



MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC



MAAD Players' Council Meeting Minutes

64th Annual Open's, 41st Annual Women's, 24th Annual Mixed

John L. Buckmaster Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament

July 14th - 16th, 2022

Grand Island, NE

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Tournament Director Troy Shamblen called the meeting to order at 7:17pm at Boarders Inn & Suites at Grand Island, NE

2. **Roll Call of Players' Representatives:**

Mixed's

1. Midwest Storm - Renca Dunn
2. Ruthless - Brittany Trumble
3. Thunderbolts - Jeffrey Dahle
4. Pink Champagne - Demi Bingham
5. Underdogs - Candice Arteaga

Open's:

6. Sandlot Boys - Chris Brooks
7. Midwest Boys - Chris Dahle
8. Hitmen - Kendall Merrill

3. **Last Minute Players Addition:** See Tournament Director afterwards

4. **Audiograms** – Thank you to all teams who sent their audiograms/diplomas! Last minute players needed audiograms - all verified.

5. **Umpire-in-Chief (UIC)** – absent

6. **Reports from Softball Chairperson, MAAD President and Vice President**

1. **Tournament Chairperson's (Amy Adams) report:** Welcome to Grand Island, Ne! hope you enjoyed, hope you saw the newsletter and vlogs - allowed coolers and jugs - no concession but no vendors - can bring food. please clean up or have dogs - make sure on leash - pick up poop! will ask them to leave if they don't clean up or leave in cars. Food and water is allowed. Suggested if staying near the HQ, go on highway 281 to the fields because in the town, there are too many trains. At the registration table tomorrow morning, please let players first so they can enter and get ready. There's not enough volunteers so be very patient! So encourage your friends or who is coming and volunteer! You'll get \$5 dollars off if you sign up for more than three slots for the admission costs.

2. **President: Charles Trumble:** Welcome to Grand Island! I am looking forward to having a great tournament over this hot summer weekend in July and seeing everyone going home with new friends and new memories. MAAD is expecting five coed teams and three men teams. Our new MAAD Tournament Director struggled with the live streaming of round robin drawing, and we look to improve for the next tournament. MAAD is also integrating

more technology with our tournament as schedules and results will be updated live online. Unfortunately, the pandemic is still around. I want to remind all our participants to be considerate of others and maintain safe social distances. 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 are hosting their softball tournaments. NEAAD is having their tournament this weekend at the same time as MAAD. SWSAD successfully had theirs at the end of June with several MAAD teams participating there as well. As I conclude this report, I also want to recognize the great team work of our Executive Board. Chairperson Amy Adams particularly put in incredible effort getting this coordinated. 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!

3. Vice President Report - Whitney Riney

Updates to the Bylaws - General Tournament Rules and Regulations Section:

- Teams can use 6/4 or 7/5 formats if they have extra hitters for both genders.
- On 2 outs - if it's a man then female, the female can choose to walk or hit but if it is men then men (in 6-4 format), the first men can't walk.
- 2 codas are allowed
- Teams can follow either format, 5/5 or 6/4

Possible Locations for 2023:

- **Basketball** - Have several locations that we are looking at but some places have to wait until they open their books to reserve. Some locations are in KS - Olathe, Junction City. We are also waiting to hear from some locations in Colorado.
- **Softball** - Labor Weekend/June (Summer). Have several locations that we are looking at as well but heard back from Celebration Park & Sports Complex. Pricing is fabulous but will need to clarify to make sure that we are on the same page regarding the pricing. It is currently quoted "one time field prep for \$20/field (4 fields so 4 x 20 - \$80), supervisor fee of \$16 per hour (16 hours x \$16 - \$256), and \$20 per hour/field for lights so possibly the total would be around \$500 - depends on the lights usage. Availability is easier on Labor Weekend. Reservations are made in January. Also we are looking at other locations but it seems the Celebration park is the better choice for 2023 Softball. The Executive Board will discuss and decide. The executive board will have to discuss several factors such as the time/date that attracts more teams & fans, or the budget wise to be able to continue tournaments.

Explained that we did an online poll but that was only marketed on Facebook - will need more participants and ensure that they are part of the MAAD

community - outsiders could vote so the sample data is influenced. Out of 40 people, it reported that %56.8 prefers Labor Day weekend, %18.2 prefers to take turns every year (summer one year, Labor Day one year) and %25 prefers June. Comments from some of the participants were “sick of tournaments during blazing hot temperature”, “Labor day weekend days have three days off - Saturday, Sunday, Monday - more time”, & “It will be nice to spread between SWSAD, National, can have more teams play”

7. Tournament Director - Troy Shamblen

- Schedule for the weekend
- Reviewed Softball Tournament Rules
- No statistics for Round Robin Games but will have for bracket games to determine award winners.

8. Open Forum:

Midwest Underdogs thought that round-robin games were 55 minutes. Suggested to change to 55 or 60 minutes. Discussed various options - 55 minutes for round-robin games, 75 minutes for championship game, 7 innings and no time limits for “if-needed game”, 60 minutes for all games including championship.

SB -PC22-01: Hitmen (Midwest Storm) moves to all games 60 minutes except for Championship Game is 75 minutes with the what if game keeps the 7 innings with no time limit- **PASSED**

Discussed about Social Media Task Force - Only Cody McEvoy is on it so please encourage people to get involved if they're interested. Contact the MAAD Vice President regarding this taskforce.

Players fee possible waive? Very odd year for finding players. Not a lot of people available or dropping at the last minute. Coaches are running the risk of having to forfeit because not enough players and costing teams too much with the late additional fees. Discussed different options because SWSAD can add players up to 13 players total without any fees.

9. Unfinished Business: none

10. New Business:

SB -PC22-02: MAAD Vice President (Thunderbolts) moves to change ASA to USA. **PASSED**

SB -PC22-03: MAAD Vice President (Underdogs)moves to change 15 to (15). **PASSED**

SB -PC22-04: MAAD Vice President (Ruthless) moves to delete naaD (Ruthless) **PASSED**

SB -PC22-05 MAAD Vice President (Midwest Storm) changed: (2) women and (2) men allowed. **PASSED**

SB -PC22-06: MAAD Vice President (Midwest Storm) Mixed (Coed): three (3) any age - to one any age, one over 30, and one over 35. **PASSED**

SB -PC22-07:MAAD Vice President (Pink Champagne) Mixed (Coed): three (3) any age - to one any age, one over 30, and one over 35 formatting. **PASSED**

SB -PC22-08: MAAD Vice President (Thunderbolts) delete according to applicable naad regulations **PASSED**

SB -PC22-09:MAAD Vice President (Hitmen)format and section with the eligible women/men/open teams and players. **PASSED**

SB -PC22-10:MAAD Vice President (Underdogs) remove CODA because of duplication already. **PASSED**

SB -PC22-11:Underdogs (Midwest Storm) move to change the softball dates from anytime from June to Labor Day weekend. **PASSED**

SB -PC22-12: Midwest Storm (Hitmen) moves to reduce independent teams' fee (hitmen) (to \$400) with no security deposit. **PASSED**

SB -PC22-13: Midwest Underdogs (Midwest Storm) moves to waive \$25 players fee for all teams this year for late additional players. **PASSED**

SB -PC22-14: MAAD Vice President (Midwest Boys) move to that Open's pitcher box to be open. **PASSED**

SB -PC22-15:MAAD Vice President (MAAD Secretary) moves to that mixed pitcher box to close. **PASSED**

11. Announcements

NSAD is at League City, TX on June 28th - 31st.

Please make sure you guys stay cool by drinking a lot of water and staying under shade! It will be hot!

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectively submitted,
Kiley Peterson, Secretary