

United States of America Deaf Basketball, Inc.
Basketball Council Meeting Minutes
St. Louis, Missouri
April 5-8, 2006

PROPOSED CORRECTED MINUTES

Basketball Council Meeting:

Wednesday April 5, 2006

The 62nd annual Men's USADB and 16th annual Women's USADB By-laws council meeting was called to order by President Raymond Kilhau at 3:30pm.

Libby Pollard was appointed Parliamentarian for this weekend's meetings and she explained about the voting procedures and her role as a Parliamentarian for the meetings.

Secretary Myron Greenstone presented the roll call:

Meeting Delegates:

Raymond Kilhau-President, Myron Greenstone- Secretary, Shirley Platt- Public Relation, Ladimer Baird Treasurer, Tom Morrison-Men Commissioner, Doug Mader-Tourney Director, Regional Presidents/Representatives-- Keith Drown, Bonnie Schwebke, Ira Hendon III, Mark Tessier, Robert Backofen, Wayne Morse, Tim Mueller, Jimmy Newsome, Susan Margolin, Larry Smith, Jerome Brown, Charles Wallace, Art Larson, Karole Rogers, Keith Westhoelter, Courtney Westberg, Roger Vass, Mary L Perrodin, Mark Shiffer, Steve Hubmer, James Carr, Gerald Brown, Paul Mitchell, Michael Carter, Bobby Rawalji, Bonita Leek, Renate C. Mueller, Darnell Woods, David Hamilton, Janice Logan, Al Lepre , Dennis Platt, William Schyman, Tim Theis, James Leek, Greg Glenn, Franklin Johnson, Robert Jones, Kevin Smith, Mark Corson, Bennie Maurcere, Justin Anderson, Karen Cordero,

Quorum was met.

Special Report – USADSF:

Bob Steele of the USADSF home office gave a 30 minute presentation of the USADSF insurance program and discussed the \$16.00 USADSF membership/insurance program to the delegates.

The meeting resumed at 430pm.

President Raymond Kilhau asked the delegate for a moment of silence in the memory and recent passing of long-time AAAD officer Max Ray.

Review & Approval of Past Minutes:

Minutes of the 2005 Las Vegas meeting was approved. Justin Anderson. (K. Drown).

Officers & Standing Committees Reports 1 of 2:

Men Commissioner Report - Tom Morrison:

Relayed to the delegates of his activities working between the BPAC (Basketball Players Advisory Committee) and the USADB Executive Board. It was agreed that continued improve communications will be a priority for 2007. In addition BPAC minutes are now on the USADB website for all to read and keep up to date. Tom mentioned, since, Women's Commissionership is a vacant position at this time, Dennis Platt was selected to assume the interim Women Commissionership duties and Dennis will be working closely with Tom during this weekend's tournament. Both Dennis and Tom agreed that a strong women leader is needed for the Women Commissioner for 2007. Hopefully there will be more women leaders involved in the future of the USADB and the position of Women Commissioner.

A reminder that any player appeals shall be sent to the Commissioners at least 15 days prior to the USADB tournament for proper interpretations. Any last minute appeals may not be recognized by the Commissioners or the USADB board.

Special Announcement:

A recognition was presented to Bill Schyman for his recent induction to the DePaul University Basketball Hall of Fame. Bill explained to the delegates of this honor and thanked the USADB basketball delegates for recognizing him during this meeting.

USADB Officers Reports:

President: Raymond Kiltthau

1. Long last presentation as president as I served a full 4 years term.
2. Delegates and members have the final decision if USADB has turned into for better or worse during my president tenure.
3. Share thankfulness and appreciations with GSLAD and Doug Mader as tournament director to ensure a successful tournament.
4. Decision Makings: Some may be wrong while some may be right. Some may not fully understand why some decisions were reached and may end up disagreeing without understanding the facts behind the decision makings.
5. Organization Survival: Questioning the future of the organization due to the following reasons:
 - a. Leadership – Declining in number of people assuming leadership role
 - b. Attitude – Members look forward to new board and people to run USADB without realizing that new board may run into the same problems as the to-be-former board faced resulting in continuing problems & dissatisfactions.
6. BPAC: May agree or disagree with their decision makings, but need to keep this going on because of the need to involve players into overall organization's decision makings.
7. Regions: Foundations of USADB – Need all regions to work together.
8. Trial & Error: It is ok as long as we learn from it and not make same mistake. However, we can't go through anything without making any error.
9. Be careful what you wish for! Can't wait to throw out current board and replace with new board. The wish can result in worse new board than how the current board did.
10. Financial: Appreciates current treasurer's contributions after the interim-treasurer, Tim Theis, ended his tenure after contributing as much as he could while providing temporary assistance.
11. Facts v. Emotions:

- a. Disaffiliate USADSF – ABAD & USADB split and merge history. Want this to repeat?
 - b. Budget – Cutting costs results in emotional responses, but cutting costs are necessary for the survival of USADB. Need to attend to the facts prior to releasing emotional responses. Rather to be in black (profit) than be in red (loss).
12. Vice President Resignation: Oskar Schugg resigned due to personal reasons and I will take over as by-law chairperson and handle the rules & regulations agenda during the meeting which may be long due to the by-laws being unattended for more than two years.
 13. Insurance: Lad Baird, Treasurer, will cover this issue during his report.
 14. Last words: I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to be the president for the last four years. No matter what happened during the course, I'm still standing and won't give up. The position is very tough and appreciates the patience that was received.

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Myron Greenstone

1. Welcome to St. Louis as it is a great town to have the tournament at.
2. Please show appreciation and gratitude towards GSLAD for their manpower service.
3. Good luck to the champions of this year's tournament.
4. Some coaches need to see me before first game to sign the Code of Ethics form.
5. Lifetime pass: Some passes are still on hold. Please provide me any contact information in order for me to distribute it.
6. Coaches of the champion teams for this year need to see me after the game to get names of the players who won championship for the first time.
7. All-time statistics originally handled by Ira Laurer then Marvin Greenstone. I took over the duties about 10 years ago. Tom Morrison helped me with the updating. Men's statistics are up-to-date, but women's statistics are still being updated. I will continue updating the all-time statistics on volunteer basis.
8. My tenure as secretary for past 6 years, I want to thank all of the board members for working with me through all ups and downs. I do not intend to serve on the board any longer.
9. For new secretary, I will help through the transition. The key is timeline. If it is followed, the new secretary should not have any problem.
10. USADB is grassroot's history and hope USADB still will be around in 50 years.
11. Thank you to everyone who supported me throughout my tenure.

Public Relations Director: Shirley Platt

The past year has been relatively quiet and definitely much smoother with the addition of a Tournament Director to our staff at USADB. I could have never handled all of that after three surgeries the past year!

I attended the House of Delegates meeting for USADSF in November 2005 along with Raymond Kiltbau, Justin Anderson, Muriel Strassler and Dennis Platt. We represented USADB players in the membership issues, but we were not successful in requesting changes in the current membership dues structure. We were pleased to see Larry Fleischer take office as the new President. His primary goal the next two years is to resolve the issues with USOC and get full funding for the USA Team to the Deaflympics. This will be very exciting for our athletes if it happens!

I prepared the criteria for the PanAm Youth Games coaches and the criteria for the athletes and we submitted both to USADSF for final approval. Both coaches positions for girls and boys and for athletes applications are posted on the website. The Games are this summer at Gallaudet.

We had 8 applicants for the girls and boys coaches positions. A screening committee of three made their selections and the USADB Board approved them, and sent our selections to USADSF for final approval. Hopefully, the names will be announced sometime this week.

We had not received many applications for the athletes for the PanAm Youth Games, so the deadline was extended to April 31, 2006. If you know of interested and highly skilled athletes, please refer their parents to our website for instructions on applying.

The newly selected coaches will be part of the decision making team that selects their assistant coaches; when that is completed then both coaches will assist in the selection process for the athletes, along with a screening committee.

I recently submitted the coaches criteria for the USADB National Team Coaches to USADSF for approval. Announcement of these positions will be posted on the website very soon.

It has been a rewarding experience to be part of USA Deaf Basketball. I sincerely wish the new board best of luck in their endeavors.

Treasurer: Ladimer Baird (Moved after Public Relations' report due to length of report.)

1. Thanked my family for allowing me to hold the Treasurer position because I've spent a lot of hours on USADB which I enjoy but I also need to recognize the sacrifice my family made.
2. Quote: "Numbers don't lie."
3. 990 Form Filings:
 - a. Started my position in Aug 2004.
 - b. Found out 2003 report should have been filed by May 15, 2004. Already past due when I took over the position even though the IRS allow automatic extension to Aug 15, 2004 and second extension upon the IRS' approval to Nov 15, 2005.
 - c. Worked on consolidating 2003 financial reports: Partial from Rick Balk and Tim Theis.
 - d. Worked on consolidating 2004 financial reports: Partial from Tim Theis and myself.
 - e. Filed 2003 990 form around May 2005 and filed 2004 990 form on Nov 28, 2005 which was 13 days past deadline of Nov 15, 2005 for 2nd extension.
 - f. Received notice of penalty from the IRS for late filing. Approx \$3,900 for 2003 and \$400 for 2004. For 2003, the IRS waived the fees while 2004 is still in the works of being waived.
 - g. 2005 990 form should be filed on time because all financial issues are in place and just need audit committee to review and approve before filing so the organization can remain intact.
4. Financial Health of the Organization:
 - a. Utah tournament in April 2004 resulted in net loss of approximately \$13k.
 - i. No blames needed.
 - ii. Unintentional mismanagement of funds:
 1. Spent lodging for region champion teams based on membership fees at \$5 per member. The board during that time intended to

use approximate total of \$6k earned through membership fees (1,200 members) plus players' entry fee for national tourney to cover lodging costs of approximately \$12k. In result, there is no membership fees fund remaining to cover board's general expenses like travel, supplies, USADSF's affiliate fee, etc.

iii. Hidden Costs:

1. Lost wheelchair = \$500
2. After banquet, additional cost of \$ per hour per UVSC employee to clean up.

b. When I became the Treasurer, USADB had \$7k in debt with UVSC that has to be paid in full within a year after the tournament.

- i. After collecting 2005 USADB & USADSF membership fees from all regions, the board decided to pay off \$7k debt with USVC first before passing through all of the USADSF membership fees to USADSF.
- ii. At end, USADB was short approximately \$2k to pass through all of USADSF's membership fees.
- iii. USADSF notified USADB that USADB can't send 5 house of delegate representatives until all of the USADSF membership fees are passed through.
- iv. Two of USADB officers, Shirley Platt and Oskar Schugg, were very kind and willing to make an interest-free loan to USADB totaling \$1,500. This allowed USADB to pass through all of USADSF membership fees to USADSF.

c. 2006 budget based on \$10 USADB membership fee vs. \$5 membership fee in 2005:

- i. This can allow all of other USADB debts to be paid off especially for some USADB officers' business trips to House of Delegates or past tournaments which they have not been reimbursed for as long as two years. (We need to extensively thank those officers for putting USADB's debts first before their personal debts.)
- ii. This can allow USADB to "prepay" for boards' travel expense instead of reimbursing few months or years after the actual travel date.

d. With all those information, our overall financial health is getting better, but will be much better within next few years.

5. Financial Report Package (Cash Basis – Not Accrual Basis):

a. Showed demonstration of what my financial report package consisted of.

- i. Accounts Receivable (people owes USADB) and Accounts Payable (USADB owes people) worksheet.
- ii. Budget: General & Tourney

1. Few columns for estimates to include revisions throughout the year and one column for actual so we can compare and forecast better for the future years.
2. I came into USADB with only one fund which I want to set up two funds: General & Tournament.
 - a. General Fund: Revenue from region team entry/membership fee and \$10 membership fees
 - b. Tourney Fund: Revenue from tourney-related including national team entry fee, admissions, sponsors, booths, advertisings, etc.
 - c. Tourney Fund has two expense classifications: Tourney and Non-Tourney expenses.
 - i. Tourney includes referees, balls, gym fee, scorekeepers, insurance, etc.
 - ii. Non-Tourney includes shot clock, entertainment, program book, etc.
 - iii. Detailed Activity: Detailed activity of each deposit and expense for audit purposes and allows me to complete income statement.
 - iv. Income Statement: Summarized report of detailed activities based on monthly and YTD for ease of reading and reviewing.
 - v. 990 reports: Official worksheets to be printed out and sent with 990 forms to the IRS.
 1. Income Statement
 2. Balance Sheet
 3. Bank Reconciliation
 4. Officers Listing
6. 2006 Members:
 - a. USADB: 1,216 members = \$12,160
 - b. USADSF: 1,128 members passed through (one region did not pay USADSF membership fees) = \$18,048
7. Update on USADB's \$41k debt with USADSF: (See Attachment A)
 - a. Yellow highlights are the amounts that Bobbie Beth and I verbally agreed to be waived according to legal point-of-view.
 - i. Jimmy Newsome issue of \$5k due to insufficient documents.
 - ii. Youth development of \$5k due to insufficient documents.
 - iii. Akron Legal Fees because the dispute was over passing through AAAD's (currently USADSF) membership fees.

- iv. Total savings of approximately \$22k which automatically reduces the total debt from \$41k to \$19k. There was a suggestion of making payment plan of paying back \$2k per year for next 10 years.
- b. Green highlights are the amounts that USADB still owes USADSF due to sufficient documents.
- c. Larry Fleischer, current USADSF president, stated that approximately \$25k basketball grant received by USADSF in 1997 for basketball Deaflympics participants. The fund should have been allocated only to the women and men basketball players. However, USADSF board at that time agreed to allocate the grant to other NSOs which resulted in the need for each basketball player to pay \$900 each. Multiplying \$900 with 30 total players & coaches = \$27k. This results in USADSF owing USADB \$25k
- d. In end, USADSF owes USADB approximately \$5,500.
- e. My recommendation to USADB and USADSF board is to put this case into closure.
- f. USADSB board wasn't able to come up with final decision or counter-offer before this meeting. So, the next update may be shared during next delegate meeting in Indianapolis.

8. Budget Proposals:

- a. Add per diem stipend for board member: Approx \$700-\$1,000
- b. Add compensation/professional service fees for board member, parliamentarian and webmaster similar to NSAD: Approx \$4k
- c. \$75 team entry/membership fee to be removed and increase membership from \$10 to \$15 or \$20. Budget worksheet shows \$6k more in membership fee revenue if go with \$20 membership fee on top of \$20k.
- d. Expenses:
 - i. Non-Tourney Board Meeting – 2-3 days
 - ii. Tourney Board Meeting
 - iii. House of Delegate – If still affiliated
 - iv. Compensation/Professional Service Fees

9. Insurance:

- a. Provider: USADSF
 - i. If Continue to Affiliate:
 - 1. Have to pay \$16 membership fee in order to receive insurance service.
 - 2. No need to search for another insurance provider.
 - ii. If Disaffiliate:
 - 1. We can't use their insurance at all and have to find another insurance provider.

2. I found two other possible insurance providers.

- a. AAU
- b. USSSA

b. Plan

- i. AAU's membership fee is \$14 which is similar pricing as USADSF However, after discussing insurance issue with Greg Glenn, there is possibility of avoiding \$14 membership fee.
- ii. If disaffiliate, I will set up insurance committee to research more into AAU and USSSA and come up with more information on provider and fees around Oct 1st.

10. Fees:

- a. I will set up fees schedule to help the members to understand the fees structure easier.

11. 501 (c) 3 Mission:

- a. I have not seen any budget for youth and international categories which we need to start attending to both categories as both are part of USADB's organization as whole.

12. Committee:

a. Audit

- i. Bonnie Schwebke
- ii. Ira Hendon III
- iii. Justin Anderson

b. Financial

- i. By-Laws stated two people plus myself can be part of the committee.
- ii. Two people will be selected shortly.

13. 990 Reports can be viewed in www.guidestar.org for anyone who are interested in checking USADB's official filed financial report. 2005's report should be shown by end of this year.

14. Contract:

- a. Need to be careful as it can backfire and cause USADB to spend more \$ than necessary. This requires legal expertise. We need to decide if we need to add expense line item for legal fees into the general budget.

Officers & Standing Committees Reports 2 of 2:

Men Commissioner Report - Tom Morrison:

-A video DVD of the 2005 Las Vegas USADB tournament maybe on sale this weekend. Information will be shared later to the general public.

-Both Commissioners will be on the floor the whole tournament for smooth communications and coordination. Both commissioners will work with Gene Duve, Official's Coordinator for the tournament. All Deaf officials will be present this weekend. Sandy Hart is the official trainer with her assistant to assist any players. The Greater St. Louis Association of the Deaf committee will help with the stats and that local Liaison chairperson Greg Peterson will help assist with the stats inputs. Diane Kilthau will also assist with the stats and will input all results immediately into the USADB website.

-Tournament Director Report - Doug Mader:

Doug informed the delegates that he will be available to assist during the weekend on gym and hotel.

A reminder the gym is a half hour drive from the hotel and traffic may be tight during morning rush hours. Advise to leave the hotel early for the early games.

Saturday night awards and buffet dinner will be held at the hotel.

Any questions or concerns to inform Doug.

Standing Rules:

President Raymond Kilthau as acting Vice-President relayed standing rules of 3 pros and 3 cons for tonight's meeting will be enforced tonight unless a situation dictates revision to the standing rules.

Unfinished Business:

1.
 - a. Ladimer Baird (D. Mader)-moved to change the current bylaw chapter 16.02 to 16.03 with the understanding of inserting a new 16.02 section entitled—"USADB National Tournament Criteria for Hearing Loss Requirement". The body of this language shall consist—"The association and all members regions shall adhere to the CISS criteria for pathological definition of deafness for each athlete with understanding that each athlete shall have at least 55 decibels in at least one ear instead of the better ear". Referred to Law Committee from Las Vegas, 2005.
 - b. **Executive Board as Law Committee's Recommendation:**
 - i. **Stay with better ear only for international level competitions if continue to be affiliated with USADSF**
 - ii. **Add at least one ear only for national level competitions.**
 - iii. **If disaffiliated from USADSF, change from the better ear to at least one ear.**
 - c. **PROPOSAL AS WHOLE: Referred to Raymond Kilthau's proposals #3 & #4 during rules & regulations.**

2.

- a. Bill Schyman (A. Lepre)-moved that to have the USADB Preference to be disassociated from the USADSF as nothing is accomplished by sending annual USADSF dues to USADSF Home Office. Referred to Law Committee from Las Vegas, 2005.
- b. **Executive Board as Law Committee's Recommendation:**
 - i. This motion was discussed. The majority of the USADB executive board recommended that this motion for USADB to be disaffiliate from the USADSF not to be approved.
- c. The motion for the USADB to be disaffiliated from the USADSF as of October 1, 2006 was approved by the delegates.

30 for
9 against
1 abstained

Tellers were Carl Denney, Greg Peterson and John Scott.

Rules & Regulations:

Prior to the start of rules & regulations session, Mark Corson (B. Maucere) moved to refer all by-laws proposals to Law Committee for next year at Indianapolis.

AMEND: Mark Tessier moved to amend to refer all except discussions relating to Financial Issues. **PASSED.**

AMEND: Greg Glenn moved to amend to add players' eligibility.

OUT OF ORDER

PROPOSAL AS WHOLE: FAILED

NOTE:

PROPOSAL # 1-14 MADE BY RAYMOND KILTHAU

PROPOSAL # 15-25 MADE BY LADIMER BAIRD

THE PROPOSALS WERE SECONDED BY THE BOARD

ALL SECONDED FOR AMENDMENTS WITHOUT NAMES WERE DOCUMENTED VIA VIDEO.

ALL CORRECTIONS WERE MADE BY INDY 2007 BASKETBALL COUNCIL MEETING & VIDEO
OF ST. LOUIS 2006 BASKETBALL COUNCIL MEETING.

PROPOSAL # 1

Current:

13.04 Determination of Dues of the Association.

The Basketball Council shall annually determine the dues of the Association for the succeeding calendar year. Such dues shall be fixed on the equitable basis and shall be due and payable as determined by the Treasurer.

13.07 Dues for Member Regions.

- (3) Region membership dues and renewal of \$50 shall be due on Dec 31 before the start of the next basketball season.
— *Effective 3/27/2003* —
- (2) An automatic late penalty fee of \$100.00 shall be assessed against any region which fails to meet the February 1 deadline. The penalty shall be assessed a second time if the region again fails to meet the deadline for sending dues payments for any replacement officers.
— *Effective 3/27/2003* —
- (3) All fees, forms, documentation, etc shall be in the USADB Secretary's hands no later than February 15 of the current year. No exceptions will be made. Failure to comply this deadline shall result in an automatic \$100.00 late submission penalty against the region.
— *Effective 3/27/2003* —
- (4) The USADB team entry and membership fee shall be \$75.00. The player registration fee shall be \$10.00 per name on roster. The fees shall be due February 1 of current year with registration forms.
— *Effective 3/27/2003* —

13.09 Collection of Fees, Dues, Applications, and Forms.

- (1) Each fan who attends the USADB National Tournament shall pay fifteen dollars (\$15.00) fan registration fee.
-- *Effective 3/26/2003* --
- (2) Check policy: \$25 service charge fee for any returned checks.
-- *Effective 4/14/2004* --
- (3) Team picture fine shall impose to any team who provide poor quality pictures or not supplied any pictures.
-- *Effective 4/14/2004*

14.03 Fees.

- (2) Lifetime pass holders shall pay a flat rate of \$25.00.
-- Effective 3/26/2003 --

New Proposal:

13.04 Determination of **Dues, Fines and Fees** of the Association.

- (1) The Basketball Council shall annually determine the **dues, fines, and fees** of the Association for the succeeding calendar year. Such dues shall be fixed on the equitable basis and shall be due and payable as determined by the Treasurer. (See Appendix A – Dues, Fines, and Fees guideline.)

13.07 Dues for Member Regions.

- (3) Region membership dues and renewal, **in an amount determined in Section 13.04**, shall be due on Dec 31 before the start of the next basketball season.
- (5) An automatic late penalty fee, **in an amount determined in Section 13.04**, shall be assessed against any region which fails to meet the February 1 deadline. The penalty shall be assessed a second time if the region again fails to meet the deadline for sending dues payments for any replacement officers.
- (6) All fees, forms, documentation, etc shall be in the USADB Secretary's hands no later than February 15 of the current year. No exceptions will be made. Failure to comply this deadline shall result in an automatic late submission penalty, **in an amount determined in Section 13.04**, against the region.
- (7) The USADB team entry and membership fee shall be **in an amount determined in Section 13.04**. The player registration fee shall be, **in an amount determined in Section 13.04**, per name on roster. The fees shall be due February 1 of current year with registration forms.

13.09 Collection of Fees, Dues, Applications, and Forms.

- (4) Each fan who attends the USADB National Tournament shall pay, **in an amount determined in Section 13.04**, fan registration fee.
- (5) Check policy: Service charge fee, **in an amount determined in Section 13.04**, for any returned checks.
- (6) Team picture fine, **in an amount determined in Section 13.04**, shall impose to any team who provide poor quality pictures or not supplied any pictures.

14.03 Fees.

- (3) Lifetime pass holders shall pay a flat rate, in an amount determined in Section 13.04.

(Appendix A (Annual Dues, Fines, and Fees Table):

Amount
USADB Membership Fees (Section 13.05 and 13.07 (7))
\$10.00 Per player (2006)
USADB Team Entry Fee (Section 13.07 (7))
\$75.00 Per Year (2006)
USADB National Team Entry Fee
\$300.00 Per Team (2006)
USADB Region Dues
\$100.00 Per Region (2006)
USADB Late Penalty Fee (Section 13.07 (5))
\$100.00 Per Region (2006)
USADB Late Registration Fee (Section 13.07 (6))
\$100.00 Per Region (2006)
USADB Fan Registration Fee (Section 13.09 (2))
\$15.00 Per participant (2006)
USADB Returned Check (Section 13.09 (3))
\$25.00 Per returned check (2006)
USADB Team Picture Fine (Section 13.09 (4))
\$150.00 Per team (2006)
USADB Lifetime Pass Holders (Section 14.03 (3))
\$25.00 per holder (2006)
USADB Team Picture fine (Section 13.09 (6))
\$150.00 per team (2006)

PASSED

Proposal # 2

Current:

None

New Proposal:

13.08 Expenses of the Association:

(1) The expenses of the Association shall be as follows:

- (f) **The Association shall be authorized to pay the regional championship teams (Men and Women teams), based on American Automobile Association's two stars rating, lodging costs up to four rooms/four nights based on USADB Financial Committee's recommendation.**

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 3

Current:

17.01 CISS Criteria for Pathological Definition of Deafness.

The Association and all Member Regions shall adhere to the CISS criteria for pathological definition of deafness for each athlete, so that each athlete having a hearing loss of at least 55 decibels in the better ear may therefore be eligible for any USADSF or USADB event or qualifying event.
-- Effective 4/9/2002 --

New Proposal:

17.01 CISS Criteria for Pathological Definition of Deafness.

The Association and all Member Regions shall adhere to the CISS criteria for pathological definition of deafness for each athlete, so that each athlete having a hearing loss of at least 55 decibels in the better ear ~~may therefore be eligible for any USADSF or USADB event or qualifying event.~~

AMEND: Keith Drown (Ladimer Baird) moved all passage to be removed.

PASSED

PROPOSAL AS WHOLE: PASSED

PROPOSAL # 4

Current:

16.02 Copy of Hearing Test Administered by a Certified Audiologist.

Each athlete shall provide the Secretary with a copy of his most recent hearing test, performed by a certified audiologist and showing the level of hearing loss in decibels.

-- Effective 4/9/2002 –

New Proposal:

16.02 USADB National Tournament for Hearing Loss Requirement.

The association and all members regions shall adhere to the CISS criteria for pathological definition of deafness for each athlete with understanding that each athlete shall have at least 55 decibels in at least one ear instead of the better ear.

16.03 Copy of Hearing Test Administered by a Certified Audiologist.

Each athlete shall provide the Secretary with a copy of his most recent hearing test, performed by a certified audiologist and showing the level of hearing loss in decibels.

-- Effective 4/9/2002 –

NOTE: This proposal is also an unfinished business from Las Vegas 2005 basketball council meeting.

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 5

Current:

None:

New Proposal:

x.xx USA Deaf Basketball Coaches, Players and Spectators Code of Ethics

- 1. will place the emotional and physical well being of my team ahead of a personal desire to win.**
- 2. will treat my teammates, coaches and managers as individuals; remembering the large range of emotional and physical development we all share.**
- 3. will take responsible measures to honor all commitments I make towards my team and my club.**
- 4. will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my teammates and opponents.**

5. **will do my best to attend all practices and help make them fun, educational and Beneficial for my teammates and club.**
6. **will provide a sports environment for my team and club that is free of drugs, tobacco, gambling and alcohol. I will also refrain from their use at all sports events and related club activities.**
7. **will be knowledgeable of the USADB basketball rules and requirements. I will honor those written in the USADB by-laws to my fullest commitment.**
8. **will remember that I am privileged to perform in the USADB and that the game is meant to be for fun. I will also exhibit proper behavior methods at each USADB basketball game, to all spectators, officials, officers, and commissioners**

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 6

Current:

6.01 Delegates.

- (1) Voting members of the Basketball Council shall consist of the following:
 - (a) One delegate for each team with a delegate form signed by the region's secretary;
-- Effective 4/12/2000 --
 - (b) One delegate for each region with a delegate form signed by the region's secretary, and;
-- Effective 4/12/2000 --
 - (c) The officers of the Association.
-- Effective 4/12/2000 --
 - (d) Former past officers of the AAAD/USADB as delegate at large.
-- Effective 4/12/2000 --
- (2) The following restrictions shall apply:
 - (a) No person shall be entitled to more than one vote, regardless of holding multiple offices.
-- Effective 4/12/2000 --
 - (b) Each delegate shall be a full member in good standing with the Association and the USADSF for at least one year prior to the Basketball Council meeting, and the organization he represents shall meet the membership criteria as outlined in Article Three of this Constitution.
-- Effective 4/12/2000 --

New proposal:

6.01 Delegates.

- (1) Voting members of the Basketball Council shall consist of the following:

- (a) **One delegate from each region must be elected regional officer;**
- (b) **One delegate from each region must be male basketball player;**
 - (1) **Must be a representative or alternate representative from BPAC;**
 - (2) **Must be elected from Regional Players Council;**
- (c) **One delegate from each region must be female basketball player;**
 - (1) **Must be a representative or alternate Representative from BPAC;**
 - (2) **Must be elected from Regional Players Council;**
- (d) The officers of the Association;
- (e) Former past officers of the USADB as Delegate at large;
 - (1) Must complete the full term as past officer.

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 7

Current:

Elections.

- (1) The officers of the Association shall be elected to four-year terms and may not be elected for more than two consecutive terms in the same office.
-- Effective 4/12/2000 --
- (2) The President, Secretary and Public Relations Officer shall be elected during the Basketball Council meeting following the close of the Summer Deaf World Games.
-- Effective 4/12/2000 --
- (3) The Vice-President, Treasurer and Player Representative shall be elected during the Basketball Council meeting two years later.
-- Effective 4/12/2000 --
- (4) The Men's Commissioner and Women's Commissioners shall be appointed by the USADB Men's and Women's Basketball Players Advisory Committee (BPAC).
-- Effective 4/13/2005 --
- (5) Offices shall be assumed on May 1st.
-- Effective 4/12/2000 --

New proposal:

2.01 Elections.

- (1) **The officers of the Association shall be elected to two-year terms and may not be elected for more than three consecutive terms in the same office.**

- (2) **The President, Secretary and Public Relations Director shall be elected during the even-year Basketball Council meeting.**
- (3) **The Vice-President, and Treasurer shall be elected during the odd-year Basketball Council meeting.**
- (4) The Men's Commissioner and Women's Commissioners shall be appointed by the USADB Men's and Women's Basketball Players Advisory Committee (BPAC).
-- *Effective 4/13/2005*--
Offices shall be assumed on May 1st.
-- *Effective 4/12/2000* --

AMEND: Ladimer Baird (Seconded) amended to merge Public Relation Director position with Secretary position and add Tournament Director as one of seven executive board positions.

FAILED

AMEND: Greg Glenn (Seconded) amended to merge Public Relation Director with Tournament Director.

OUT OF ORDER

AMEND: ROBERT BACKOFEN (Seconded) amended to move Secretary's election from even-year to odd-year.

TABLED

MOTION AS WHOLE: PASSED

PROPOSAL # 8

Current:

Constitution: Article Five: Executive Board

5.04 Empowerment

The Board shall be empowered to take such action as a majority of its members believes appropriate in the event the Board has knowledge that the Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines of the Association have been violated, regardless of a lack of formal complaint.

-- *Effective 4/12/2000* --

New Proposal:

Constitution: Article Five: Executive Board

5.04 Empowerment

The Board shall be empowered to take such action as a majority of its members believes appropriate in the event the Board has knowledge that the Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines of the Association have been violated, regardless of a lack

of formal complaint, **submitting a written and oral report at the Basketball Council Meeting**

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 9

Current:

Constitution: Article Fourteen: Dissolution

14.01 Distribution of Assets and Monies.

In the event of dissolution of the Association, all tangible assets shall be sold and all monies realized there from, together with any other monies remaining, shall be turned over to the USADSF.

-- Effective 4/12/2000 --

New proposal:

Constitution: Article Fourteen: Dissolution

14.01 Distribution of Assets and Monies.

In the event of dissolution of the Association, all tangible assets shall be sold and all monies realized there from, together with any other monies remaining, shall be **equally turned over to all Regions and USADSF.**

AMEND: Ladimer Baird (Seconded) amended to remove "and USADSF".

PASSED

AMEND: Ira Hendon III (Seconded) amended to add "with 501 (c) 3 status" after "regions".

PASSED

AMEND: Shirley Platt (Seconded) amended to replace "turned over" with "distributed".

PASSED

PROPOSAL AS WHOLE: PASSED 10-1

PROPOSAL # 10

Current:

18.0 Bylaws: Chapter Eighteen: Amendments to the Bylaws

18.01 Amendments.

The Bylaws may be amended, altered or revoked at the Basketball Council meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Basketball Council delegates present and voting.

New Proposal:

18.0 Bylaws: Chapter Eighteen: Amendments to the Bylaws

18.01 Amendments.

The Bylaws may be amended, altered or revoked at the Basketball Council meeting by **majority vote** of the Basketball Council delegates present and voting.

FAILED

Proposal # 11

Current:

None

New Proposal:

17.0 Basketball Rules.

- (1) The USADB registration form must be filled completely. Any cross-off, scratched out or alterations shall be subject the region to a fine, determined in Section 13.04. Regions may assess it's own fine system.**
- (2) Regions shall pay the fine on behalf of the team. Regions have the right to follow up with their own regional teams to pay money back to their regions.**
- (3) USADB registration form is limited to 15 signatures. Any additional signature exceeding 15 signatures shall not be recognized.**

PASSED 12-8

PROPOSAL # 12

Current:

None

New Proposal:

USA Deaf Basketball National Tournament Guidelines

- USADB Tournament Director and Local Support Committee**
- Date of Tournament**
- Flyers**
- Registration**
- Passes**
- Transportation**
- Hotel Lodgings**
- Gymnasiums**
- Interpreters**
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- **First Aid & Athletic Trainers**
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- **Trophies/Plaques/Awards**
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- **Saturday Night Social/Dance/Awards**
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- **Coaches/Managers Meeting**
- **Athlete Advisory Council Meeting**
- **Local Support Committee Responsibilities**
- **Advance Tournament Planning Schedule/Checklist**

USADB Tournament Local Support Committee Guidelines

USADB Tournament Director and Local Support Committee

- **The USADB Executive Committee shall appoint the Tournament Director for the upcoming basketball tournament.**
- **The Local Support Committee shall appoint or elect a liaison at least two years prior to the USADB Basketball tournament.**
- **The liaison shall provide reports to the USADB Tournament Director. The liaison shall be encouraged to read through the USADB Rules and Regulations. The Rules and Regulations may be downloaded from website or obtained from Tournament Director.**
- **The liaison should make photocopies of these guidelines for his/her local support committee where necessary.**

Date of Tournament

- **The USADB tournament shall be held on the 1st or 2nd weekend of April. Every effort shall be made to avoid any conflicts with the Easter holiday or any other religious holiday. The USADB Executive Board shall announce the date at least one year in advance.**

Flyers

- **The USADB Tournament Director shall have a flyer prepared with prices set by the USADB Executive Committee at least 12 months prior to the USADB tournament. Flyers with itemized prices may not be distributed by the Local Support Committee to any USADB member club without written approval from the USADB Executive Board. Once approved, the prices shall not be changed.**
- **The Local Support Committee shall assist in distribution of the flyers to all USADB member clubs and other appropriate parties at least seven (7) months before the USADB tournament. The USADB Secretary will furnish the updated addresses of all the current USADB member clubs.**

Registration

- **The USADB Treasurer shall use the official USADB two-color NCR form, with sequential numbers, (white for USADB and yellow for registered person) as the combo ticket sales invoices. A receipt book should be on hand for other purposes. The Local Support Committee shall work with the USADB Treasurer at the registration. The USADB Treasurer shall secure all receipts, monies and registration forms. The USADB Treasurer shall see to it that the NCR forms include a waiver clause and must be signed by the individual participant. This combo ticket applies to all individuals including local support committee members, volunteers, USADB officers, regional presidents, players, coaches, managers, lifetime holders, guests and individual fans.**

Passes

- **The officers of the USADB (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations, and specific staff members) and any USADB Hall of Fame inductees (for that year) shall be given complimentary passes to all events held during tournament. The events held during the USADB tournament should include the Local Support Committee's social events if they are not already included in the USADB combo ticket. The USADB Executive Board may decide if it's board members and staff shall pay part of the combo cost.**
- **Players (limited to 15 individuals, including a coach and a manager, per participating team) shall be given complimentary passes to all tournament games and social events (awards and Saturday night social). If a meal is included in the Saturday night event, an additional fee to cover meal cost may be charged to all 15 team members.**

Transportation

- **The USADB Tournament Director with the Local Support Committee liaison shall negotiate with a local or national car rental agency for a block of cars/vans to be made available for the regional championship teams and invited teams, as needed. The USADB may arrange for airport transportation of teams, if needed.**

Hotel/Lodging

- **The Tournament Director and the Local Support Committee liaison shall negotiate with a local or national hotel for a block of rooms. The following criteria must be adhered to:**
- **Shall reserve up to 16 regional championships teams subject to USADB Financial Committee's Recommendation (Section 13.08 (f)). If 10 or less team members show up for the tournament, they shall be given only 2 rooms.**
NOTE: The number of nights depends on the number of courts available and starting time of the games on Thursday
 - **Shall reserve 4 nights (Wednesday through Saturday) at the tournament headquarters, a suite for the USADB President, a room each for the USADB officers (Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations**

Director, Tournament Director, and designated staff support for USADB. The USADB Treasurer shall be responsible for the USADB expenses. Officers shall be requested to share rooms if USADB financial circumstances prohibit individual rooms.

- Shall reserve (upon request by the region) rooms for 4 nights (Wednesday through Saturday) for each Regional President at the region's expense.
- May reserve 10 additional rooms until the "block" cutoff deadline (usually 30 days before the start of the tournament) for any others such as USADB staff, deaf referees, or sportswriters. USADB Tournament Director will negotiate responsibility of expenses at time of contract.
- The Tournament Director and the Local Support Committee liaison shall make these room reservations at least 12 months prior to the tournament. These reservations shall be double-checked from time to time prior to the tournament. (Sometimes hotel management changes without notice)

Gymnasiums

- The Tournament Director and the Local Support Committee liaison shall inspect the gymnasium. They should ensure that there are electronic scoreboards and shot clocks provided for each court in the gym(s). Four or more basketball courts are recommended because of the large number of participating teams.
- USADB Men's and Women's Commissioners shall decide the times of the games and submit the timetable to the USADB Executive Board for approval.
- The Local Support Committee shall provide at least four (or more) official basketballs (two for men's games and two for women's games) for all games of the tournament.
- The USADB Men's and Women's Commissioners shall work with Tournament Director to select certified referees (two referees per regular game and 3 referees per championship game). There shall be no discrimination based on hearing loss, gender, or race, etc.
- The Local Support Committee shall ensure there are sufficient official scorekeeper(s) and timer(s) to help keep score and time during the national basketball tournament. Such volunteers/workers shall be worked out with USADB Commissioners. The USADB Executive Board shall approve the official scorekeeper(s) and timer(s).
- USADB shall use the StatCrew software for the tournament.

Interpreters

- The Local Support Committee shall provide interpreter(s) to communicate with referees/umpires and others where necessary. Provisions shall also be made to provide an interpreter for any injured player who needs medical attention or to go to hospital.

Exhibit Booths

- **100% of all revenues generated from the exhibit booths shall be considered the sole revenue of the USADB.**
- **Exhibitors shall be given a maximum of two combo tickets at a predetermined flat rate.**
- **Each exhibitor shall occupy only 36 square feet per paid booth, as designated by the USADB Tournament Director. One 6 ft table x 6 ft = 36 sq ft)**
- **The local support Committee shall assist with arrangements for the exhibit hall for the USADB.**
- **Contracts shall be signed with all exhibitors.**
- **USADB reserves the right to reject any exhibitor with a history of problems or who has demonstrated unprofessional behavior in the past.**
- **Exhibitors shall not be allowed to sell merchandise with USADB logos.**
- **The USADB Executive Board shall approve all contracts.**

Program Book

- **The Local Support Committee should have program books ready to print two weeks prior to the tournament. Check with print shop to ensure two weeks is enough time. If not, prepare earlier!**
- **The Local Support Committee should contact the USADB Commissioners at least two (2) months prior to the tournament, to submit the summary of statistics, All Stars, records, and Basketball Hall of Fame lists and other items of interest from USADB's past tournaments for printing in the program book.**
- **At least 15 days prior to the tournament, the USADB Secretary shall send the Local Support Committee copies of the signed players registration forms and a tournament bracket sheet for printing the team rosters and bracket in the program book.**
- **The Local Support Committee shall provide 25 program books to the USADB President and 10 program books to the USADB Commissioners.**
- **The Local Support Committee shall provide each team with program books free of charge for players who actually show up.**

First Aid/Athletic Trainers

- **Local Support Committee shall make arrangements on behalf of USADB for quick first aid treatment, location and quick knowledge of nearest hospital or medical clinic.**

- **Athletic trainers shall be provided for the duration of the tournament.**

Team Pictures

- **The Local Support Committee shall provide photographer(s) for posing each team two times (30 minutes before their first game of the tournament).**
- **The Local Support Committee shall buy color print film and check the availability of a local one-hour photo service. Pictures shall be gloss and clear. The pictures (two copy each) shall be ready by the championship game. Digital cameras/photos may be used in lieu of film.**
- **The USADB will reimburse the expenses of the films, pictures, and film developing service to the Local Support Committee. Cost of the pictures shall be negotiable and reasonable up to \$50.00 according to USADB budget, if needed.**
- **Arrangements can be made with a professional group to do this as long as the charges and responsibility for are pre-determined and agreed upon.**

Trophies/Plaques/Awards

The Local Support Committee shall arrange for trophies, plaques or awards for the Men and Women's Divisions, as follows:

- **First to Fourth Place finishers**
- **Basketball to Each Championship Team**
- **Five First Team All Stars**
- **Five Second Team All Stars**
- **Most Valuable Player**
- **Most Assists**
- **Most Rebounds**
- **Most Points**
- **Team Sportsmanship**
- **Individual Sportsmanship**
- **Coach of the Tournament**

The Local Support Committee shall have the trophies, plaques or awards engraved as follows:

- **Line 1. USA Deaf Basketball ____Annual Men's or Women's National Tournament**
- **Line 2. Year**
- **Line 3. Name of Award or Order of Finish**
- **Line 4. Name of Local Support Committee**
- **Line 5. Name of donor, if any**
- **The Tournament Director must approve engraving for all Awards.**

Financial Report

- **The USADB Treasurer shall prepare an annual tournament budget.**
- **The USADB Treasurer shall keep the Tournament Director and USADB Executive Board apprised of tournament expenditures on a monthly basis.**

- **The USADB Treasurer shall prepare an itemized and complete financial accounting within 90 days of the completion of the tournament.**

Times of Games

- **The USADB Commissioners shall communicate the results of the drawings and pairings to the Tournament Director and Local Support Committee Liaison by the last weekend of March.**
- **The Commissioners shall decide the times of the games and submit the timetable to the USADB Executive Board for final approval. (see Appendix B – Game Schedules)**

Balls, Referees, Timers, Scorekeepers

- **The USADB shall provide at least two official basketballs for all the games of the basketball tournament.**
- **The USADB shall hire only certified referees. There shall be 2 referees per game, except championship games, which shall have 3 certified referees.**
- **Referees are expected to be members of their International Association of Approved Basketball Officials or National Federation of State High School Association (NFSHSA).**
- **Preference may be given to referees with NCAA certification. There shall be no discrimination based on hearing loss, gender or race.**
- **Referees are expected to be in top physical condition.**
- **Deaf referees must be members in good standing of the Deaf Referees Association and USA Deaf Basketball.**
- **The Local Support Committee shall provide the official scorekeeper(s) and timer(s), to help keep score and time during the basketball tournament.**
- **The Local Support Committee shall be responsible for obtaining qualified volunteer scorekeeper(s) and timer(s). The Commissioners shall approve the official scorekeeper(s) and timer(s).**

Hall of Fame Ceremony

- **USADB shall have the annual Hall of Fame Ceremony on Saturday night with the Awards after the conclusion of the tournament whenever feasible.**

Dance/Awards

- **The dance/awards event shall be held in a ballroom at the headquarters or a hall on Saturday night. The size of ballroom may vary depending on the Local Support Committee city. The ballroom should be able to accommodate at least 1,000 persons. The ballroom reservations should be made at least 12 months prior to the tournament.**

- **Local Support Committee is required to have good security during and after the ballroom event.**

Meetings

USADB Basketball Council

- **The meeting of the USADB Basketball Council shall be held on Wednesday afternoon (2 p.m. to 6 p.m.) at the headquarters or other convenient location.**
- **The Local Support Committee should make the meeting room reservations at least 12 months prior to the tournament.**
- **Meeting equipment (overhead projector, overhead markers, screens, whiteboard, markers, etc.) should be furnished in the meeting room.**
- **Water should be provided for meeting attendees.**

Coaches/Managers

- **The meeting of team players/coaches/managers should be held at least four hours prior to the meeting of the USADB Basketball Council.**

Athlete Advisory Council Meeting

- **The meeting of the Athlete Advisory Council should be held at least two hours prior to the meeting of the USADB Basketball Council.**

Advance Tournament Planning Schedule/Checklist

- **All these steps should help for S-M-O-O-T-H tournament planning. If the Local Support Committee Liaison has any problems with the tournament, he/she should ask the USADB Tournament Director.**
- **Basketball Tournament Date:**

24 months prior to the tournament Date:

- **The Local Support Committee should appoint or elect their liaison.**
- **Have skeleton committee appointed to look for facilities and help determine tournament dates**
- **Select headquarters and gymnasiums.**
- **USADB Tournament Director shall sign all contracts for securing headquarters and gymnasiums.**
- **Electronic scoreboards and shot clocks must be available at EACH court.**

12 months prior to the tournament Date:

- **Make reservations for USADB officers' rooms, meeting rooms, and ballroom/hall**

9 months prior to the tournament Date:

- **Should have committee organization set up.**
- **Tournament committee should have first meeting and make it monthly!**

6 months prior to the tournament Date:

- **All committees should be active.**
- **Furnish a satisfactory report to the USADB Tournament Director before or on October 1st Physical facilities should be checked out and schedule developed to put them in first- class condition.**
- **USADB should sign a contract for referees/umpires, if needed**

3 months prior to the tournament Date:

- **Committees should continue to meet regularly and have plans well under way.**
- **Trophies/Plaques/Awards should be ordered.**
- **Be sure all needed equipment has been ordered.**
- **Program books should be prepared.**

2 months prior to the tournament Date:

- **Get statistics, All time Records, All Stars, and Hall of Fame information from the USADB Secretary and Commissioners for the program book.**
- **All committee plans finalized.**
- **Tickets and badges (or wristbands) should be ordered.**

1 month prior to the tournament Date:

- **Concessions should be ordered.**
- **All needed equipment on hand i.e.: balls, etc.**
- **Meeting of tournament committee -- last big check.**
- **Tournament awards should be ready.**

3 weeks prior to the tournament. Date:

- **Get registration forms from the USADB Secretary or USADB Treasurer**
- **Training sessions for scorekeepers, timers, etc.**
- **Final check on availability of interpreter(s) & photographer(s).**
- **Buy color print film for photographer(s) and check on availability of one-hour photo service, if needed.**

2 weeks prior to the tournament Date:

- **Final check on number of referees/umpires.**
- **Final major check of tournament committee to see that all is ready.**
- **All committees meet for final check of responsibilities.**
- **Program books should be printed after getting forms and brackets from USADB Commissioners.**

Final week prior to the tournament Date:

- **Registration entries and tickets with badges (or wristbands) should be ready for all combination ticket holders, players, coaches, managers, delegates, USADB officers, and USADB Hall of Fame members.**
- **Check in detail with all committee chairpersons to see that their responsibilities have been carried out. Use a form check to be sure.**
- **Prepare a large tournament bracket sheet and time-court schedule for tournament site.**
- **Double-check the confirmations of the USADB officers' rooms and meeting rooms.**
- **After the tournament Date:**
- **Before leaving for home, Local Support Committee Liaison should check with hotel to see if any damages, people skipping out on payment of rooms and to leave the hotel on a good note.**
- **The USADB Secretary and Local Support Committee Liaison should send all committee persons, referees, interpreters, hotel personnel, newspapers, and all others having a responsibility for the tournament. This is the key to allow your club to develop great public relations for the future.**
- **All financial obligations should be completed.**

- **If you have any suggestions for these Guidelines, please share it with the USADB Vice President.**

Appendix B – Game Schedules

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 13

Current:

None:

New proposal:

Men's & Women's Commissioners Guidelines

- 1. Either one of commissioners (take turns) shall go and inspect the gym sites & stats room at a mutual agreed time. Check wood floors, shot clocks, regulation size courts, meeting room, and private stat room.**
- 2. Tournament Director shall provide a private room for data entry and proofreaders – computer /printer. At least 4-6 computers available to prevent breakdowns and complete all stats on timely basis.**
- 3. Develop Bracket – seeding and pairings – communicate and work with Round Table players.**
- 4. Develop laminate brackets before the tourney begin and no changes. No exceptions.**
- 5. Contact all coaches via email before the tournament and at the tournament.**
- 6. Commissioners shall have coach room number for immediate attentions.**
- 7. Commissioner/Tournament Director appoints and screen referees.**
- 8. Commissioners shall place an order for the appropriate balls and deliver them to host place.**
- 9. Appoints person(s) to be responsible with balls after every game at each court.**
- 10. Appoints person(s) for data entry for stats and scorekeeper.**
- 11. Commissioners shall attend on Tuesday prior to the tournament.**
- 12. Commissioners shall have their own rooms.**
- 13. Tournament Director shall provide transportation to games for commissioners – Commissioners need rental cars to get to gym early and hotel late without asking around. No exceptions please.**

14. **Tournament Director shall provide staff/helper(s) with stats and room for Commissioners.**
15. **Tournament Director shall provide staff/helper(s) with all stars and room for Commissioners.**
16. **Scorekeepers shall input score sheets from low to high jersey numbers-from roster list.**
17. **Region officers shall assist as spotters. Mandatory. Region officers need to do several games as part of their duties. Like old days.**
18. **Timekeepers/and scorekeepers shall remain at the table for the duration of the games including halftime. Halftime may go to restroom break and back. No conversations with the fans.**
19. **Commissioners shall communicate with stats/scorekeeper supervise/oversee their duties before the tournament begins. Go over proper scorekeeping rules and guidelines. Scorekeepers must stay after the game to complete the score sheets neatly and correctly.**
20. **Helper/Staff shall proof read all names and number before goes to data entry**
21. **Statistics Chief shall have all stat printed-out and hand them to the commissioners.**
22. **Develop and continue with officials' evaluation sheets. Both Deaf and Hearing.**
23. **Commissioners shall have full control working with the tournament director during all games. USADB officers will be asked on needs arises.**
24. **USADB shall provide hospitality to commissioners at all times due to their staying in the gym all day. USADB officers too.**
25. **Coaches/Referees must have authority from the commissioners to eject unauthorized people from score table and both team benches.**
26. **Players/coaches shall treat commissioners with respect and not argue with them. Have same rules as USADB officers on respect and authority to reprimand those people getting out of line.**
27. **Commissioners/Tournament Director shall talk with hired interpreters and their specific duties. Interpreters shall not to get into chatting discussions. They are their on needs arises.**
28. **Commissioner shall introduce champion teams and players.**
29. **Both commissioners run the all-star balloting and questionnaires with final say so with USADB's approval of final decision on voting.**
30. **Commissioner shall hand out awards to the winners.**

31. Commissioners shall make report summaries 30 days after the tournament is completed.
32. Commissioners shall turn all stat summaries to USADB secretary within 30 days after the tournament.

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 14

Current:

None

New proposal:

x.xx USADB NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

XXX – ELIGIBILITY RULES.

1. No Discrimination toward any athlete on the basis of race, nationality, sex, color, religion or creed.

XXX – TEAM ELIGIBILITY RULES.

2. Each team shall be a member of the USADB and USADSF through its regional association as outlined in the bylaws, Article 1, Section 3 in order to participate in any of the current year's regional and national tournaments.

XXX – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. Players representing a team shall be deaf or hard of hearing and shall be bona fide members of their member club or independent team before signing the registration forms.
2. A player shall have a hearing loss of 55 dB or greater in the better ear to be eligible. This is in accordance with the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) Bylaws.
3. Players shall have attended a school or program for the deaf, whether residential or day, oral, or combined, as listed in the yearly reports of the American Annals of the Deaf, for a period of at least two (2) years. In deserving cases, exceptions to this rule can be made by each region but on at its annual meeting. Such deserving player shall have been a member of a member club or an independent team for a period of one (1) year before his eligibility becomes effective.
4. Hearing persons shall not play on any USADB member team in any regional or national tournament. Teams desiring to have hearing coaches shall be permitted to do so.

5. Any high school student/player shall not play for any USADB team in the same academic year unless he has exhausted his high school eligibility. No one under the age of 18 years shall be permitted to play.
6. Any college student who practiced with, suited up with or played for a collegiate team at any time during the college basketball season shall not be eligible to play for any USADB team during that same season, in accordance with NCAA regulations.

XXX – PLAYER RESIDENCY RULES:

1. A player shall not play for a team outside the region of his region of residence.
2. Any player whose residency, place of employment, or attendance at an educational institution is questionable shall show proof thereof within the respective region to the Regional Secretary. Valid proof shall be a current driver's license or documentation which provides such proof of residency within that region for at least thirty (30) days. Region shall resolve disputes regarding player residence and send final approval of the USADB Board prior to February 1st.

XXX - PROTESTS.

1. Any protest regarding the eligibility of any team or any player shall be made before the start of any regional or national tournament.

XXX - VIOLATIONS OF THE ELIGIBILITY RULES.

1. Any violation of these rules shall result in the suspension of the member club/independent teams and/or the player for a period one (1) year. This suspension shall be for both regional and national tournaments. Region shall be allowed to impose fines as approval by the USADB Executive Board.
2. Any player who is suspended by region or USADB, have the right to appeal under USADB Bylaws, Chapter Twelve, Grievance Procedures.

XXX - USADB REGISTRATION FORMS.

1. The USADB secretary or Treasurer shall supply each regional Secretary-(Treasurer) with a sufficient number of yearly dated blank official team's registration, USADB GUIDELINES OF USADB TOURNAMENT RULES, and waiver forms on or before October 1. The regional association or any USADB team members thereof shall not be allowed to devise or make use of any other type of player's registration form as such shall be considered invalid.
2. A member club or an independent team may be permitted to register more than one (1) team in regional or national tournaments.
3. The annual team registration fee shall be determined, in Section 13.04, for regional tournaments and national tournaments.

4. The annual player registration fee shall be determined, in Section 13.04, for USADB membership and USADSF membership fees. The USADB membership fee and the USADSF membership fee shall be collected from each individual player, coach, and other participant who is listed on the team registration form.
5. All official player registration forms, team fees, and/or surcharge fees shall be received by the USADB Treasurer by February 15. Failure to do so shall be subjected to a fine of \$100.00 to the region.
6. All team registration forms shall be mailed to regional secretaries by February 1. Regional secretaries shall keep the team registration forms packets with postmarked to be mailed to USADB Treasurer.
7. Any team who submitted the USADB registration form with USADB teams fee, USADB player membership fees and/or region team fee (surcharge fees), after February 1 (postmarked), shall not be allowed to play in the regional tournaments or national tournament. This rule shall not be suspended for any reason.
8. All basketball guidelines as sent from the USADB Secretary to regional secretaries are binding.
9. All teams are required to participate in their regional tournaments before entering the USADB National Basketball Tournament as regional championship team and inviting teams determined by BPAC.
10. The USADB/USADSF membership shall be from January 1 to December 31 of each year.
11. Any removal of names on the USADB registration form shall be subjected to a fine of \$10.00 per line to the team. Regional secretaries shall collect this fine before allowing team in question to play in the regional tournament. The fine shall go to USADB general fund.

XXX - NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TEAM & PLAYER REGISTRATION RULES:

1. Team entry fee for the USASDB national Tournament shall be \$300 per team.
2. All forms, team pictures and all fees are due to the USADB Secretary no later than 72 hours after their respective regional tournament. If any team fails to do that, they shall be subjected to a fine, in amount as determined in Section 13.04. The fine shall be paid in full before they can participate in the USADB National Tournament.
3. The maximum of 12 players and 3 (coach, assistant coach, statistician, and/or manager) shall be enforced.
4. If there are no runner-up team from any region, decide not to participate the USADB National Tournament, BPAC have the right to pick any third place teams from other region to replace the runner-up team, as at-large team.

XXX - NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SEEDING PROCEDURE:

- 1. The BPAC and the USADB Men's and Women's Commissioners shall agree by majority vote on the seeding of teams entering the national tournament.**
- 2. All regional winners shall be seeded 1st through 8th, and all runner-up and at large teams shall be seeded 9th through 16th.**
- 3. No two teams from same region shall meet in the first two rounds of the tournament unless third team from any given region is added and will be seeded at-large.**

AMEND: Ladimer Baird (Seconded) amended to remove #2 under Players Eligibility Rules.

WITHDRAWN PER RAYMOND KILTHAU'S COMMENT THAT #2 HAS TO BE REMOVED DUE TO THE DELEGATE'S APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL #4 EARLIER DURING THE MEETING

AMEND: Tom Morrison (Seconded) amended to remove "and USADSF" under Team Eligibility Rules.

PASSED

AMEND: Greg Glenn (Seconded) amended to remove "driver's license and" under Player Residency Rules.

FAILED

AMEND: Tom Morrison (Seconded) amended to add "At least three" before "Valid proof" and replace "or" with "and" between "driver's license or documentation" under Player Residency Rules.

PASSED

AMEND: Wayne Morse (Seconded) amended to remove #1 from Player Residency Rules.

PASSED 10-3

AMEND: Tom Morrison (Seconded) amended to replace "USADB Board" with "appropriate USADB commissioner).

PASSED

AMEND: Ladimer Baird (Seconded) amended to replace "February 1st" with "January 15th".

PASSED

RECONSIDER: Ladimer Baird (Seconded) requested to reconsider "January 15th" amendment.

PASSED

AMEND: Ladimer Baird (Seconded) amended to replace "January 15th" with "February 15th".

PASSED

AMEND: Ladimer Baird (Seconded) amended to remove "/USADSF" under Article Seven: USADB Registration Forms #10.

PASSED

AMEND: Ladimer Baird (Seconded) amended to remove #1 under National tournament team & player registration rules and move the pricing fee of \$300 under fee guideline.

PASSED

PROPOSAL AS WHOLE: PASSED

PROPOSAL # 15

Ladimer Baird (Seconded) moved to revise all regions that are named NWAAD and FAAD to NWADB and WDB, respectively.

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 16

Current:

Article 5.02

The board shall be the final authority for any and all issues connected with any national tournament and any dispute between regions.

New Proposal:

The board shall be the final authority for any and all issues connected with any national tournament and any dispute between regions, **but not for any dispute between region and team/player of its own region unless the dispute is appealed.**

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 17

New Proposal:

Remove Bylaw Chapter 1.02 Team Membership

Team membership is defined as a group of individuals banded together for the purposes of basketball competition. The team shall be registered with a region.

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 18

New Proposal:

Chapter 13.05

Revise membership term from Oct 1 through Sept 30 to Jan 1 through Dec 31.

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 19

Current:

None

New proposal:

Add Article on Refunds: Any individual membership fee paid is not refundable unless paid twice.

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 20

Current:

None

New Proposal:

Individual membership shall be paid once per year.

Note: No player, coach, manager or statistician needs to pay additional fee for signing with two or more teams if playing on only one team and coach on another team.

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 21

Current:

Chapter 13.08 (d)

The association shall be authorized to pay per diem expenses, selected representatives for their attendance at meetings other than the Basketball Council and the Executive Board Meeting.

New Proposal:

The association shall be authorized to pay per diem expenses in an amount determined in Section 13.04, to the **Executive Board Officers** for their attendance at meetings **for** the Basketball Council and the Executive Board Meeting.

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 22

Current:

Chapter 13.02 Services without Compensation

All officers, directors, and members of the committees of the Association shall act and serve without compensation in the aid of the educational purposes of the Association, as

described in Article Two, except as otherwise specifically provided in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines.

New Proposal:

Services with Compensation.

All officers, directors, and members of the committees of the Association shall act and serve **with** compensation in the aid of the educational purposes of the Association, as described in Article Two.

The per annum compensation fund shall be, in an amount determined in Section 13.04, which the executive board has the final authority of how to distribute the fund.

Procedures & Obligations: The recipients of the compensation shall be compensated after they complete their respective duties in reasonable manner.

The Treasurer shall be compensated after completing its respective duties and after the financial reports are audited by the audit committee as stated in 13.11 (a).

AMEND: Dennis Platt (Seconded) amended to add “, and file annual Internal Revenue Service 990 form” after “in 13.11 (a)”.

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 23

Current:

Chapter 13.11 (a) – The Treasurer’s annual financial reports shall be audited by a certified public accountant (“CPA”) prior to the Basketball Council meeting.

New Proposal:

The Treasurer’s annual financial reports shall be audited by **the selection of three of the Association selected representatives determined by Region Presidents and Executive Board.**

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 24

Current:

Chapter 13.11 (b) The Executive Board shall be responsible for the hiring of a CPA to audit all of the Association’s funds as well as the annual financial reports prior to the Basketball Council meeting.

New Proposal:

Chapter 13.11 (b) – The Executive Board shall be responsible for the hiring of a CPA to audit all of the Association’s funds as well as the annual financial reports prior to the Basketball Council meeting **when deemed necessary upon executive board and/or**

delegate's decision to have CPA (Certified Public accountant) audit the financial reports.

PASSED

PROPOSAL # 25

Current:

None

New Proposal:

Each region shall pay region tournament sanction fee (NOT including insurance fee) as determined in Section 13.04

PASSED

Keith Drown (Seconded) moved to approve all by-laws proposals #1 through #25 including all applicable changes.

PASSED BY MORE THAN 2/3 REQUIREMENT: 23-0

New Business:

1. Myron Greenstone- (S. Platt) moved for USADB to compensate Treasurer Ladimer Baird \$500.00 for his services working on the 2004 and filing 2003 and 2004 990 forms and the compensation shall be paid in 2007. Passed.
2. Charles Wallace-(T. Mueller) moved that USADSF to reimburse N.J.D.S. \$206.00 that N.J.D.S. had to pay for late fee. Passed.
3. Ladimer Baird-(S. Platt) moved that USADB individual membership fee to change from \$10.00 to \$20.00 for 2007. Passed.
4. Shirley Platt-(M. Greenstone) moved to add the position of Tournament Director to the USADB Executive Board, in place of the Public Relations Director. Referred to Law Committee.
5. Ladimer Baird-CS. Platt) moved to remove the \$75.00 Team Entry/membership Fee from the USADB player registration form. Passed.
6. Ladimer Baird-(S. Platt) moved to change the region membership fee of \$50.00 to \$100.00 effective 2005. Passed.
7. Wayne Morse-(M. Tessier)-moved to change the Saturday Night Dance/Social Awards to Entertainment/Awards. Referred to Law Committee.
8. Mark Tessier -(W. Morse) moved to open discussion regarding two shot clocks.

AMEND: Ladimer Baird (Seconded) amended to limit the discussion for 5 minutes.

PASSED

MOTION AS WHOLE: PASSED

9. Ladimer Baird-(S. Platt) moved that the USADB Executive Board shall implement insurance study along with up to four committee members for future USADB insurance program. Passed.
10. USADB Executive Board moved that the Western Deaf Basketball (WDB) shall submit their official bylaws to the USADB Executive Board no later than June 10, 2006 (60 days). Failure to submit bylaws by this deadline shall result in non-recognition as a region.

AMEND: Al Lepre (Seconded) amended to replace June 10, 2006 (60 days) with July 10, 2006 (90 days).

PASSED

MOTION AS WHOLE: PASSED

11. Keith Drown-(W. Morse) moved that the Vice-President duties must finish bylaws within 90 days before placing in the USADB website. Out of Order.

12. Mark Tessier-(W. Morse) moved that the Team Entry Fee for USADB National Tournament shall be \$300.00 per team in the standing rules.

AMEND: Ira Hendon III (Seconded) amended to add except for women and men regional champion teams.

PASSED

REFER: Ladimer Baird (Seconded) moved to refer to the Finance Committee.

FAILED

MOTION AS WHOLE: PASSED

13. Robert Jones-(B. Schyman) moved that the USADB host site shall be at Philadelphia, PA with local manpower organization and EAAD to work together for 2011. Referred to Executive Board.

14. Ladimer Baird-(S. Platt) moved that the daily per diem shall be \$20.00 for the USADB Executive Board. Passed.

15. Ladimer Baird-(S. Platt) moved that the regional tournament sanction fees shall be \$100.00. Referred to Finance Committee.

16. Ladimer Baird-(S. Platt) moved that the compensation fund for USADB Executive Board shall be up to \$4000.00. Passed.

17. Gregory Glenn- (**Seconded**) moved that that all WDB teams/players who did not participate in the WDB 2006 regional tournament shall be refunded the \$10.00 each USADB regional tournament fee. Failed. 23 no 7 yes

18. Mary L. Perrodin (B. Schwebke)- move that the USADB Basketball Council meeting shall be moved to an earlier gathering due to lateness and meetings always run longer than necessary. Failed.

19. Tom Mueller-(C. Wallace) moved to keep open the 8-16 women's slot as compared to men order slot in the national tournament. Out of Order.

20. James Carr-() moved that the USADB shall provide hotel rooms to 16 teams (8 men and 8 women). Out of Order.

Election of Officers

President- Ira Hendon III 24
Bill Schyman 16

Ira Hendon III is the new USADB President.

Vice-President-No election at this time. The incoming USADB Executive Board shall select a Vice-President to serve out the remaining term of the Vice president office as according to the USADB Bylaws.

Secretary-Five candidates were nominated and all five declined to run for the office of the secretary. The incoming USADB Executive Board will select a new secretary by May 1, 2006.

Nominations: Keith Westhoelter, Jimmy Newsome, Darnell Woods, Shirley Platt, Mark Tessier, Raymond Kilhau and Timothy Theis declined.

Public Relations Director-Carl Denney was nominated to be the new Public Relations Director by Acclamation pending his approval. (Later Carl accepted this position).

Treasurer and Vice-President's position will be elected in 2007.

Oath of Office-

President Raymond Kilhau presented the Oath of Office to Ira Hendon in front of the delegates.

Announcement

Dennis Platt informed the delegates to mark their calendars to attend the upcoming Winter Deaflympics to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah February 1-February 10, 2007. It is the second time the United States will be hosting the Winter Deaflympics.

-Myron Greenstone mentioned to the delegates that Bill Schyman was elected to the DePaul University Basketball Hall of Fame recently and that Bill may be the first Deaf person to ever to be elected to a hearing college Hall of Fame. A round of applause to Bill was acknowledged.

The 2007 USADB basketball tournament will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana in April of 2007.

The 2006 USADB Basketball Council meeting was adjourned at 1258pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myron Greenstone,
USADB Secretary

Corrections completed by Ladimer Baird, USADB Treasurer.