



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Players' Council Meeting Minutes

61st Annual Men's, 38th Annual Women's, 21st Annual Coed's
John L. Buckmaster Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament
August 30th - September 1st, 2019
Lee's Summit, Missouri

Meeting Called to Order

Tournament Director Greg Petersen called the meeting to order at 4:34pm on Friday, August 30th, 2019

Roll Call of Players' Representatives:

Coed's:

- A. Ruthless - Mike Wiesner
- B. Midwest Underdogs - Whitney Riney
- C. Midwest Storm - Mathew Pardekooper
- D. Olathe Purple Sox - Megan Bartz
- E. Pink Champagnes - Troy Shamblen
- F. Iowa Thunderbolts - Joann Haupt

Men's:

- A. Ruthless - Jaymes Haar
- B. Olathe Purple Sox - Shane Ford
- C. Midwest Boys - Quintan Polito
- D. Midwest Hitmen - Maurice Jr. Abenchaun

Audiograms -

Thank you to all teams who sent their audiograms/diplomas! Left is Jenna Smith from Pink Champagnes!

Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) - absent

Opening Statements:

Tournament Chairperson's (Mack Weyers) report:

It's my very first experience as chairperson and these are pretty overwhelmed but successful. Why? Because of our team board of MAAD are doing a great teamwork, planning, work out their duties, we actually work together and made this happened. Without them, this would not have been successful.

Thank you all MAAD board!

MAAD Board and I would like to extend our thanks to the following people:

Coed and Men teams that have registered, fans, family and especially to Frank White Sport Complex, Tina Spallo and Umpire in Chief – Kurt Morrison who have filled in for the umpires for us!! We really do appreciate it!

- Reviewed rules regarding the fields and the complex
- Team pictures at 11:30 on Saturday
- Badges- on sunday please recycle it so we can use it for future usages

Interim - President: Charles Trumble

Welcome to Lee's Summit! I am looking forward to having a great tournament over this Labor Weekend and see everyone going home with smiles and new memories. MAAD is having the largest number of teams since 2014 as well as the first time having a men's tournament since 2014. We are expecting six coed teams and four men teams. The park where the tournament will be hosted was recently renovated about three years ago. The playing fields are in great shape, spacious dugouts, and plenty more shades for our fans as well. The park staff have been amazing with helping arrange for this event.

The MAAD Executive Board have been busy with making changes to improve MAAD. Each position has an official email account to help keep MAAD business separate from their personal accounts. Since the 2019 MAAD Basketball tournament, we have sent over 1,500 emails to each other. The Executive Board also had two online meetings to collaborate our tasks and preparations. We are also shifting our focus from writing on papers to saving our work online. MAAD had a successful online round robin pool drawing as well. We still see more areas for improvement and will keep chipping away to improve the efficiency of MAAD.

Two other regions also hosted their softball tournament. NEAAD had six men teams and a single women's exhibition game. SWSAD had six men teams, four women teams, and five coed teams. Also new for this year was an East Quadrant tournament where five men teams competed.

I also want to sincerely show great appreciation for our two sponsors for this tournament, Sorenson Communications and Associated Audiologists! With their contributions, MAAD is able to offer more to our participants. Please stop by their booth during the tournament weekend to see how much more they have to offer to you.

As I conclude this report, I also want to recognize the great work the Executive Board has pitched in. They are a terrific group with talent and dedication, helping to make this MAAD Softball tournament a success. MAAD holds a special place in our memories. I look forward to catching up with old friends and meeting new friends during this tournament.

Session with UIC- Kurt Morrison

Explained that Greg met with Kurt (Head Umpire) and let him know that a lot of our teams come from different states and use non-USSSA stamped bats. Kurt asked Regional USSSA Director

and got approval that non-USSSA bats are allowed. Also, Greg showed the sign for Courtesy Foul to players/coaches.

Tournament Director's report:

I'm elated to see MAAD Softball making a return to Labor Day weekend. When I started playing softball at MAAD, I remembered it was on Labor Day weekend in 1978 at Omaha! I hope we will stick to Labor Day weekend from now on to bring back more teams and fans. For this Labor Day weekend, we'll have 6 COED teams and 4 Men teams participating. I'm thrilled to see Men's teams back since 2014 at Brookings, SD. A huge word of 'Thanks' to Tina Spallo, Superintendent of Jackson County Recreation, for allowing us to use their beautiful Frank White Jr Softball complex for our annual MAAD softball tournament!

A. Roster review:

All good! Just need one player from Pink Champanges's documentation

B. Open Forum:

- a. Live Drawing?
 - i. Everyone loved the live drawing - very understandable it was the Tournament Director's first time so will learn how to reverse so everyone can read the papers for the next time.
- b. Type of prizes?
 - i. Everyone prefers cash except for OAD's wishes for MVP - must be plagued but recommend to decrease the awards because everyone feels that we come to tournaments for fun not for awards. It is also already in records so suggested to reduce it slowly. Tournament Chairperson suggested to the players representative to talk to their teams and see what they think then get back to us, MAAD.
- c. 5th inning Mercy Rule?
 - i. Keep the same.
- d. 75 minutes time limit in bracket games?
 - i. Preferred 60 minutes - but will keep 75 minutes for this year.
- e. Homerun limit for Men's?
 - i. 2 per team then afterwards - automatically out. Will start immediately
- f. Early Bird registration?
 - i. No one wanted Early Bird registration due to can't replace players - don't want to deal with that hassle
- g. Deaf umpires
 - i. no complaints about getting Deaf umpires because easy to communicate and we should support our community therefore should support Deaf umpires. The only concern is about money - so brought up the point of if they live in the same as the tournament, then why not because that means we don't have to pay for hotels & transportation. Also if they're

willing to do it without receiving flight & hotel costs then why not as well.

- h. Rain plan
 - i. Explained that the schedule has been postponed to 12 pm due to rain so explained the changes of time for the robin round games on Saturday
- i. Change in FA/CODA/SODA rules?
 - i. Wanted 3 Deaf Free Agents for any age over 18 & CODA/SODA - 2 women and 2 men per COED's team and 2 for Men's team. (Referred to Softball Task Force - see new business)

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

SB-PC19-0:

Midwest Underdogs (Midwest Hitmen) move to create a new softball Task Force to create new MAAD's Rules & Regulations. **CARRIED.**

Members of Task Force are Whitney Riney, Troy Shamblen, Candice Arteaga, Mike Weisner

SB-PC19-0:

Pink Champagnes (Midwest Hitmen) move to for next year's Round Robin & brackets to be 60 minutes. **CARRIED.**

SB-PC19-0:

Midwest Underdogs (Pink Champagnes) move that we do 6-4 format for COED. **FAILED**

SB-PC19-0:

Pink Champagnes (Midwest Hitmen) move that there must be at least one women outfield, one women infield, and pitcher & catcher can be same gender with understanding of the batting list can't have three males in a row. **CARRIED.**

SB-PC19-0:

Pink Champagnes (Midwest Underdogs) move to use the 6-4 format immediately. **FAILED.**

SB-PC19-0:

Pink Champagnes (Midwest Hitmen) move to change one of his players to be a statistician on his COED's team. **CARRIED**

SB-PC19-0:

Midwest Storm (Men-Ruthless) move to let one of his players to be only pitcher and have a designated hitter due to an ankle injury. **FAILED**

SB-PC19-0:

Midwest Underdogs (Coed-Ruthless) move that for next year to replace free agents if a specific free agent can't come. **FAILED.**

SB-PC19-0:

Midwest Storm (Men-Ruthless) move to accept that one of his players has a different color uniform than other players on his team. **CARRIED.**

SB-PC19-0:

Midwest Boys (Midwest Underdogs) move to get the \$100 fine waived and to use COED's uniforms as a replacement for their team. **CARRIED.**

SB-PC19-0:

Pink Champagnes (COED Olathe Purple Sox) move to allow them to modify up to two players on the registration form within 7 days after the deadline. **FAILED.**

SB-PC19-0:

Pink Champagnes (COED Ruthless) moved to for the Courtesy Runner rule that anyone can be a courtesy runner and it don't matter which gender. **CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

Respectively submitted,
Kiley Peterson, Secretary