

Vice President McCowin's Report on USADB meetings

I had attended the USADB Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 1 pm. All regional representatives showed up there with some members of USADB Board. USADB Deputy Commissioner and USADB Public Relations Director were not able to be there due to personal reasons. There were items of the meeting agenda discussed below:

- 1) There was a closed session regarding SEAAD Issue. The SEAAD representatives were given one hour limit for their presentation about their allegations against USADB. It began at 1:30pm and ended at 2:30pm. They had demonstrated the list of allegations/evidences against USADB. The SEAAD threatened to sue USADB if the case against SEAAD would be dissolved or dismissed. At the end of the presentation, USADB decided to not respond back so they needed more time to investigate SEAAD's allegations against USADB. The top concern for USADB was where USADB could get money for legal action. McCowin suggested that USADB could contact National Association of the Deaf's Law and Advocacy Center for legal advice whether it is worth to take the legal action or not. No service fee from NAD. USADB Commissioner Christina Costello will check.
- 2) Audiogram issue in SWBAD – The Executive Committee agreed that the issue should be taken care of by SWBAD – not by USADB. The problem was that SWBAD did not keep records for every player so USADB could not solve that kind of problem.
- 3) 25th Women's Anniversary Program – USADB wanted to celebrate the women's 25th anniversary during USADB Basketball Tournament next year. They had not found someone to take the chairpersonship for that special event. Christina would like to collect the history of women's basketball events from each regional organization like MAAD. She already emailed this to the regional presidents. Also there was needed to help fundraising for the event.
- 4) Youth Director/East-West All Stars Coordinator – USADB was still looking for a person to be the Youth Director/East-West All Stars Coordinator. The important job the Youth Director needs to focus on is to have a Summer Deaf Basketball Camp for high school students. Vance Rewolinski was the current East-West All Stars coordinator and he planned to retire soon.
- 5) Registration Forms – completing the forms correctly – USADB recommend that each regional president explains how to fill out 2 different forms correctly in a regional's vlog – one form for player's information and another one for team/uniform information.
- 6) Women's Teams – open up rules? – The question was that a women's team should play free anywhere – not have to be in their regional tourney. USADB suggested that they needed to find someone to be women's tournament director. The director could develop the survey to be posted at the Facebook.
- 7) Region Disaffiliation – Discussion on pros & cons was postponed to the next day (Wednesday morning).
- 8) Insurance – It was \$25 per player per year.
- 9) ROI (Return on Investments) – The site of 2015 USADB Basketball Tournament would be somewhere in Bay Area (California – could be San Jose, San Francisco, Oakland, or Fremont). They still were looking for the gym. The site of 2016 USADB Basketball Tournament would be in Kansas City – not in Denver. Christina will contact Barb Nacarelli.
- 10) Sponsorships – Discussion was postponed to the next day.
- 11) Tournament Director (bylaws funding) – Discussion was postponed to the next day.
- 12) Executive Committee referrals (not doing job) – Discussion was postponed to the next day.

- 13) Review and prepare any new motions – Discussion was postponed to the next day.
 - 14) USADSD Report and motions for HoD – Discussion was postponed to the next day.
 - 15) DBO (Deaf Basketball Organization – group of basketball referees) situations – DBO wanted USADB to pay \$60 per game but USADB preferred the local (Concord, NC) rate of \$45 per game. Still negotiating...
 - 16) CAAD/CBAD and motions for HoD – making a motion to authorize Board/EC to recognize and approve the agreement between CAAD and CBAD before 2015 USADB HoD without the delegates' approval. If CAAD and CBAD not working out together, USADB will recognize CBAD as the independent organization. I had learned that MAAD and CAAD were only organizations that recognize the clubs rather than its own players. CBAD joined the other regional organizations to recognize players' wishes.
 - 17) Seeding – a) Teams jumping across division? b) Bracket vs Pool Play/Round Robin – when to use? USADB talked about women's teams but dropped out the discussion.
 - 18) Form Changes – The discussion was postponed to the next day.
- The meeting was adjourned about 5:15pm.

The Executive Committee meeting was resumed on Wednesday, April 9 around 9 am.

- 7) Region Disaffiliation - Talked about SEAAD but no further discussion.
- 10) Sponsorships – USADB established a committee that focus improving USADB website because most sponsors would look at the USADB website rather than talk directly to USADB officers when they receive the request for sponsorship from USADB.
- 11) Tournament Director (bylaws funding) – USADB agreed that the Tournament Director must be reimbursed for hotel and transportation expenses during a national basketball tournament.
- 12) Executive Committee referrals (not doing job) – Christina expressed disappointment that many referrals were not done. We discussed about the future retreat some day.
- 13) Review and prepare any new motions for HoD meeting –
 - deaf referee organization – DBO – the rates – \$45 instead \$60.
 - associate membership – those who are not players or officer of the national or regional organization.
 - membership dues -
 - Associate member of USA Deaf Sport Federation (not clear what was the purpose for)
- 14) USADSD Report and motions for HOD (it was misspelled USADSD – correct spelling – USADSF) and the motion was about the associate member –
- 18) Forms Changes :
 - a. Basic Registration Guidelines need address to mail forms to.
 - b. Team form need date signed for each person on roster.
 - c. Forms deadlines?

We suggested that USADB contact each regional president to inform club and independent teams to make voice and vote on these changes.

The meeting was adjourned about 11:30am.

On the same day, I attended the House of Delegates at 1 pm and found myself lost in the meeting procedure because of different parliamentary process. Most of the motions regarding to Bylaws were already referred to Law Committee without discussing or explaining why each motion was made. I did not have time to write down what each motion was all about. However, I knew that MAAD would get the minutes of that meeting later. I saw nothing major change within USADB structure.

I recalled that all officers were re-elected by ACL except Treasurer. The Region of the Year (2014) was NEAAD.

Future Tournament Host Regions

2015 NWBAD (California)

2016 MAAD (Missouri)

2017 NEAAD (Mass)

2018 FAAD

2019 CBAD (men's 75th anniv. in Ohio)

Coaches Meeting would start at 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned by 5pm.

Submitted by,

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