



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Executive Board Meeting Minutes

73rd Annual Men's & 31st Annual Women's

William N. Fraser Memorial - Regional Basketball Tournament

Thursday, March 15, 2018 Hosted by GSLAD

GSLAD, Maryland Heights, MO

Meeting Called to Order

President Barbara Nacarelli called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2018.

Roll Call:

Elected Executive Board Officers: President Barbara Nacarelli, Vice-President Jonathan Arteaga, Secretary Amy Thompson, Treasurer Marti Herman, Board-at-Large Candice Arteaga and Tournament Director Greg Petersen.

Appointed: HoF Director Tami Richardson-Nelson

Past Presidents: Paige Thompson and Wayne Morse

Host Chair: 2018 Basketball Marvin Haynes; 2018 Softball Amy Thompson

Observers: Andrew Stone and Tiara Mason

Approval of Agenda: approved with correction 'Board-at-Large' to 'Delegate-at-Large'

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

- rec'd letter from OAD to release Jesse Crawford from suspension list.

Ratification of chat room/email motions: none

Reports of Officers:

President Barbara Nacarelli -

Welcome to St. Louis, and I am so glad to see you all and meet some new faces. The first time St. Louis hosted was in 1948 for Men's 3rd Annual and the chairperson was Ernest Stack. The Women's Tournament was not added until 1988, so the time Women's tournament held in St. Louis was in 1994, which was the 7th Annual Women's. The last time St. Louis hosted MAAD Basketball was in 2010 with Chairperson Sara Rose Smania, and now with Marvin Haynes being the chairperson for this tournament, which is the 10th time for St. Louis to host! I would like to ask GSLAD and everyone's permission to honor this tournament ~ In Memory of Larry Laurent ~ whom had passed away recently.

To the MAAD's community, which is the officers, past presidents, affiliated and nonaffiliated clubs, fans, family, friends, and even independent teams – and as well as residing regions, near and far – All we want is patience, support each other in positive way and keep personal issues separated. We all need teamwork with support and communication, and keep eyes open as well as open minds to listen to each other. If something does not work, then try to come halfway to compromise and make this a solution where everyone benefits. I do not like a win-lose or lose-lose situations without trying as I prefer to try and fail than fail to try.

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.

We want to focus on how to improve MAAD with the tournaments, number of teams, and fans. 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.

USADB is hosting their tournament in Austin, Texas on April 12th-15th, with the meetings for representatives on Wednesday, April 11st, and games start on Thursday, April 12th to Saturday, April 15th. MAAD will be sending a representative, Jonathan Arteaga, to attend the Team Representative Council and the Executive Committee meetings. Teams who are going, are strongly encouraged to attend the TRC meeting, because it does impact your teams as well as your regional tournaments.

USADB has sent us their Bylaws, and proposal forms for regions to use. If you want something change at USADB, MAAD needs to submit the proposals by March 27th.

Last of all, I would like for all of us to look at each other, on your right, and on your left ~ they are all your friends regardless what is going on outside of this room. We all need to cherish, respect, and love one and another. Life is too short and Let it go.

Enjoy this weekend packed of fun that GSLAD had planned for you all! Happy St. Patrick's Day! (For Tomorrow 😊)

Vice President Jonathan Arteaga –

Hello everyone, thanks everyone for showing up during bylaws meeting. They work hard to try to clean up and work as team wonderful. Only one club member sent motions to him which is Olathe Club of the Deaf. Thanks everyone!

Secretary Amy Thompson -

- Sent out registration information for 2017 Softball to club members and posted in Facebook and website in April 2017.
- Sent out club membership renewal in November 2017 to club members.
- Sent out registration information for 2018 Basketball to clubs and posted in Facebook and website in December 2017.
- Sent out Delegate's form and Bylaws to clubs in January 2018.

- Emailed with formal letter to CAAD on March 6th regarding St. Louis metro and share women's team. Follow up again on March 11 request for response by March 14, 2018. Robert Love replied March 13 stated "We will have to take your solution to CAAD meeting. Let the delegates vote on that.' He showed up unexpected before Executive Meeting that he discussed with his board officers that it will be difficult to work.

Treasurer Marti Herman –

Welcome everyone to 2018 MAAD Basketball in Maryland Heights! I hope you all will enjoy your stay in Maryland Heights and may the best team win & represent our MAAD region well at USADB in Austin, Texas! Good luck AND Have fun!! ☺

Delegate-at-Large Candice Arteaga –

Thanks for the great 2 years as a delegate at large and I've learned a lot. For the next election, I hope to see MAAD board have better teamwork. When bylaws time, I would like to see Delegate at large (DAL) to stay on as DAL speaks for the delegates.

Tournament Director Greg Petersen –

Welcome to St. Louis for 2018 MAAD Basketball Tournament!

I want to extend my thanks to Marvin Haynes and his GSLAD committee for working with me to prep this tournament and my heartfelt appreciation to GSLAD for providing their beautiful building for our meetings, meals, and DNO.

After I reviewed the team rosters, I noticed that six teams only have 8 players (minimum to meet MAAD's rules). I'm going to propose a new amendment to MAAD rules to allow extra players be added to the team rosters with certain restrictions during Players Council.

Good luck to our 6 men and 3 women teams as they strive to play their best in this tournament and to have fun!

Reports of Past Presidents:

Paige Thompson – This morning during bylaws meeting was very good and wake up call and great teamwork. Her famous quote: 'Together we achieve more'

Wayne Morse – Famous quote 'Fix It'. Work together as team with peace, love and support.

Reports of Special Committee:

Hall of Fame Director Tami Richardson-Nelson

Welcome to the 73rd Annual Men's and 31st Annual Women's Basketball Tournament.

As an individual having been involved as a player, MAAD Executive Board member, Committee member of MAAD, it is wonderful to see MAAD still standing as a Region strong. MAAD's commitment to the Region, to the community shows that this is a valued organization, the efforts of players who continue to want to play, fans, former and current board members the road to continue has been paved. It is my hope and the hope of many who have helped pave this road continue to see MAAD remain strong.

Members of the HoF committee are: Jack/Ann Cooper, Richard McCowin, Sue Held, Ralph Fuechtmann, and Lorrie Shank

There were 7 MAAD Hall of Fame (HoF) inductees this year. The bylaws state 6 will be chosen, but with a tie, it was voted and accepted among the MAAD Executive Board and the HoF Committee that 7 be selected.

Annette Baer - athletic

Nancy Buckmaster - leadership (Deceased)

David Gaz - athletic

Gerald Hradsky - leadership

Ronda Johnson - athletic (Deceased)

Lyle Koopmans - leadership

Karole Rogers – leadership

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

I would like to propose that starting next year, we add 10 additional Men who have met the criteria of being inducted into MAAD's HoF, along with the current "6". We missed several years of not inducting members to HoF and there is a long list of those who deserve to be inducted into the HoF. This could be honored for several years until the list is more manageable instead of having so many.

It has been an honor to work with the HoF, being in touch with many who have played many moons ago as well as see new faces join and play in MAAD. History is still in the making.

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

Reports of Tournament Chairs:

2018 Basketball Marvin Haynes -

Finally, almighty for my duty as a chairperson of MAAD basketball tournament week which will occur on March 15 to 17 2018.

Welcome to all MAAD officers and fans of 2018 here to St. Louis. Let me introduce you of our GSLAD/MAAD committee, Asst chairperson Tiara Mason, GSLAD President and Public Relations Jason Roberts, Gym Coordinator Gene Manion, Security Steve Young , MAAD Food Service Betty Manion, Secretary/Gym Refreshments William Blank, Treasurer Chris Smith, and Registration Chair Margaret Jones. Without them, we won't accomplish anything in this tournament. We thanked Mr. Greg Petersen for his great advices as he was our observer at committee meetings.

Gym at Hazelwood West High School is on 1 Wildcat Lane. It has two courts ready to play for all registered teams of MAAD. We will serve refreshments during the games on both dates Friday and Saturday. No food allowed in the gym floor - only at the lobby. Steve Young will have tight security all around the gym in and out the building to make sure we have zero tolerance with this School policy.

Headquarter hotel, La Quinta Inn and Suites still have rooms available but the prices are unexpected. The hotel serves cold and hot breakfast hot. It is located a great distance to out Deaf club house and the basketball tournament gym.

Executive Board and board directors' meetings will be held at GSLAD on Thursday morning through Friday afternoon. Of course, we will provide luncheon to our honorable MAAD officers and committee too. Coaches and Players Council meeting at GSLAD too and of course, on Friday we will have delegates meeting too.

There will be DNO after the final basketball championship game. Also, awards will be present at GSLAD and at same time St. Patrick Party. Dinner will be served too. We will have door prizes too - CASH!!!!

2018 Softball Amy Thompson -

Exciting announcement about 2018 Softball – the location will be at Ames, Iowa which is about 40 minutes north of Des Moines. Ames is also home of the Iowa State University. There is several great locations for see-sighting such as Reiman Gardens, Brunnier Art Museum, several beautiful park for walking/hiking and several brewing company.

We have already reserved fields and hotel which is less than one mile from each other! Fields will be held at North River Valley Park and they have four fields. If we need more fields, they have two more in South River Valley Park which is across the street. Hotel is Quality Inn and Suites where we will have all meetings held there as well. The hotel is offer \$109 plus tax per night.

We need to discuss on if we want to have booth set up? Such as will they sell anything? What will the booths entail? Size? Etc. We have one potential sponsor that are interested to sponsor MAAD for this tournament. I am working on getting more sponsor.

There will be flyer on registration table to check it out. More details to come!

Appeals/Grievances – none

Unfinished Business – none

New Business –

BDBB18-01:

Marti Herman (Candice) move that to add additional 10 men hall of fame with the intention to get caught up with those who meet HOF criteria.

CARRIED

BDBB18-02:

Jonathan Arteaga (Candice) move that Section 1 - #3 – proof of participation including year and sport played, as a player in any – ADD: regionals, national (NSAD, USADB) world championship of the Deaf, Panadmes, or Deaflympics.

FAILED

Announcements – none

Adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Amy Thompson, Secretary