Presentation on Heat Illness

Opening statements

Paige Thompson-Matzker, 2007 GSLAD/MAAD chairperson

- 5 gallon water jug allowed
- No outside water/beverage bottles and food
- BMAC has concession area with A/C and food/drinks
- Teams can bring canopy
- Lost Badge - \$25 fine
- Warned there is a concert Friday night – will hand out maps for different route

Wayne Morse, MAAD Commissioner

- Hope no more rain Friday and Saturday
- Give respect to leave/end play by 6 p.m. on Friday
- Help clean up after yourself
- ENJOY Yourselves!

Tournament Director's Report

Appeals/Grievances

- Received appeal letter from MinnePaul for wrong hat color. Rejected.

CODA/Free agent situation

- Explained two teams have CODA on their roster; cannot play.
- Explained there is a limit for free agent per team

Minimum of twelve (12) players requirement

- Fined Omaha women for 10 players on roster

Rosters – still a problem!

- Encouraged your teams/clubs to please read and follow the instructions.

Friday's round robin schedule

- 55 minute time limit
- BMAC opens at 11 am, start games at 12 noon, must be out of park/end game before 6:00 pm

Saturday's Tournament set-up

- Reviewed brackets
- 75 minute time limit
- BMAC opens at 8 am, games starts at 9:00 am (not 8:00 am as in the past)

Introduction of UIC – John Bell

- Question and Answers by Player Representatives
- Review of ASA Rules

New Business

- Drawing of teams for men's, coed's and women's round-robin schedule
 - Men* - 1) Sioux Falls 2) Omaha 3) St. Louis Roosters 4) Olathe 5) Denver SAC
 - Coed* - 1) Council Bluffs 2) St. Louis Bell Club 'Blue' 3) O.I.T 4) St. Louis Bell Club 'Gold' 5) MinnePaul
 - Women* - 1) Midwest Runnin' Rebels 2) St. Louis Humblebees 3) Omaha Pink Huskeras 4) Olathe 5) Denver SAC
- Seeding in Saturday's tournament play will result from RR play. Brackets will be posted at GSLAD Hall Friday evening after 7 pm.
- Next year's softball tournament (50th anniversary) will be at Council Bluffs. We will follow USSSA softball rules in this tournament. This will be a major change as we have been following ASA since I became Tournament Director. I will do some research and inform you what the major USSSA playing rules are next year.
- Open Discussion
 - Encourage MAAD Host to change their dates before NSAD for 50th Anniversary Softball Tournament
 - Shared concerned that Delegates voted for Labor Day weekend and players didn't know and need to reconsider this.
 - Discussion about CODA – 50/50 would consider allowing
 - Informed Players Representative that Executive Board made a motion to change age – 18 to 17. Suggested to check with hosts' fields what their age limit due to liability. Suggested to write NSAD about lowering their age limit.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm

*Respectively submitted,
Lorrie Shank (Pro-temp Secretary)
Paige Thompson-Matzker*