



2016 Officers Report St. Louis, Missouri

Commissioner's Report

Welcome to St. Louis! It has been quite an interesting year for USADB. We hope you enjoy your weekend and may the best teams win!

Last year, our women 25th anniversary was successful with big thanks to Joey Baer. We continue to experience big challenge in finding treasurer but were unable to find anyone so Fruits continues to sit in until this year. We have someone interested in taking over the position after this tournament.

This is Chuck Wallace's last year as tournament director. We thank him for all his hard work and support in making the tournament successful. We will start advertising for new tournament director/National program director within the next month or so.

I want to thank Jose Arturo for all his help with this year's tournament — looking for gyms that would meet our criteria and be affordable. Again, thank you for helping USADB out.

National Program Activities

Executive Committee: This year has been quite a year and we did not have the need to have executive committee meetings. Benro and I share the responsibilities of contacting regional officers as needed to gather feedback and support for various of USADB related things. There has been no need for votes or meetings until today.

Region Issues: As I have said it has been quite an interesting year! FAAD has been experiencing some challenges for the past few years with having WBAD within the region and I was asked to work with FAAD and WBAD by being mediator between those two organizations. WBAD wanted to be part of USADB but couldn't since we recognize FAAD. After about 8 months of going back and forth in providing support to encourage both organization to work together, Michelle H decided to resign from her position and the rest of the board resigned too. According to procedure it was either to shut down FAAD or the past- president can step up and run the organization. Jeremias Valencia was willing to step back into the role and take over. The organization merged to returning to FAAD. Since FAAD did not have any money to its name, they could not affiliate. Now, since their recent tournament they were able to raise some money and plans to affiliate with us next year.

CBAD: Shortly after our tournament last year, CBAD president Doug Mader was in an unfortunate accident, which he was not able to come out of coma. He passed away. Over the summer CBAD officers along with Brian Bippus and CAAD worked together to come to agreements to dissolve CBAD and return to CAAD. CAAD paid affiliation fee first week of January. While we would like to say welcome back CAAD, we are disappointed with the recent outcome of CAAD tournament. Benro worked with communicating with CAAD board members in following up with the incident. Benro and I worked together on CAAD situation and Benro will explain more in his report.

International Activities

USADB Women's team won the 2015 Gold Medal in Basketball in Taoyuan, Taiwan.

USADB Men's team brought home bronze.

Congratulations to both teams!

The men team is focusing on PanAm games in order to qualify for Deaflympics. Suppose to be hosted in Calgary, Canada but due to some conflicts with other countries – two weeks ago PanAm president agreed to resign her position and allow US to host the tournament and will be hosting on July 1st to 10th at Maryland School for the Deaf. Volleyball will be hosting theirs around the same time at Gallaudet University.

Currently Deaflympics is set for Turkey in summer of 2017 but could be changed due to the ISIS situation. USADB International Program has turned in proposal for U21 in 2018 to be hosted at Gallaudet University. Currently I have been working with USADSF to get the Bid worked out and approved.

Back in August, I have requested an audit of the International program for both 2014 and 2015. Recently the auditors have approved 2015, however 2014 continues to be incomplete. Their treasurer is struggling to gather information and receipts to clean up 2014 and set up to see if it matches the bank statement information. The problem was that the treasurer was not involved in 2014 and was not sent information to keep track until I requested audit in previous August and request it to be completed.

Youth Activities

This year All-Star is pretty exciting! We have 20 girls and 19 boys, almost full team in long time!! Vance Rewolinski was willing to be All-Star coordinator again this year. We really appreciate his time and efforts on this program. Currently, we have a new Youth Director that will be announced after this tournament and we look forward to seeing what he can bring to the Youth program.

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