



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Executive Board Meeting Minutes

69th Annual Men's & 27th Annual Women's

William N. Fraser Memorial - Regional Basketball Tournament

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Hosted by Lincoln Association of the Deaf

Country Inn & Suites in Lincoln, Nebraska

Meeting Called to Order

President Lorrie Shank called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2014.

President Lorrie Shank appointed Barbara Nacarelli as pro-tem Secretary.

Roll Call of Elected Executive Board Officers and Appointed Past President:

President Lorrie Shank, Vice-President Richard McCowin, Treasurer Marti Herman, Tournament Director Greg Petersen, Appointed Past President Barbara Nacarelli

Absent: Secretary Joy Alfred

Vacant: Hall of Fame Director

Past Presidents: Jack Cooper

Host Chairs: 2014 Basketball Lynda Collicott and 2014 Softball Chair Curt Anderson

Observers: Ann Cooper, Tony Nacarelli, Robert Lister, Dale Shank, Tami Richardson-Nelson

Correspondences: (letters, information's, etc.) -

- Received Financial Report from 2013 Softball - Faribault Deaf Club
- Host bid from Olathe Club of the Deaf - 2016 Basketball
- Solicitation – letter from Attorney in Minnesota as another person jailed for using MAAD's name

Ratification of chat room/email motions:

I, Greg Petersen, move to donate \$200 from our 2013 MAAD BB Tournament proceeds to WAD to thank them for allowing us to use their hall. Seconded by Richard McCowin" - **CARRIED**

Board voted to pay Attorney Leonard Hall \$2,223.00 for the case against NDBO. (MAAD Treasurer will make a motion of which fund to use for this attorney's fees).

Board voted postponed the High School All-Star games to 2015 (Robert Love voted to keep for 2014 and will continue to work on this event regardless if majority of board voted to postponed).

Board approved Faribault Deaf Club's 2013 MAAD Softball Financial Report and refund the \$500 host bid deposit to MinnePaul.

I, Barbara Nacarelli, move that Robert Love shall be terminated from the position MAAD Hall of Fame by March 3, 2014. Reason: not keeping up with the duties for two years as sworn in at the previous election. Seconded by Marti Herman. **CARRIED**.

MAAD Board moved to accept ratification. Seconded. **CARRIED**

Reports of Officers:

President Lorrie Shank –

- Solicitation –Crosslake, MN- Found 4 people and 3 had been charged for connections with the scam
- NSAD – Attended NSAD Softball Council meeting in Columbia, Maryland and few motions that were made that will affect regions' tournaments.
 - 1) A motion was made that regions are independent of NSAD for one year trial basis which means that regions do not need to follow NSAD's ruling when hosting regional tournament but teams that will play in 2014 NSAD tournament (in Ft Lauderdale, FL) must follow NSAD's bylaws/R&R.
 - *Teams will not be paying NSAD's team registration fees (\$125) for 2014
 - *Regions will not pay affiliation fees for 2014
 - *Teams that are going to 2014 NSAD Tournament will paying higher team entry fees
 - 2) Wyoming is now considered as free state for NSAD only
 - 3) MAAD's proposal for St. Louis metro on Illinois side was 'dead' with CAAD stating will sue NSAD and MAAD if this motion is passed.
 - 4) MAAD's proposal on 'Tournament Planning Committee' is passed but NSAD Board not taken action on this for 2015 NSAD Tournament
 - 5) Must be at least 18 yrs old – due to insurance liability
- USADB – Attended Retreat and House of Delegates meetings in King of Prussia, PA.
 - 1) SEAAD still on suspension due not paying \$1,400 (\$100 per team in 2011)
 - 2) Allow Puerto Rico to play as under US Territory and allow Canada to play in Division II
 - 3) Allow Pro players as their risk to follow their contracts or not
 - 4) Future USADB Tournament in MAAD region in 2016 (more likely Denver area)
- NDBO – Case closed with no win/lost status
- Still want to try again for Beach Volleyball as it was cancelled in 2013 due to many conflicts with other events?
- AD-HOC Committee – 2014 MAAD Softball (see rules under Special Committee in Board of Delegate's meeting minute)
- Joy Alfred sent a certificated letter to Robert Love, notifying him of his termination. It was unclaimed, however, he did read our emails so he knows.
- Richard McCowin will represent MAAD at USADB in North Carolina.

Vice President Richard McCowin –

It has been almost a year since the new MAAD Bylaws and Organization Documents Manual has become effective with understanding that the Fiscal Policies are still pending. Yeah, We, MAAD Board members, had been experienced seeing some conflicts and loopholes in the Documents Manual. Here are some of the conflicts/loopholes below:

1. Basketball Host paying lodging and transportation expenses while Softball Host does not pay at all. We, the board members, have expressed concerned that this may cause Club Members to refuse to bid basketball host in the future. So it is important to bring this up to discuss and solve at MAAD Board of Delegates meeting in Lincoln this March.
2. Fiscal Policies - MAAD Treasurer Marti Herman and the Budget Committee continue working to update Fiscal Policies. We will learn more about this at the Delegates' Roundtable and at the Board of Delegates meeting.
3. We know that there will be the new transition for Tournament Director and Hall of Fame Director from MAAD Board to the positions of directors alone. Now, who will be responsible for reimburse the expenses of both directors. Should the Host be responsible for that? or MAAD board? So we need to bring it up and discuss at the meetings again.

4. The MAAD Board wants to remind the delegate that the AD-HOC committee had decided for 2014 MAAD Softball tournament since regions are no longer affiliated with NSAD. **Important info:** This will NOT be put in manuals/guidelines as this is a one year trail basis and if NSAD decided to continue to be independent of regions after NSAD Softball Council in August then next year, we can put in MAAD's manuals/guidelines.
5. Considering that there will be open to "clean-up" motions for MAAD Organizations Documents (not Bylaws) only during the Board of Delegates meeting in Lincoln. The Law Committee Chair will provide the suggestions/recommendations to the delegates via email correspondences before MAAD Basketball Tournament in Lincoln and they will be reviewed at the Delegates' Roundtable and will be discussed and voted at the Board of Delegates meeting.
6. Greg Petersen asked me to inspect the hotel last fall. I came and inspected this hotel which offers free breakfast and wifi.

Most important of all, I want to thank all members of Law Committee for their time during my term as Vice President and also to MAAD board members for their support.

Secretary Joy Alfred - Absent

Treasurer Marti Herman –

Welcome everyone to 2014 MAAD Basketball in Lincoln!

- ✓ Collected 10 Club Membership forms and checks for the year of 2014. Only 1 Club was fine for passing the deadline. Thanks to those who renewed! We've lost 2 Clubs which are Columbia and Sioux City.
- ✓ Collected 6 teams' registration forms. There are 4 men and 2 women teams. There's only 1 independent team – Omaha women team. There are 71 players and coaches participating in the games.
- ✓ Worked on 2013 Annual Financial Report and will meet with 3 auditors in Lincoln.
- ✓ Host Bids – where to put fines, need move to General Funds. Will discuss with auditors.
- ✓ Budget committee suggested new ideas for the transactions, and where to find them.
- ✓ Discussed about Financial Appendix in the Bylaws for the budget.
- ✓ Tournament Fee \$1,000.00 – explained that it is for MAAD operating fee.
- ✓ MAAD Logo options – chose two designs
- ✓ Attorney's fees - which fund to use for this attorney's fees.

Hope you all will enjoy your stay in Lincoln and may the best team win & represent our MAAD region well at USADB in NC!! Good luck AND Have fun!! ☺

Tournament Director Greg Petersen –

Welcome to Lincoln for 2014 MAAD Basketball Tournament!

I want to extend my thanks to LAD for hosting this tournament as it's time for member clubs to take a more active role in MAAD to host the tournament.

The registered number of teams for this weekend's tournament is 4 men teams and 2 women teams. I'm saddened to see that we are steadily losing teams. What happened to the good ole' days of MAAD with many teams?!? Since I became Tournament Director in 2003, I wanted to share the number of teams in basketball during my tenure as TD.

MAAD BB History

Number of teams in each tournament

<u>Year/Tournament site</u>	<u>Number of Men & Women</u>
2003 GSLAD (St. Louis)	10/5
2004 Sioux Falls	8/5
2005 Denver	8/5
2006 Kansas City	8/4
2007 Omaha	10/4
2008 Sioux Falls	11/4
2009 Lincoln	7/3
2010 GSLAD (St. Louis)	7/3
2011 MinnePaul	8/4
2012 Sioux City (MAAD)	9/2
2013 Wichita (MAAD)	6/3
2014 Lincoln	4/2

With such a low number of teams this year, I sought feedbacks from the Men and Women coaches. This time, we will use a different format to allow men teams to be able to play more games to get their time and travel worthwhile.

Good luck to our 4 men and 2 women teams as they strive to play their best in this tournament and to have fun!

Hall of Fame Director – (vacant)

Appointed Past President Barbara Nacarelli –

Hello and welcome to Lincoln! Kudos to Lincoln Association of the Deaf for their hard work to make this weekend a successful and fun weekend for you all.

I do not really have much to share as MAAD Past President for the last two years. I'll be honest here that I have not really participate much and can't make any excuses. I can say that I've appreciated the MAAD Board's hard work to make the new changes, and making the transaction smoothly from old to new Bylaws, teamwork, supporting each other as well as team members and fans. They had worked hard to listen and do best they can to make everyone happy without bending the Bylaws. Really Impressive and Proud of them and MAAD overall!!! MAAD Rocks and yet still remain strong regardless of how many teams. Keep it up!

Have a great weekend and Good Luck to the teams.

Reports of Past Presidents and Chairpersons:

Past President Jack Cooper - None

2014 Basketball Chair Lynda Collicott –

Welcome to Lincoln, Nebraska, home of the Nebraska Cornhuskers! It feels so surreal to be here again 5 years later hosting this basketball tournament. I have enjoyed planning this tournament, but am saddened that there are only 6 teams here to play. Something needs to be done and this was discussed during the Executive Board meeting. North Star High School is one mile from the hotel, which will make it much easier to get to and back from. Attached to the hotel is the Beacon Hills restaurant which has good food and is convenient for everyone. For those that are staying here at Country Inn Suites, breakfast is free, so be sure to enjoy the food.

The Boys State Championship is at the Arena in downtown; It is also Lent week and please be patient with restaurants, as some places may be packed because of this.

- DNO at Beacon Hills, but another person is also having DNO at Spikes so it's up to you if you want to go to Beacon Hills which is attached to Country Inn Suites which is MAAD's headquarters, or to Spikes. Sorry for the confusion, as it was not my intention.

We will have a 3-point competition on Saturday based on the results of Women's games, while waiting for statistics.

North Star High School is a non-smoking facility so for those that smoke, you have to go off the property to do so. Please respect the rules and don't smoke on the property. If you are caught, we are not liable for the repercussions brought on by North Star staff. No pop or food in the gym at all times. We are selling food, and there are tables close by to sit down and eat at on both Friday and Saturday. The gym is open at 3pm for those that want to practice before the games that start at 4 on Friday. On Saturday, we open at 7:30 am for everyone to come in and get ready for games at 8am.

May the best men/women's team win! You are all winners in my book!

2014 Softball Chair Curt Anderson –

Hello! We are so excited to have our 2014 MAAD softball tournament in Brookings this year. The date is on June 19th-21st, 2014. We have 5 fields to use at Southbrook Softball Diamond in Brookings, SD. Even better, there is no softball league game on Friday night. City is flexible if we need lights. If we use lights, then we will have to pay extra charge. We can start after 1pm until TBD, then all day on Saturday from 8am to TBD. As of the census of 2010, there were 22,056 populations in Brookings. It's not big city as others. ☺

Headquarter hotel is at Brookings Days Inn. It's approximately 3 miles from headquarter hotel to softball fields. The direction is very easily. The map will be shown in near future. The Brookings Days Inn provided a nice restaurant, Ground Round Bar and Grill. Also, they have arcade game room, ping pong table, and swimming pool with small slide and hot tub. Based on per night each is \$81.90. I need to ask Nancy who is in charge from Brookings Days Inn about persons per room. I need to be clarified from her.

Meeting Room – It located in middle of hotel and our meeting room is in southeast of middle room. It's on the first floor.

The combo is \$15.00 from present until May 1st. \$20.00 from May 2nd to June 18th, and \$25 at the door. Please write the check payable to SFAD. If you want to purchase combo ticket now, then you may see me (Curt), or Nick Huntimer. If you have any questions, please contact me at sfadprez@gmail.com.

Balls and bats must meet ASA! Looking forward to see you all there!

Grievances – None

Unfinished Business –

NDBO - Case is now closed as no win/lose status.

New Business – None

Announcements – None

Adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Barbara Nacarelli as pro-tem secretary