



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, July 9, 2015
Comfort Inn – Olathe, Kansas

President Barbara Nacarelli called the meeting at 7:30pm.

Present: President Barbara Nacarelli, Vice President Honesty Powell, Treasurer (Chairperson) Marti Herman, Board-at-Large Robert Lister, and Tournament Director Greg Petersen.

Absent: Secretary Lorrie Shank

Observers: Jack Cooper, Ann Cooper, Andrew Stone, Chris Heiman

President's report:

*Shared the letter from Hall of Fame Director about stats no longer use in Softball which affect the future HoF inductees

*Discussed about sand volleyball

- Most people would like keep it at Gretna Spikes, will need to send out memos to clubs and see if any suggestions

- Flyer: remove breakfast section, remove deadline date, adjust the fonts/sizes, rules should be separated as can announce it at the Tournament

Vice President's report:

*Still need fix minor changes:

- Lower Host's fees

- "Play for only one team in a tournament" – This does not apply for softball so need to revise that.

- One umpire per game, two umpires during championship for softball

- Discussed about numbers allowed in the dugout. Bylaws stated up to 16 in the dugout, it should be should be 20 for all registered team members to occupy the dugout.

* Golden Glove is not listed under awards. Thus there'll be no Golden Glove awards.

* Board discussed rationale for "This document may be revised by the Softball Players Council at any time which shall be submitted to the Board of Delegates for endorsement at the next Annual Meeting".

a. Tournament Director thought that any decisions made by Players Council stays intact and not need to be submitted to Board of Delegates. That was the original plan without having to submit to delegates. The word 'endorsement' means support or okayed. What if Delegates does not agree to endorse?

Treasurer's report:

*Sand Volleyball - earned \$750.00

*Softball players' fees - \$3,075

*Merrill Lynch – discussed about this, and decided to stay with Merrill Lynch. Marti discussed with Ann Cooper for KAD, and will go from there to use their agent.

Board-at-Large's report: None

Tournament Director's report:

*Shared his report for Players Council Meeting

Two rule changes –

1. no stats during tournament; awards only for 1st – 3rd places
2. one umpire for all games except for championship game which will have two umpires

* Add Ruthless to head Pool B as they were runner-ups last summer

* Shared his 2016 MAAD BB Inspection Report as it was done this morning

1. Gym is inside a dome; easily accessible from I – 35.

Main concern –

- a. Lack of adequate lighting as dome was somewhat dimmed.

Minor concerns –

- a. Lack of seating as there's only three rows bleachers
 - b. No locker room facilities for players
2. Learned from Amy Thompson that Kansas has a rule that does not allow outside groups/organizations to rent gym during academic year. This puts a bind in Amy's quest to find a gym. The dome is a public facility thus not bounded by the rule. Honesty made a suggestion to check out gyms in the MO side (her sister-in-law is a school official in the MO side and can ask for assistance)
 3. Hotel – Comfort Inn; located on Metcalf and I-435.
 - a. has cold/hot breakfast dining area
 - b. has two meeting rooms; one will be used by MAAD. That meeting room has a TV with Wi-Fi capabilities to hook up with laptop
 - c. can use small lounge as registration area
 - d. has other hotels nearby
 4. Overall, gym did not meet for approval due to insufficient lighting. Hotel was approved.

2015 SB Chairperson's report:

*Registration volunteers full, need security for wristbands, etc. All take turns.

*Insurance for tournament – is it really necessary? However, learned that can have own insurance to add tournament (State Farm)

* discussed about bringing back "Waiver of Liability" like in the past player registration NCR form

Open Discussions:

*President supposed to invite the next 3 chairpersons and past presidents to the EB meeting and Wrap up meeting.

* Male/Female Athlete of the Year Award

- Letter was composed and ready to be sent out. Will be sent out in September and followed up again before their winter break. Hopes to receive nominations in February.

*All Star High School Basketball game:

- A lot of logistics to think about to develop, plan, and implement All-Star games
- More outreach for sponsors, follow up after sending letters/emails to schools
- USADB has a larger pool of All-Star candidates for the boys and girls All-Star games while MAAD has a limited pool. Maybe there's not enough seniors to pick from, maybe seniors are not worthy to be

considered for All-Star game. To form an All-Star team, there must be at least 14 boys and 14 girls (to be split up into squad of 7 per team).

- If decide not to set up All Star High School, what to use the Volleyball funds – use as fundraising for MAAD?

*Stats from Softball:

- bring it up in the Players' Council meeting to revisit the motion made

- Board made mistake, that the motions made during Players' Council meetings, must be endorsed at the Annual Meeting by delegates per Bylaws.

- Changes in Bylaws, Players Council still part of the Bylaws, so to change, must go through the Delegates.

- Sponsored awards – how to do this? Gift cards to sports store

-Tournament guidelines need add advices about awards, Board decided need to keep stats.

- Robert Lister move to keep team sportsmanship award effective now. Marti Herman seconded.

Carried

-Discussed about giving something to recognize the team: certification (paper).

- 1 day or 2 days tournament: discussed about this, and can be pending on number of teams registered

- MAAD should send a formal letter to NSAD about teams should go through their regional tournaments before participating in the National. Reason: Bypass and not affiliated with NSAD, hurts the regions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Meeting recorded by Barb Nacarelli