

**USADB Executive Council
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Sunday, January 22, 2023

Time: 4:00PM PST / 7:00PM EST

Location: Zoom

- I. Opening
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:11PM EST.
 - b. Kristina Lorenzo-Arteaga, Secretary, called it to order.
- II. Present
 - a. Carl Denney, USADB Commissioner
 - b. Paige Thompson, USADB Interim Deputy Commissioner
 - c. Kristina Lorenzo-Arteaga, USADB Secretary
 - d. Ronnie Zuchegno, Jr., National Program Director
 - e. Leo Gutierrez, Youth Director
 - f. Justin Anderson, NWADB
 - g. Archie Elliott, SEAAD
 - h. Arturo Iñiguez, SWBAD
 - i. Allie Pucciarelli, EAAD
 - j. Charles Trumble, MAAD (disaffiliated)
- III. Absent
 - a. Joey Kutcka, USADB Treasurer
 - b. Sarah Faber, Women National Director
 - c. Jim Powell, Executive Assistant
 - d. CAAD
 - e. FAAD
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. EC Meeting Minutes of 9/25/22: Anderson moves to accept the minutes with the revision of Pucciarelli's last name. Pucciarelli seconded. Motion carried.
 - i. NOTE: Secretary emailed 9/25/22 meeting minutes to the EC instead of the 11/13/22 minutes. This was a mistake as the 9/25 minutes were already previously accepted at the 11/13 meeting.. The 11/13/22 minutes will be emailed to the EC prior to the next meeting.
- V. New Businesses
 - a. Commissioner Report
 - i. Received an email inquiry regarding Clarence Taylor and whether he is or is not suspended from USADB. None of the regions have heard or are aware of this. Thus this individual is not suspended as far as we know.
 - ii. Reviewed affiliated / disaffiliated regions. At the moment, EAAD, NWADB, SEAAD, and FAAD are affiliated for the 2023 year. Deadline still at January 31, 2023. CAAD said it would affiliate. SWBAD said they needed to discuss at their upcoming delegates meeting, but assumed they would affiliate. MAAD and NEAAD are disaffiliated. MAAD shared their reasons for not affiliating with the Board via email.

- iii. The TRC minutes have been shared with the EC via email from 11/20. Nothing to be further discussed.
- iv. Denney wanted to do a brief survey for recordkeeping. See table below.

Region	Affiliated for 2023?	Allow CODAs?	Team Registration (For Delegates)	Team Entry Fee	Player Entry Fee
SEAAD	Yes	Yes	\$50	\$250	\$25
MAAD	No	1 (m) / 2 (w)	\$0	\$150 if club \$275 if indep + \$100 dep	\$25
EAAD	Yes	Yes	\$50 / \$100	\$200	\$25
NWADB	Yes	Yes	\$0	\$600 (m) / \$300 (w)	\$0
SWBAD	TBD	Yes	\$0	\$300	\$20

- b. Deputy Commissioner Report
 - i. Changed the region affiliation fee from \$300 to \$200 in the bylaws.
 - ii. Any eligibility inquiries can be directed to her at deputy@usadb.us.
- c. Treasurer Report (Denney)
 - i. See below for the financial report.
 - ii. USDCCC: the US Deaflympics Centennial Celebration committee requested to use USADB's 501c3 status to support their event.
- d. Youth Report
 - i. Gutierrez is requesting regions to share nominations for All American recognitions.
 - ii. Have a meeting on 1/25/23 with the Superintendent of RSD to discuss the logistics for the high school All-Star game.
 - iii. Have secured one good prospective sponsor, but the monetary amount is currently unknown.
- e. NWADB Report
 - i. Feb 7th is the deadline for team registration for their regional tournament. 6 men and 3 women teams have registered thus far.
- f. SEAAD Report
 - i. Bradley Christian: SEAAD received a letter from Shawn Self. It has been addressed and resolved. Christian is able to play at USADB.
 - ii. Patrick Harris: on behalf of FSAD, owes money to SEAAD. He is to remain suspended.
 - iii. Isaiah Malone: his suspension has been waived.

- iv. USADB NOTE: suspensions from regions are honored by USADB on a case by case basis.
- g. SWBAD Report
 - i. March 3-4 at TSD. Expecting 10 men/2-3 women teams. Registration forms supposedly distributed in December, but the officer responsible has been ill for a couple of weeks. The deadline has been postponed to Feb. 12.
 - ii. Cruz Lane: owes SWBAD \$465 as a host (co-hosted 2019 with Lincoln Hoyd in Danville). Did not have enough for the tournament, so SWBAD lent him \$465 and have yet to receive the repayment.
- h. EAAD Report
 - i. Anticipating 12 men / 3 women teams now for their regional tournament. Deadline is now February 4th. There are NEAAD teams that would like to participate, but historically, NEAAD has not allowed it. EAAD would like USADB to mediate this issue, but USADB says to go ahead and extend the invitation to those NEAAD teams.
- i. MAAD Report
 - i. The deadline for their regional tournament is February 1st. Anticipating 6/7 men and 4 women teams.
- j. Tournament Director Report
 - i. The rule still states that teams have 72 hours after their regional tournament to pay the team fee for USADB, although USADB will be flexible on this. The most important note is we know whether teams are planning on participating or not. We will not be strict on the 72 hour mark, but will request to know ASAP.
 - ii. St. John Fisher University: Thursday/Friday games will be at the Fieldhouse and Saturday games will be at the Varsity Gym (both in the same building).
 - iii. Balls: teams will vote on what ball to use each game, but semi-final and final games will use a new set of balls provided by USADB that has been broken into.
 - iv. Fan tickets: encourage people to buy tickets in advance. USADB asked regions to post on their Facebook page or website to spread the word.
 - v. Tournament will be open with the possibility of having Division 2 for men.
 - vi. Headquarter hotel: there will not be a designated hotel, but the TD can put together a list of recommended hotels in the area.
 - vii. Post USADB: DJ Supalee will hold an event, but has no association with USADB.
 - viii. ImageRIT event will be during the USADB weekend; do expect a large crowd from nationwide.
- k. New Business
 - i. Motion #1: EAAD moves to have USADB set up a mediation meeting with EAAD and NEAAD to discuss allowing NEAAD teams to participate in EAAD's regional tournament as long as NEAAD is not hosting a tournament. Iniguez seconded. Motion withdrawn.
 - 1. Some teams want to participate in EAAD, but are receiving retaliation from NEAAD.

2. USADB wants to know what NEAAD could do to EAAD if this was the case.
 3. USADB suggests EAAD to send a letter inviting those teams from NEAAD and will acknowledge that there shall be no penalty imposed on those teams of any kind.
 - ii. Concerns with Region Affiliations
 1. Currently 4 of 8 regions are affiliated for the 2023 year. How does that affect USADB?
 2. Discussed a few options on how to approach regions' involvement with USADB and whether USADB shall operate independently without regions.
 3. This discussion is to be continued.
- VI. Adjournment / Closing Remarks
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM EST.
- VII. Minutes submitted by: Kristina Lorenzo-Arteaga, USADB Secretary.



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**FINANCE REPORT
Bank Balances
As of
January 22, 2023**

		As of 01/22/23	BALANCE
GENERAL			
	<i>General</i>		\$2545.62
	<i>Transfer from Chase</i>		\$850.00
	CORRECTED BALANCE		\$3395.62
PROGRAMS			
		(Restricted Funds)	
	Hall of Fame		\$358.90
	Youth		\$606.49
	USDCCC		\$650.00
	TOTAL		\$1615.39
RESERVES			
	<i>Reserves</i>		\$2850.30
	<i>Need to transfer to General</i>		\$850.00
			\$2000.30
TOTAL			\$7011.31
		USADB	\$6361.31
		USDCCC	\$650.00