



# MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

## **MAAD Players' Council Meeting Minutes**

73rd Annual Men's & 31st Annual Women's

William N. Fraser Memorial - Regional Basketball Tournament

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Hosted by GSLAD

Maryland Heights, MO

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Tournament Director Greg Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:15pm on Thursday, March 15, 2018.

### **Roll Call of Players' Representatives:**

Men's: LAD Star City –absent, St. Louis Thunder – Tilman Sims, St. Louis Cyclones – Brian Duncan, Omaha Outlaws –Austin Gaines, Olathe Kings – Lee Taylor, Kansas Creepers – Nathan Jalai  
Women's: Omaha Eagles – Fred Ivins, Iowa Storm –absent, Olathe Blasters – Tiffany McCallum

### **Opening Statements:**

#### **2018 Basketball Chair Marvin Haynes:**

Hi! My name is Marvin Haynes, welcome to St. Louis. Please be sure to stop by registration to register and pick up your badge. Thanks to Greg Petersen for help and advices. Games will be played at Hazelwood West High School gym, Ask committee on door prizes. Gym door 25. See McDonald's, go left, pass elementary school, then High School is right behind. Players go in left while fans go in right side.

#### **MAAD President Barbara Nacarelli:**

Hello, welcome to St. Louis, my name is Barbara. USADB tournament will be on April 12-15. If you have any objections or ideas, let Jonathan Arteaga know because he will represent MAAD. That's all folks. Enjoy and have fun.

**Audiograms** – All Men's are in. Three players are still pending for Women's.

**Head Official (Referee)** – absent

#### **Vice President Jonathan Arteaga:**

Hi, my name is Jonathan. We had our bylaws meeting this morning to clean up.

- 1) Audiograms – there will be a new clause for players with Cochlear Implants.

- 2) Forms – increase to 10 minimum number of players from 8 minimum number of players on team rosters.

Delegates will vote on these two new motions tomorrow.

### **Tournament Director's report:**

- St Louis Thunder, St Louis Cyclones, Olathe Kings, Omaha Eagles and Olathe Blasters are going to USADB.
- USADB asked me to be on their Task Force team. We discussed team registration fees for men and women. Currently, it's \$400 per team. Task Force felt team fee for women should be reduced to attract more women teams to USADB. Discussions were \$450 for men's and \$300 for women's. Greg opened the floor for team reps to discuss the team fees. Majority of team reps disagreed with that idea and felt it should be the same for men and women. Jonathan will share MAAD's opinion at USADB.
- Free Agent - if first time touch MAAD, he/she is required to submit an audiogram or Deaf high school diploma. If played in World Games for the Deaf, he/she shall be accepted automatically.

### **Roster review:**

- All rosters were filled out correctly.
- There is a total of 8 free agents playing at MAAD.
- St. Louis Cyclones were fined \$100 for change of jersey number.

### **Open Forum:**

- Due to more teams sending in their team rosters with a minimum of 8 players, it becomes riskier because some may not be able to go to MAAD due to various reasons. This means team comes to MAAD with 7 players or less.
- Greg showed his proposal with MAAD Board's support
  - After a team submits their team roster to MAAD, that team can add more player(s) at Players Council to make it a total of 12 players if the conditions are met:
    - Players already on roster cannot be replaced.
    - Additional player(s) (including Free Agent (s) must be prepared to show proof of audiogram/diploma (if new to MAAD).
    - Additional player(s) must check in with Tournament Director and Hall of Fame Director prior to start of Players Council and register with host with \$30 fee.

**CARRIED. \*Effective NOW\***

- Master Game Schedule was revealed.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:**

Motion #1 – Omaha moved to change from 6 teams to 7 teams which automatically become pool play.

**CARRIED**

Motion #2 – Kansas Creepers moved to have All Star Game (if there's 8 teams in the division).

- Greg cautioned team reps that it will depend on several factors such as
  - Game schedule
  - Availability of gym hours
  - Number of courts the gym has

**CARRIED**

Motion #3 – Kansas Creepers moved to allow a host to host basketball tournament for two successive years.

**FAILED**

**Team drawings for Pool Play**

Men's

Pool A

- Team 1 – Kansas Creepers
- Team 2 – Olathe Kings
- Team 3 – St. Louis Cyclones

Pool B

- Team 1 – St. Louis Thunder
- Team 2 – Omaha Outlaws
- Team 3 – LAD Star City

Women's

- Team 1 – Omaha Eagles
- Team 2 – Iowa Storm
- Team 3 – Olathe Blaster

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectively submitted,  
Amy Thompson, Secretary