



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Softball Executive Board Meeting Minutes

63rd Annual Men's, 40th Annual Women's, 23rd Annual COED's

John L. Buckmaster Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament

August 28th, 2021 on Zoom

Lee's Summit, Missouri

Meeting Called to Order:

Interim-President Charles Trumble called the meeting to order at 9:06am on August 28th, 2021 held on Zoom (Virtual Meeting)

Roll Call:

Elected Executive Board Officers: President Charles Trumble, Vice President Amy Thompson, Secretary Kiley Peterson, Treasurer Marti Herman, and Tournament Director Greg Petersen

Absent: Board - At - Large Mack Weyers

Appointed: None

Past Presidents: Jack Cooper

Observers: Ann Cooper

Correspondences:

- Stacey Storme, Professor of the Practice of ASL & Deaf Studies at University of Kansas Edwards Campus - Zoom Meeting to discuss her ASL program's students volunteer opportunities at MAAD.
- American Deaf Cornhole - asked to post their tournament event's on our facebook page. Board decided to ask for a sponsorship then we will be more glad to post their event on our page. No response afterwards
- Patrick Daschel, Sales Manager from Experience Sioux Falls - sent information about a new sports complex with brand new turf fields being built . Would like to collaborate with MAAD when the fields are done.

Approvals:

None

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 2014 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 Delegates 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 excited to resume our normal activities and hope everything will go smoothly! Please remember to maintain the social distance and be respectful of others. In the last two year since the Pandemic started, our board officers had a 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 elections during zoom meetings. We as board officers are willing to maintain our roles and are in good standing with MAAD and survived 4 years of the same board!! I am forever grateful for those boards to work with.

As Vice President, I have collected a 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 a 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 coming back with 7 Coeds, 4 Men's and 3 Women's! This is like the Field of Dreams where we have those men and women teams 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. 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! To the players & coaches, good luck at the tournament! Play hard!

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 making a return after a year-long COVID-19 pandemic that caused our country to shut down.

While we are open, we need to be aware of rising cases of delta variants and continue to be safe by washing our hands and maintaining safe distance. There is no mask mandate at this time, I still encourage you all to wear masks when not playing.

For this Labor Day weekend, we'll have 7 COED teams, 4 Men teams, and 3 Women's teams participating. I'm thrilled to see Women's teams back!! 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:

Jack Cooper: Really wanted to say thank you to the MAAD board for helping MAAD to keep going and really wanted to say good job!

Reports of Standing Committees:

Hall of Fame Committee – Tami Richardson-Nelson:

Budget Committee – Marti Herman:

Will be discussing online payment methods. No additional reports for now.

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.

Special Committee(s) Annual Sand Volleyball – vacant

2021 Softball Chairperson - Mack Weyers

2022 Basketball Chairperson - Vacant

Appeals/Grievances: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

SDEB2021- 01:

Vice President, Amy Thompson moved to postpone Softball Delegates Meeting to September 26th with a backup date of October 2nd at 9am to 12pm. Treasurer, Marti Herman seconded. **CARRIED.**

SDEB2021- 02:

Kiley Peterson moved to have an option of online payment with other options of club checks & money orders to be established by the 2021 basketball tournament. Tournament Director, Greg Petersen seconded. **CARRIED.**

Announcements:

- MAAD Officers Election will be at 2021 Basketball Tournament
- 2021 Basketball Tournament will be in Lincoln, NE!

Adjournment: at 10:04AM.

Respectively Submitted, Kiley Peterson, Interim-Secretary