



**2021 MAAD Softball Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes**  
63rd Annual Men's, 40th Annual Women's, 23rd Annual Coed's  
John L. Buckmaster Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament  
September 3rd - 5th, 2021  
VIA ZOOM

**Meeting Called to Order:**

President Charles Trumble called the meeting to order at 9:06am on Sunday, September 26th, 2021.

**Roll Call:**

**Elected Executive Board Officers:** President Charles Trumble, Vice-President Amy Thompson, Secretary Kiley Peterson, Treasurer Marti Herman, Board-at-Large Mack Weyers and Tournament Director Greg Petersen

**Appointed: Past Presidents:** Paige Thompson

**Delegates –Cyber Silent Athletics:** Travis Trumble & Whitney Riney, **Dakota Athletic Association of the Deaf:** Troy Shamblem, **Lincoln Association of the Deaf:** Jonathan Scherling, **Olathe Club of the Deaf:** Karole Rogers & Katie Womeldorff, **Omaha Association for the Deaf:** Jonathan Arteaga & Fred Ivins, and **St. Louis Black Deaf Association:** Missy Owoc

**Pledge of Allegiance -** Mack Weyers

**Parliamentarian -** Melissa Heathington

**Silent Prayers** – Joann Haupt, Carla Myers, Lester “Dale” Gillam

**Approval of Agenda** – approved.

**Correspondence (letters, information, etc.):**

**Approvals**

1. 2020 MAAD Executive Board Meeting Minutes: (not approved)
2. 2021 MAAD Executive Board Meeting Minutes: (not approved)
3. 2021 MAAD Softball Players Council Meeting: approved as read

**Reports of Officer(s):**

**President Charles Trumble:**

Welcome again to Lee's Summit! I am looking forward to having a great tournament over this Labor Weekend and seeing everyone going home with new friends and new memories. MAAD has had the largest number of teams since 2012 as well as the first time having a women's tournament since 2010. We are expecting seven coed teams, four men teams, and three women teams. The complex where the tournament will be hosted was renovated about five years ago. The playing fields are in great shape, spacious dugouts, and plenty more shades for our fans as well. The complex staff have been amazing with

helping arrange for this event.

For longer than the past year, we all have struggled with the pandemic. I want to remind all our participants to be considerate of others and maintain safe social distances. In the recent past, MAAD Basketball tournaments and multiple MAAD Delegate Meetings were canceled. This limited how much MAAD could improve in the recent couple years. Despite the pandemic challenges, MAAD is excited to see a growth in the number of registered softball teams! Additionally, MAAD launched a new website and changed to having player registrations online for the first time. MAAD successfully live streamed round robin pool drawing as well. I still see more potential for improvement and look forward to our next Delegates Meeting to keep pushing for progress to improve the efficiency of MAAD.

Two other regions also hosted their softball tournament. NEAAD had five men teams (no women teams). SWSAD had an unique opportunity for 2021, inviting teams from outside the SWSAD quadrant. In total, the SWSAD tournament had seven men teams, six women teams, and six coed teams. The East Quadrant hosted a tournament in 2019, but did not host a softball tournament in 2021.

As I conclude this report, I also want to recognize the great collaboration of the Executive Board. They are a terrific group with talent and dedication, eager 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!

#### **Vice President – Amy Thompson**

Welcome back to our softball tournament! We are very exciting to resume our normal activities and hope everything will go smoothly! Please remember to maintain the social distancing and being respectful of others. In last two year since the Pandemic started, our board officers had zoom meeting several times to maintain our communication and we have realized that in our bylaws, we do not have any wording that we can have election during zoom meetings. We as board officers are willing to maintain our roles and in good stand with MAAD and survived 4 years on the same boards!! I am forever grateful for those boards to work with.

As Vice President, I have collected lot of motions for softball rules and regulations specifically. As you know the generation is changing years by years, I have seen more players show their passion for the tournament. I had to sit back and look at the MAAD as whole and realized the tournament is run by the players! We as board officers are just planning the tournament for them. I think the time is changing and that we should separate the bylaws from the Rules and Regulations.

2021 Softball is a great coming back with 7 Coeds, 4 Men's and 3 Women's! This is like the Field of Dreams where we have those Men's and Women's coming back! Let's have fun!

#### **Secretary Kiley Peterson:**

Welcome to our MAAD Softball tournament! I am more than glad to see this resume again after last year! As our Vice President, COVID is still around so please respect each other's choice and practice social distance. It is vital for us and everyone else to stay safe! Anyway I am excited to play again and I am grateful for our MAAD board for sticking throughout this unique experience!

I am a bit grateful to COVID because it helped me time to design our new website! [WWW.MAAD.ORG](http://WWW.MAAD.ORG).

if you haven't checked it out, please do! I welcome any ideas, feedback, constructive criticism as this is for you players! MAAD is evolving and we need to get up with our online presence! Online registrations was a bit confusing due to two different deadline dates but we worked it out and seems no complains about the registrations itself but heard some comments about need having an option of online payment and change the deadline as NSAD payment was due in the same month so people was complaining about being tight on money. We are still improving our website and evolving so I ask you to be patient with us and please work with us - we can't do this without you!

**Treasurer Marti Herman:**

Hi everyone! I'm pleased to welcome you all to the 2021 Softball this year! Due to the pandemic that was cancelled last year, I sure missed you all! I'm looking forward to seeing you and hope you will enjoy your stay in Lee's Summit, Missouri!! I've renewed the dues for IRS form 990-N in May 2021 and Bond Insurance for 2021-2022. I've collected 14 Team payments. There are 7 COED, 4 Mens, and 3 Womens. I'm really excited to see this team growing more this year!! There has been talk about a new way for payment instead of mailing it to me. I've had some issues that did not arrive (mail were sent to an odd place!) but were postmarked on the deadline. I'm open to discuss the possibility for new payment online or via apps. Good luck to all teams and have fun!! :)

**Board-at-Large Mack Weyers:**

Welcome back to the 2021 MAAD Softball Tournament from a long year with a terrible pandemic. But we're still in some situations with viruses. We have been working hard to make sure that all things go well as our health is number one priority. It will be great to see you all again soon!! I am excited to be your chairperson for the 2021 MAAD Softball Tournament for the second time. We had wonderful work out with Tina, Manager of Frank White Sport Complex and Kurt who will be the charge for the umpires. We wanted to do the same thing from last 2019 so this way the tournament will go smoothly. Tournament wouldn't be successful without our boards and them. Thanks to them for working with us again! I would like for all of us to keep ourselves clean, and be wise for our safety and health during our softball tournament! Please respect each other, let's play and have FUN!

**Tournament Director Greg Petersen:**

I'm elated to see MAAD Softball made a return to softball 3 weeks ago after a year-long COVID-19 pandemic that caused our country to shut down. As you already knew that we had 7 COED teams, 4 Men teams, and 3 Women teams participating. I was thrilled to see the Women's teams back!! I want to thank the MAAD Board and Mack, interim Tournament Director, for running the tournament in my absence. I had a family commitment that weekend. I prepped the RR schedule, game times, brackets, batting lineups, etc. I mailed batting lineups to Mack and softballs to Marti.

A huge word of 'Thanks' to Tina Spallo, Superintendent of Jackson County Recreation and her crew, for allowing us to use their beautiful Frank White Jr Softball complex for our annual MAAD softball tournament!

**Reports of Past Presidents: No reports**

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Hall of Fame Committee: No reports**

**Budget Committee - Treasurer Marti Herman-**

Will be working on online payments

**Law Committee – Vice President Amy Thompson -**

Worked with Andrew Stone and Lorrie on many motions for delegates and we are so ready to move on. No additional reports for now.

**Report of Tournament Chairs:**

**2019 MAAD Softball Chairperson – Mack Weyers**

**Unfinished Business –**

**SBDB2021-02:** I, Cyber Silent Club, move that: Representation: Each club shall be eligible to appoint two (2) delegates to attend the annual meeting if the club also has a team registered in the following tournament. (Bylaws, Article 2, Section 4, Page 1.)

**OAD SECONDED.**

**FAILED.**

**SBDB2021-03:** I, Cyber Silent Club, move that: “Each Club Member is entitled to send up to two (2) voting delegates to the Annual Board of Delegates meetings.” To be edited to the following “Only Club Member with a team registered in the following tournament are each entitled to send up to two (2) voting delegates to the Annual Board of Delegates meeting.” (Bylaws, Article 5, Section 1, Page 6).

**DAAD SECONDED.**

**FAILED.**

**SBDB2021-05:** I, Cyber Silent Club, move that: the MAAD Vice President delete all references to ‘NSAD’ in all of MAAD’s organizational documents. (the entirety of MAAD Organizational Documents)

**SECRETARY KILEY PETERSON SECONDED.**

**CARRIED.**

**SBDB2021-06:** I, Cyber Silent Club, move that: Section 4 as a whole shall read: ‘The Executive Board shall meet at least once every quarter.’. (Bylaws, Article 3, Section 4, Page 4) Then also delete the Tournament Host requirement for any Executive Board Meeting at any MAAD tournament.

**SECRETARY KILEY PETERSON SECONDED.**

**CARRIED.**

**BREAK FOR 5 MINUTES AT 10:29AM BACK AT 10:37AM**

**SBDB2021-07:** I, Cyber Silent Club, move that: a new Section #9 to be added to state: “Each participant in the Board of Delegates will be limited to only one immediately new business motion for each meeting of the Board of Delegates. To clarify, there is no limit on new business motions sent to the Vice President forty five (45) days before the Board of Delegates meeting. There is no limit on new Rules and Regulations the Players Council passes for the Board of Delegates ratification.”

**WITH AMENDMENT 1:** I, Omaha Association for the Deaf, move to change one to two new business motions.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR GREG PETERSON SECONDED.**

**CARRIED AS WHOLE.**

**SBDB2021-08: SKIP TO PLAYERS COUNCIL’S MOTION**

**Players Council Motions:**

**SB-PC21-01:**

Silent Cyber Athletics (CSA) (Midwest Underdogs) move that change from five (5) to four (4) female players and (from six and six to seven and five if additional hitter is used). Softball R & R, Section M, #4. **PASSED**

***OAD SECONDED.  
CARRIED.***

**SB-PC21-02:**

Silent Cyber Athletics (Knockouts) move that: The lineup may not have more than two (2) consecutive batters that are not female. Softball R&R, Section M, #5. **PASSED.**

***SECRETARY SECONDED.  
CARRIED.***

**SB-PC21-03:**

Silent Cyber Athletics (Knockouts), move that: change from five (5) males to six (6) and from four (4) to three (3) females . Softball R&R, Section M, #7b. **PASSED.**

***DAAD SECONDED.  
CARRIED.***

**SB-PC21-04:**

Silent Cyber Athletics (Knockouts), move that: change from five (5) males to six (6) males and from four (4) women to three (3). Softball R&R, Section M, #7c. **PASSED.**

***DAAD SECONDED.  
CARRIED.***

**SB-PC21-05:**

Silent Cyber Athletics (Knockouts), move that: We add new line e. Require at least four (4) female players on defense in the field with at least one (1) female outfielder. Softball R&R, Section M, #e. **PASSED.**

***SECRETARY SECONDED.***

***CARRIED.***

**SB-PC21-06:**

Silent Cyber Athletics (Midwest Underdogs), move that: We add new line f. Female players may be either catcher or pitcher, but may not be both at the same time. Softball R&R, Section M, #f. **PASSED.**

***TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR SECONDED.  
CARRIED.***

**SB-PC21-07:**

Cyber Silent Club (Midwest Boys) move that: Men's Team allow two (2) CODA/SODA/Spouses per team.

**Amend: #1:** 1 CODA inside the regional states and 1 CODA outside of the regional states.

**PASSED**

**PASSED AS WHOLE.**

***DAAD SECONDED.***

***AMEND 1: REMOVE THE AMEND #1 (1 CODA inside the regional states and 1 CODA outside of the regional states)***

***PASSED.***

***AMEND 2: ADD MIXED (COED) TO THE PROPOSAL***

***PASSED.***

***AMEND 3: ADD MEN CODAS AND ONE FROM THE INSIDE OF THE REGIONALS AND ONE EITHER FROM INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF THE REGIONAL STATES.***

***FAILED.***

***SB - PC21-07 with amendment:*** Cyber Silent Club (Midwest Boys) move that: Men and mixed teams allow two (2) CODA/SODA/ Spouses per team.

***PASSED.***

*On hold at 12:04pm due to one delegate having to leave the meeting for other commitments.  
Rescheduled for October 17th, 2021*

*Meeting started again on October 17th, 2021 at 9:32am*

**SB-PC21-08:**

Cyber Silent Club (Midwest Boys), move that: a new #6 is added: "Free Agents as player maximum of: Men: three (3) any age, Women: three (3) any age" and the existing #6 is moved down to a new #7. (Softball R&R, Article L, Section 7, Page 32 )

**Amend #1:** Pink Champagne (Midwest Underdogs) moves to Applies to women teams and coed teams but the men teams keeps the FA agent division. **PASSED.**

**PASSED AS WHOLE.**

***VICE PRESIDENT SECONDED***

***CARRIED.***

**SB-PC21-09:**

Cyber Silent Clubs (Knockouts), move that: Require a unanimous vote of teams' representatives in respective tournaments if any revisions to the Rules and Regulations are necessary for the immediate tournament. (Players Council Manual, Section 1, #D, Page 19) **PASSED.**

***DAAD SECONDED***

***CARRIED***

**SB-PC21-10:**

Cyber Silent Athletics (Midwest Storm) move that: MAAD try a two year trial of opening MAAD Softball tournament to teams from the other outside former seven (7) regions. These teams are limited to the same rules regarding Free Agents and CODA/SODA/spouse as MAAD teams are. These outside teams will not be allowed to sign any MAAD regional players as a Free Agent for their team. Their team fees, prizes, and voting rights will be the same as MAAD independent teams. **PASSED.**

***DAAD SECONDED***

***CARRIED***

**SB-PC21-12:**

Cyber Silent Athletics (Midwest Underdogs), move that: #1 to edited to 'Each scorekeeper shall be paid ten dollars (\$10.00) per game'. (SB R&R, Section J, #1, Page 32). **PASSED.**

***SECRETARY SECONDED***

***CARRIED***

**SB-PC21-13:**

Greg Petersen (JagerBomb) move that: to add 'NOT' on the revision section at the bottom of page for anything related to Players Council's part. Pg. 19 and 27. **PASSED.**

***SECRETARY SECONDED***

***CARRIED***

**SB-PC21-15**

Troy Shamblem (Midwest Elite) move that pitcher gets courtesy runner anytime. Amend #1: Renca Dunn (Midwest Storm) amended to be effective tomorrow and further. **PASSED AS WHOLE.**

***SECRETARY SECONDED***

***CARRIED***

**SB-PC21-16**

Troy Shamblen (Ruthless) move to change balls from .40/325 to .52/300 comp. **PASSED.**

***DAAD SECONDED***

***FAILED***

**SB-PC21-19**

Knockouts (Tune Squad) move that teams may change player numbers at the players council without a fine. **AMEND #1:** Tune Squad (Midwest Underdogs) to be effective today. **PASSED AS WHOLE.**

***CSA SECONDED***

***CARRIED***

**SB-PC21-22**

Ruthless (Pink Champagne) move that the MAAD committee for the specific tournament to be waived from the admission fee.

**Amend #1:** Midwest Storm (JagerBomb) amend to delegate the decisions to waive specific committee members from admission fees to be up to the MAAD Executive Board.

**Amend #2:** JagerBomb (Pink Champagne) amend to waive the fees if you volunteer more than 3 games.

**PASSED AS WHOLE.**

***REFERRED TO BUDGET COMMITTEE***

**SB-PC21-24:**

Midwest Underdogs (Midwest Storm) move to have the pitcher to be closed effective tomorrow.

**Amend #1:** Pink Champagne (Midwest Elite) amend to have the women's and coed's division to be closed while the men's division to be open. **PASSED AS WHOLE.**

***DAAD SECONDED***

***FAILED***

**SB-PC21-26**

Ruthless (Midwest Storm) move that if a player has played as an approved Deaf player at NSAD, they should be able to play at MAAD.

**Amend #1:** Ruthless (Midwest Underdogs) amend to make it's coaches responsibilities and up to the Executive Board to approve or decline.

**Amend #2:** Knockouts (Ruthless) amend to get players that have played at NSAD after 2018 and to be effective tomorrow. **PASSED AS WHOLE.**

***DAAD SECONDED***

***FAILED***

**SB-PC21-27:**

Pink Champagne (Midwest Underdogs) move to that women get courtesy runner and men get courtesy runner only for COED division and to be effective tomorrow. **PASSED.**

***DAAD SECONDED***

***CARRIED***

**SB-PC21-28**

MAAD Secretary Kiley Peterson (Pink Champagne) move to have MAAD set up an online payment for team fees and/or additional/late fees effective now. **PASSED.**

***SLBDA SECONDED***

***CARRIED.***

**New Business**

**SBDB2021-04**

SLBDA (Vice President) moves to accept LAD's bid to host 2022 Basketball in Lincoln, NE.  
**CARRIED.**

**Future/Selection of Basketball/Softball Tournament Hosts:**

- 1) 2022 Basketball - LAD
- 2) 2022 Softball - Open
- 3) 2023 Basketball - Open

**Announcements:**

1. We need your clubs to bid for hosting future MAAD tournaments!

**Adjournment at 10:44am**

Respectively Submitted,  
Kiley Peterson, MAAD Secretary