



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Players' Council Meeting Minutes

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

William N. Fraser Memorial - Regional Basketball Tournament

Thursday, March 7, 2019

Faribault, MN

Meeting Called to Order

Tournament Director Greg Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:15pm on Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Roll Call of Players' Representatives:

Men's: LAD Star City – Mack Weyers, St. Louis Thunder – Tilman Sims, Dakota Wolves – Curt Barsness, Omaha Outlaws – Fred Ivins, Midwest Ballers – Nathan Jalai, FDC – Jason Branden, and SKOL Minnesota – Tehawn Edwards

Women's: Omaha Eagles – Kensie Channon, Iowa Storm – Jeff Dahle, FDC Minnesota – Ronda Jo Donatucci, Olathe Blasters – Lee Taylor, and FDC MinnePaul – Laura SkyWest

Opening statements were given by

- **2019 Basketball Co-Chairs Wayne Morse & Davey Olson**
- **MAAD President Barbara Nacarelli**

Audiograms – There are few players left that need to submit proof of audiogram or Deaf school diploma for both Men's and Women's.

Additional players – This is first time we will allow late signees with certain rules applies such as

- Team has 12 players or less.
- Can't replace players unable to come to MAAD.
- Must have proof ready to submit
- Pay \$30

Head Official (Referee) – Paul Viznia provided answers to questions from team reps.

Acting Vice President Amy Thompson:

- 1) Amy shared with team reps that there will be many motions to be voted on in Delegates meeting tomorrow morning. Some will affect Basketball and Softball Rules and Regulations.

Tournament Director's report:

- Greg announced dates and sites of two national Deaf basketball tournaments.

USADB at Indianapolis, IN on April 11 – 13, 2019.

NDBO at San Antonio, TX on June 6 – 8, 2019.

- Five teams indicated on their team rosters that they intend to participate at UDADB.
Men - St Louis Thunder, Olathe Kings, SKOL Minnesota
Women – FDC Minnesota, Olathe Blasters

Roster review:

- All rosters were filled out correctly.
- There is a total of 7 Men free agents & 12 Women free agents playing at MAAD.
- Two teams were fined \$100 for changes of jersey numbers.

Master Schedule:

- Men will begin bracket play due to having 8 teams.
- Women will do Pool Play Friday evening to determine seedings for Saturday's bracket play.

Additional comments:

- No All Star game this weekend due to tight game schedule.
- Last year's BB Players Council voted to increase from 6 to 7 teams to do the Pool Play. Greg cautioned them that it's not possible to have 'balanced' pool play due to odd number of teams; thus will tweak to make the system work.

Open Forum:

- Encouraged team reps to cooperate better to send in their required documents (audiograms & Deaf school diplomas) in advance instead of at Players Council. Consequences were discussed if a player failed to submit his/her proof in advance (prior to Players Council) – 1. be suspended from first game or 2. be fined. Discussion followed. No definite action was proposed.
- Transcripts from 'mainstreamed' schools are hard to verify due to HIPAA if that high school does have a Deaf program. Greg proposed to delete the word 'mainstream' from the sentence. Discussion followed. Players Council endorsed this.
- Language on 55 dB hearing loss
Right now, MAAD says 55dB or greater in BOTH ears. USADB says 55 dB or greater in the better ear. Greg showed samples of audiograms to explain the difference in 'better ear' and 'worse ear'. Discussion followed.
- 'No new, independent team shall be seeded' – Greg pointed out that this sentence says only for independent teams, what about new club teams? Discussion followed. Players Council endorsed to remove the word 'independent'. Now, it says 'Any new team' shall not be seeded.
- Awards/trophies/prizes – nowadays, players are not interested in trophies or awards. Discussion followed. Players Council endorsed to have cash prizes for individual award winners with Certificate of Participation.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Motion #1 – FDC MinnePaul moved to revise our 55dB statement to follow USADB’s language.

Referred to Delegate’s Meeting for adoption.

Motion #2 – Midwest Ballers moved to remove the word ‘independent’ from “Any new, independent team shall not be seeded.

New language “Any new team (club or independent) shall not be seeded’.

CARRIED

Motion #3 – Omaha Eagles moved to allow women to play in more than one regional tournament.

REFERRED to Board (Greg will follow up with USADB how this can be resolved)

Motion #4 – Midwest Ballers moved to add 3 games guarantee in bracket play of 8 teams or higher.

CARRIED

Motion #5 – FDC MinnePaul move to remove \$100 fine for changes of jersey numbers until finalized before first game starts.

REFERRED to Board (Greg will follow up with USADB how this can be resolved)

Motion #6 – Olathe Blasters moved that MAAD allow one (1) CODA female player to play on a women’s team. Amendment: one CODA player from within MAAD region

As whole – MAAD allow one (1) CODA female player from within MAAD region to play on a women’s team.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Amy Thompson, Secretary