



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Executive Board Meeting Minutes

74th Annual Men's & 32nd Annual Women's

William N. Fraser Memorial - Regional Basketball Tournament

Thursday, March 7, 2019 Hosted by MAAD

Family Diner/Trucker Inn, Faribault, MN

Meeting Called to Order

President Barbara Nacarelli called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Roll Call:

Elected Executive Board Officers: President Barbara Nacarelli, Vice-President (Vacant), Secretary Amy Thompson, Treasurer Marti Herman, Board-at-Large Mack Weyers and Tournament Director Greg Petersen.

Appointed: HoF Director Tami Richardson-Nelson

Past Presidents: Wayne Morse

Host Chair: 2019 Basketball Chairperson-Davey Olson and Co-chairperson, Wayne Morse

Observers: Andrew Stone and Jeff Eccles

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

1. Rec'd email from Derek Bombeck with Lincoln CVB asking if we are having any events in future in Lincoln.

Ratification of chat room/email motions:

- 1) motion to terminate President Barbara and Vice President Jonathan, failed.
- 2) 10/16/2018: motion to terminate Vice President, Jonathan Arteaga. Passed with majority vote.

Reports of Officers:

President Barbara Nacarelli –

Welcome to MAAD's 74th Annual Men and 32nd Annual Women William N. Fraser Memorial Basketball Tournament in Faribault, Minnesota with 8 men teams and 5 women teams. ****KUDOS**** This is the first time to host Basketball in Faribault as the last time hosted in Minnesota is the 66th annual Men's and 24th annual women's in 2011 in St. Paul, Minnesota with 8 men teams and 4 women teams. Pretty much same, and that's great!!!

MAAD Board is very pleased with Wayne Morse and Davey Olson for their volunteered time to help make this tournament happen. When you see them, please do take a moment to thank them! Thank you, Wayne and Davey!!!

We want to focus on how to improve MAAD with the tournaments that MAAD had to host when clubs did not want to host. We had tried reducing rates, however, need to be careful not to make it too low as we need to cover expenses for the officers, place to have meetings, and places to hold the tournaments as well as to satisfy everyone. There is always room to improve and grow, there is no stopping us as we don't quit. Please help each other and clubs to grow, communicate with each club, brainstorm ideas, and many more. MAAD is still the strongest region in this nation.

I checked with each region to gather information on how many teams each have:

CAAD ~ 12 men and 3 women

EAAD ~ 11 men and 4 women

FAAD ~ 6 men 0 women

MAAD ~ 8 men 5 women

NEAAD ~ 3 men and 0 women

NWADB ~ 6 men 4 women

SEAAD ~ 16 men 2 women

SWBAD ~ 10 men 2 women

I see that MAAD is not alone as all regions struggle with the numbers of teams. We all still keep our tournaments running, which is good. Speaking of CAAD, one of their officers contacted me regarding to a motion that was made within our EB meeting via emails about removing an officer. It was an unfortunate they decided to remove their President due to their dissatisfaction of his duties and actions. Please respect CAAD and let them take care of it.

USADB is hosting their tournament in Noblesville, Indiana on April 10th-13th, with the meetings for representatives on Wednesday, April 10th, and games start on Thursday, April 11th to Saturday, April 13th. Teams who are going, are strongly encouraged to attend the TRC meeting, because it does impact your teams as well as your regional tournaments.

Kala Hargans want to be involved in MAAD but I had to explain that she need to have a club affiliated to MAAD. She will work with SAC to see if she can get SAC to affiliated with MAAD.

You all are more than welcome to email the Executive Board at any time for any concerns or questions, and please give us time to review, and respond as much as we can. The turnaround time for responding emails should not be more than 3 days. Thank you and let's have fun. Best of luck to the teams.

Vice President (Vacant)- none

Secretary Amy Thompson -

- Sent out club membership renewal in September 2018 to club members.
- Sent out registration information for 2019 Basketball to clubs and posted in Facebook and website in December 2018.
- Sent out Delegate's form in December 2018 and Bylaws to the clubs in February 2019.
- Explained about Delegate Form that have 'Fax or scanned emails will not be accepted' but in the bylaws, page 6, Article 5 stated that scanned copies of the original signed forms will be accepted. Asked to approve Secretary to revised to remove that from Delegates Form effective immediately. PASSED.
- Went through the Vice President flash drive, it's BIG mess. It's not organized by the year or anything. Asked board officers to give me one year to get all of those cleaned up along with scanning all totes into the flash drive before the next election. PASSED.
- Completely with scanning all old minutes meeting in the flash drive and it's down to only 1 box from 3!
- Asked Barbara about the website by using google that Paige emailed me and was confused due to not share with the board.

Treasurer Marti Herman –

Welcome everyone to 2019 MAAD Basketball in Faribault, Minnesota! Much appreciation goes to Davey Olson and Wayne Morse, MAAD liaison, for their hard work in the planning and coordinating of this exciting tournament. They wanted to ensure that your stay at MAAD is a successful, enjoyable and memorable event. I have truly enjoyed working with them! MAAD would not be successful if it's not for them. So, please do give them your regards and say thanks to them for hosting basketball tournament in this lovely, cold state of Minnesota (my second home)!!

- Collected 12 club membership renewal forms and checks for the year of 2019. Many thanks to those who have renewed or joined a new member of MAAD!
- Collected 13 teams' registration forms. There are 8 men and 5 women teams. Only one independent team and 12 club teams.
- Worked on 2019 Annual Financial Report and will meet with 3 auditors on Thursday evening.

I hope you all will enjoy your stay in Faribault and may the best team win; represent our MAAD region well at USADB! Good luck AND Have fun!! Also, please drive home safely wherever you go in the weather condition! Stay warm!

Delegate-at-Large Mack Weyers –

Welcome to MAAD Basketball Tournament in Faribault, Minnesota! First of all, I wanted to say thank you for making this happen you've both put your efforts and your time to work together and was happy to hear that everything went well. I am extremely looking forward to see everyone and hope that we will make the best memories and history here at MAAD! Only one thing to remember, don't let the weather stop us!

After we were done with softball tournament in Ames, Iowa last summer, we were already knew that it was a long way to wait until the next basketball tournament and then when the time gets closer

and closer, we all get so excited because of MAAD! MAAD is the best place to enjoy our times to play some ball, to see old and meet new friends, socialization and show a lot of supports and respects. Never been a dull of moment and nothing can beat that! Love that quote! Since a year has gone by so fast, I've been really enjoyed being as a Board at Large. I am still new and learning new everyday from MAAD. Thanks to everyone in the board team for being patience with me and be willing to listen of what I need to learn. I wanted to help and improve MAAD in the future and am very proud to be part of this wonderful team! I've noticed there are some improvements or need to improve since the last meeting we met in Ames, Iowa.

- Communication - Been doing that via emails, Zoom, Marco Polo. Improved!

- Board duties – Need to work on the monthly guidelines and deadlines for what they need to do to complete their duties.

In addition, I would like to add new thing for MAAD. We need to do more vlogs for MAAD's website and Facebook to summarize from the bylaws to clarify for the players or coaches that they want to see. For an example, what are the most common questions they've asked. Perhaps, add "Frequently asked" on the menu on the website so people can check it out so this way it won't be repeated. I highly strongly encourage more teams to go to USADB. We need to show them more noticeable from MAAD.

Have fun, be safe and good luck to all players and coaches!!

Tournament Director Greg Petersen –

Welcome to 2019 MAAD at Faribault! I'm elated to see 8 men and 5 women teams participating in another fun-filled tournament weekend. Hats off to Davey Olson and Wayne Morse for working with MAAD Board and I to plan this tournament. I also want to thank the local Deaf community of Faribault and nearby cities to provide manpower to run this tournament. Men will play in 8 teams bracket with 4 teams from last year's MAAD BB tournament being seeded #1 – 4. Women teams will play in Pool Play to determine their seedings for Saturday's 5 teams bracket. Play your best to represent MAAD!

Greg shared his TD report via PPT such as

- Roster reviews – two teams were fined \$100 apiece for change of jersey numbers
- Had Open Forum to discuss some issues
- Audiograms/HS diplomas – need to find a better system to collect them on time; rather than getting them at Players Council
- HS Diplomas from mainstreamed HS should be deleted. Rationale – it's hard to prove that a public school does have a Deaf program.
- 55 dB was discussed. Should we follow the same language used by USADB?
- Delete the word 'independent' from 'Any new independent team shall not be 'seeded'. Any new team (club or independent) shall not be seeded.
- Prizes – many players do not care for plaques/trophies. Will address that in Players Council tonight.

Reports of Past Presidents:

Lorrie Shank-

Welcome to Faribault! Thank you to all officers, delegates, team players/coaches, chairpersons and volunteers for keep MAAD strong! Best of lucks to all teams in the tournament and may the best teams win to play in USADB tournament.

Wayne Morse

Welcome to MAAD, Faribault, MN! Want to thanks to Davey Olson to be my other chairperson! Very appreciate it very much. As he lives here in Faribault while I live about 45 minutes away to drive along with the weather, it have become more difficult. We originally plan to have tournament in Rochester, MN but it was hard to get in touch with the people there. They have many AAU tournament going on and so many gyms is booked. So I decided to try Faribault and got the gym! They do have wifi, username is guest and password is guest. One policy – FHS is tobacco free campus so do NOT smoke on the school property. When you arrive to the FHS, be sure to enter door with #3 on it. Warning you that FHS have one way entrance and other way to exit. With Referees situation, we had hard time finding the referees until two week ago, Paul have blessed MAAD with 12 officials! Court #1 and #2 is one same court and #3 is in other gym as standard size court. Please keep the locker room clean!

Reports of Special Committee:

Hall of Fame Director Tami Richardson-Nelson

Welcome to the 74rd Annual Men's and 32 St Annual Women's Basketball Tournament. It is awesome to be here for the Tournament this weekend. The value that MAAD has in the Deaf Community is one that has long been looked up to for many years. It is hoped this will stand strong for many more years to come.

Members of the HoF committee are:

Jack/Ann Cooper

Richard McCowin

Sue Held

Lorrie Shank

Matt Teter

There are 16 MAAD Hall of Fame (HoF) inductees this year.

Loretta Derby - Leadership

Jeremy Rud - Athletic

Stephen Coppock - Leadership

Timothy Miller - Leadership

Judith Litchfield – Leadership – with permission, post on facebook

Rene Schoeffler - Athletic

Tracy Waddell (Deceased) – Leadership/Athletic

Paul Hayenga - Athletic

William Forst - Athletic
Brock Maelzer - Athletic
Kenny Walker – Athletic
Michael Mnich - Athletic
Alan Kayser - Leadership
Dave Hocker - Athletic
Justin Buckhold - Leadership
Walter Neill – Leadership

Congratulations to each of the inductees. This is a true representation of what MAAD has stood for and what MAAD is known for.

We are now moving forward to storing the HoF data in the cloud/website. This will streamline the work to manage the Audiograms/Database. We are still cleaning/updating the Database currently. It is a work in progress. In the future documents such as the past program books – will be viewable on the website at some point.

Secretary reports – program books – scan all old books and add to the archive in website. Greg and Tami work on audiograms. Tami will add that. Will announce HoF after Mens Championship game to give Greg more time to prepare the awards.

Enjoy this tournament, enjoy the old/new friendship and be safe in your travels.

Reports of Tournament Chairs:

2019 Basketball Chairperson – Davey Olson and Wayne Morse

Many thanks to Davey Olson for his wonderful works with Wayne. Very good with communication.

2020 Softball Chairperson – MAAD

The park is completely newly renovated! It has five lighted, fully-irrigated fields together in one park including concession (even sells beer!) & Observation Pavilion (its covered, shade structures and oversees the fields - kinda almost like Mid-America Sport Complex), playground, shelters and next to lake views (Mack, Don't even think about fishing there!). Also, Golf Course and Campground are also nearby too!! My thoughts, perfect for families to have campground there (ha) but not sure if its fully reserved or not due to Labor Day weekend.

This Park was founded by Frank White Jr. (Former Royals baseball player) and the supervisor will let him know about us and he will try to visit our tournament!

Date: August 30 (Friday) - September 2 (Monday - Labor Day)

Field Cost - \$300 per day (entire complex)

Umpires cost - \$22.50 each

Field light cost - \$20 per hour

Softball Affiliation - USSSA

Type of soil - Arga-lime surface (YES!!!!!! We need that as no worry about the rain as it will dries quickly!!!) and grass outfield

Size of fields - 300" all five fields

Fences - Fully fenced fields

Dugouts - Yes and covered

Field Crews stay all day and each day for prep fields - yes

Scoreboards - Operates electronically by Umpire (This will be new brand one as they would like to practice using that before other big organization tournament after ours)

Scoreboards table - None but MAAD provides table, chair and canopy

Bleachers for fans - Yes and shade structures over bleachers

Concession stand - yes and run and retain all revenue (include beer, of course! However, we are not allow to bring alcohol inside the park from parking lot.

Restroom facilities - Yes

Water faucet for teams only to fill up water coolers - Yes

Playground - Yes

Have room for TD and Boards - yes

Easy accessible road to the Park - Yes and very easy distance from hotel to park as well

How many gates? - Only one! Perfect for registration and they will not take our sales as it is our tournament!

Golf cart? - Yes

Appeals/Grievances – One received 03/07/2019, will discuss after the tournament.

Recess to call special meeting from 4:45 to 5:00pm

Unfinished Business – none

New Business –

BBEB2019-01: I, Barbara Nacarelli (Greg) move that Hall of Fame Director shall set up cloud/website for MAAD's audiograms with permission authorized to Hall of Fame Director and Tournament Director.

Amend #1: I, Marti Herman (Mack Weyers) amend to add Deaf high school diploma. **PASSED.**

Amend #2: I, Marti Herman (Mack Weyers) amend to allow HOF director to work with the Vice President for bylaws revisions. **PASSED.**

AS WHOLE: I, Barbara Nacarelli (Greg Petersen) move that Hall of Fame Director shall set up cloud/website for MAAD's audiograms and Deaf High School diploma with permission authorized to Hall of Fame Director and Tournament Director. Also to allow HoF Director to work with the Vice President for bylaws revisions.

PASSED.

BBEB2019-02 – I, Marti Herman (Greg) move that MAAD buy its own LCD for future meeting by using MAAD Home Office Fund in the range of price for \$300-500.

Amend #1: I, Amy Thompson (Mack), amend that Secretary is responsible to take care of the LCD.

PASSED

As whole: I, Marti Herman move that MAAD buy its own LCD for future meeting by using MAAD Home Office Fund in the range of price for \$300-500. And Secretary is responsible to take care of the LCD. **PASSED**

BBEB2019-03: I, Amy Thompson (Marti Herman) move to assigned Mack Weyers as a 2019 Softball Chairperson.

PASSED.

Announcements – none

Adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Amy Thompson, Secretary