



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Gallaudet University Library
Washington D.C.

April 20, 2017

Present:

USADB Board & Staff

Commissioner Christina Costello
Deputy Commissioner Benro Ogunyipe
Treasurer James Powell

Executive Committee

Robert Love, CAAD President
John Bird Perry, EAAD Representative
Jeremias Valencia, FAAD Representative
Barbara Nacarelli, MAAD Representative
Nathan Boyes, NWADB Representative
Jose Amador, SWBAD interim commissioner

Parliamentarian: Tim Invelle

Commissioner Costello called the meeting to order at 5:19pm

Commissioner Costello led the Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda review

1. Call to Meeting Order
2. 2016 TRC Meeting Minutes & 2016 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
3. Officers Report
4. Committee Report
 - a. Governance Committee
5. Old Business
 - a. 2016 Referred Motions
6. New Business
 - a. Constitution, Bylaws, Rules/Regulations, Policies, Guidelines Amendments
 - b. Elections
 - i. Deputy Commissioner
 - ii. Treasurer
 - iii. Public Relations
7. Announcements
8. Adjournment

MOTION: It was moved to accept the agenda as reviewed. **CARRIED**

Necrology

A moment of silence for two individuals who departed last year was observed.

2016 Meeting Minutes

The Executive Committee accepted the 2016 Team Representative Council (TRC) and the Executive Committee (EC) minutes as posted on the website.

Reports

Commissioner:

(See attached)

Deputy Commissioner:

(See attached)

In addition to the report, USADB needs to clarify the appeal process better. And he noted that ALL USADB rules interpretation should be made by USADB only – not regions.

Treasurer:

Powell presented the unaudited income/expense report from last year. Powell was unable to get an Audit committee set up to review. He stated that he plans to have the committee audit 2016 and 2017 and present the reports next year.

MOTION: MAAD moved to break down the expenses in the tournament report. **CARRIED**

Secretary:

Powell stated that being both the Treasurer and Secretary was just too much to handle. A few things were overlooked for today's meetings despite being the secretary for the last 6½ years. Helped Costello and Ogunyipe with administrative work related to tournament and the website.

Public Relations:

Costello reported that MAAD President Barb Naracelli helped out with the food and some of the logistics for this year's tournament.

OLD BUSINESS

2016 Referred Motion #1

MOTION: A team can be eligible for the USADB Tournament in case of an unfortunate situation, subjected to USADB Board's decision.

Referred to Governance Committee.

Report: No Conflicts, endorses this motion.

AMENDMENT: CAAD amends motion to add "and region" to "USADB Board's decision."
CARRIED

MOTION: A team can be eligible for the USADB Tournament in case of an unfortunate situation, subjected to USADB Board's and region's decisions. **CARRIED**

2016 Referred Motion #2

MAAD proposed to amend Article I: Membership, Section 1.03: Regional Territory

a) Central Athletic Association of the Deaf

Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois (except Illinois counties in Greater St. Louis, MO),
Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin with Greater Erie, PA and Greater Pittsburgh,
PA.

d) Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf

Missouri, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado,
Wyoming, Nebraska, (and Illinois counties in Greater St. Louis MO.)

Rationale: Eight southwestern counties in Illinois are part of St. Louis Metropolitan area.

Referred to Governance Committee.

Report: No Conflicts, endorses this motion due to metro areas extend into Illinois counties.

SWBAD raised the issue of Free Agent (FA) abuse. Costello noted that both EAAD and SEAAD regions share four counties of northern Virginia even though USADB's Bylaws identify the entire state of Virginia belongs to SEAAD.

MOTION: USADB refers this motion to both CAAD and MAAD regions to resolve and report back to the 2018 Executive Committee meeting. **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws Amendment #1:

MOTION: MAAD moves that independent teams from outside MAAD's region to be permitted to register for MAAD tournaments for one year trial for 2017 Softball and 2018 Basketball and Softball. **FAILED**

Bylaws Amendment #2:

MOTION: NWADB moves that we change team registration fees for men and women teams. Men's fees would be \$550/600 and women's \$250/300.

AMENDMENT: Reduce both fees if one organization pays for both men's and women's teams. **CARRIED**

REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (with the amendment)

Bylaws Amendment #3: (new in red)

MOTION: Each participating team is encouraged required to have proof of insurance at the time of the national tournament. USADB identifies an insurance of their choice for the national tournament. All affiliated regions and participating teams will be notified at the start of basketball season of an identified insurance company they are required to register for the national tournament. Identified insurance company will be included in the Team Registration Form. No other insurance will be accepted. **CARRIED**

Proposal #4

MOTION: Update Appendix A (Fees & Fines) to include missing fines.

USADB Team Entry Fee <i>(include players/coaches on form)</i>	XXX
USADB National Team Entry Fee 72 Hours Within Regional Tourney After 72 Hours Regional Tourney	\$400/team \$450/team
Replacement Player Fee	\$25

USADB Membership Fees	XXX/year
USADB Returned Check	\$25.00
USADB Team Picture Fine	\$50.00/team
USADB Team Roster Form Fine (form received after deadline)	\$25/team first offense \$50/team second & repeated offenses
USADB Lifetime Pass Holders Combo Ticket to National Tournament	\$25.00 per holder
USADB Executive daily per diem	\$20.00 per day
USADB Region Affiliation Dues (Before December 31st)	\$200.00/year
USADB Region Dues Late Penalty Fee (After December 31st)	\$100.00

CARRIED

Guidelines Revision #1

To be inserted in **Region Membership, Article V: Rule Enforcement**

No affiliated region can suspend, disqualify or penalize a team or player(s) at the expense of USADB Bylaws Rules & Regulations and Guidelines without consulting or collaborating with USADB.

(Note: Since Region Membership Guidelines is not part of the Bylaws, USADB can revise this with due notice. This one was overlooked last year.)

Team Representative Council Motions Review

2017-TRC-1: PROPOSAL: Tournament Bracket Seeding and Drawing

CAAD moved to refer this proposal to regions with the understanding that amendment will apply to the 2018 Tournament.

REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2017-TRC-2: Women's Bracket Set-up

MOTION: it was moved to allow women's team coaches to create the bracket if there are sixteen (16) teams or less, and to base on this year's region performance and last year's USADB results. **CARRIED**

MOTION: One year trial period. **CARRIED**

2017-TRC-3: Use shot clock in Saturday's Championship games only

Executive Committee concurred.

FLOOR MOTIONS:

MOTION 2017-EC-1: FAAD move to allow college players on USADB teams.

AMENDMENT: Costello amend allow *NCAA* college players and to play in their home regions. **CARRIED**

MOTION: FAAD moved to allow *NCAA* college players on USADB teams and to play in their home regions. **CARRIED** **UPDATE July 1, 2017: RESCINDED¹**

MOTION 2017-EC-2: FAAD move to open tournament (drop Free Agents)

REFERRED TO TASK FORCE

MOTION 2017-EC-3: SEAAD Outstanding Fee

It was moved to waive the outstanding fee from SEAAD teams and to allow SEAAD to re-affiliate with USADB. **CARRIED**

MOTION 2017-EC-4: CAAD's Suspension of region team

It was moved that the coach makes the decision regarding the team because the coach is in communication with regions. **DIED** (no second)

¹ Update July 1, 2017: Deputy Commissioner Ogunyipe sent an email to the Executive Committee about this motion. Attached that message thread to this in Appendix A. The motion was **RESCINDED**

ACTION: MAAD moved to honor the team players' decision. The Executive Committee agreed to let the region officers decide

MOTION 2017-EC-5: Remove limit on FAs and allow Olympic players on teams (women's only)

It was moved that there shall be no limit on FAs for one year trial; Allow up to 3 Olympic players under 40 years of age per team; and no limit on Olympic players age 40 or over on a team. **CARRIED**

Executive Committee Action: CAAD vs Indy Hawk

USADB Board to set up a meeting with CAAD President, Indy Hawk team coach and USADB Board representatives.

ELECTIONS

We did not have a nominating committee.

MOTION: MAAD moved to hold elections next year. **CARRIED**

Announcements

USADB still needs volunteers for scorekeeping.

Adjourned 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted

James Powell
USADB Recording Secretary

APPENDIX A

June 28, 2017 Email from Deputy Commissioner to Executive Committee:

Region Officers:

I hope you are enjoying your summer. Even though USADB tourney concluded two months ago, we received a grievance from Gallaudet men's basketball head coach Kevin Kovacs regarding the motion passed at the Executive Committee meeting that allow NCAA college players on teams participation in the USADB.

I am providing a couple of things - a motion that carried and a letter from Kevin Kovacs for your review.

Motion:

FAAD (Valcena) moved to allow NCAA college players on USADB teams and play in the home region."
MOTION CARRIED

Letter from Kevin Kovacs

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1P5rvZkojVnuMaKZvHOILj9F8S0_9JLgbn3KOWpc1lfc/edit?ts=591a26f2

The USADB Executive Board discussed and felt the letter is justifiable for removal of the motion that was carried not because it impacts Gallaudet but also all Deaf players who are on hearing college basketball programs sanctioned by NCAA. Please share us your thoughts after reviewing the letter and advise whether you all are in agreement with removing the motion. The procedure would be to vote for removal via e-mail.

Hear from you all soon!

-Benro Ogunyipe
Deputy Commissioner
USA Deaf Basketball
www.usadb.us

Secretary Note: A copy of the letter is included as a PDF as an addendum.

Follow-up from Ogunyipe to Executive Committee:

I forgot to add that we need to make a decision and finalize the vote by July 1st if possible. Thanks.

Response from MAAD (Barbara Nacarelli)

I agree to remove that. In case:

I move to rescind the motion regarding allowing NCAA play and vote no against it.

Response from EAAD (John Perry)

I vote to remove the motion. Thanks.

-Perry

Response from SWBAD (Jose Amador)

Yes, I agree to remove the motion.

-Jose

Response from CAAD (Robert Love)

Agree to remove.

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Response from NWADB (Nathan Boyes)

Sure what is best for gallaudet is best for us

Response from Deputy Commissioner Ogunyipe

Thank you all for your votes! Only FAAD (Jeremias) has not respond but we have a majority, so this will be removed. I suspect Jermieas may not be happy! Sorry, bro.)

Deputy Commissioner Ogunyipe declared the motion as **RESCINDED** by majority of Executive Committee voting