



United States of America Deaf Basketball

USADB Basketball Council Meeting Marriott Hotel Atlanta, Georgia April 6, 2001

The 57th annual Men's USADB and 11th annual Women's USADB Delegates Council meeting was called to order by acting President Tom Penny at 9:10am on April 6, 2001.

Cole Zulauf presented the roll call: Tom Penny-Acting President, Myron Greenstone, Secretary, Rick Balk-Treasurer, Laura Edwards-Public Relations, Bruce Barnes-SEAAD, Bruce Beston-NEAAD, Ira Hendon-SWAAD, Melanie Seamon-FAAD, Chuck Wallace-EAAD, Ron Nelson-VP-NWAAD, Wayne Morse-Sports Commissioner-MAAD, Neal McKenzie-CAAD, Al Leff-Tournament Co-Chairperson, Greg Puhmann, Dennis Jacques, Paul Lecroy, John Green, Carl Stephenson, Bob Olson, Wally Jones, Kevin Smith, Mark Tessier, Charles Suiter, Janice Logan, Wes Moran, Doug Mader, Terry Wilding, Hiram Arroyo, Bobbie Beth Scoggins-USADSF.

Quorum was met.

A moment of silence was held in the memory of Edward Carney, long-time leader of the AAAD who passed away recently. (We all know him as ECC).

- Minutes of the Phoenix meeting in 1999 was reviewed and accepted with corrections. Passed.
- Minutes of the Providence meeting in 2000 was referred to Indianapolis in 2002. Passed.
- Acting President Tom Penny gave his report in place of President Dennis Platt who is ill and unable to attend to this weekend's tournament under doctor's orders. Acting President Penny gave a report of the USADB Executive Board meeting at Ogden, Utah in September 2000. Also reported of the inspection trip to Atlanta in January and a report of yesterday's Regional President's round-table meeting.
- Secretary Myron Greenstone gave a report regarding the registration forms and hopes to improve it next year and work closely with USADSF. In addition, gave a report of good cooperation between all regional secretaries this year as it was the new Executive Board's first year being involved with the USADB.
- Treasurer Rick Balk handed out to the delegates the USADB current updated financial report which is still unfinished at this time. Rick will continue to update the USADB's financial report with expected completion at Indianapolis in 2002. Wally Jones moved to accept the USADB's financial report at this time and review it at Indianapolis in 2002. (Tessier). Passed.
- Public Relation's Laura Edwards gave her greetings and informed the delegates that the "Daily Newsflash" newsletter will be given to all people daily free of charge. Thanks were given to regions who donated \$50.00 toward the printing of the "Daily Newsflash" newsletter. Summer Deaf World Games info were also presented with athletes to be at Gallaudet University for pre-training during first week of July.
- Acting President Tom Penny informed the delegates that Tom Morrison is the Men's Commissioner and that Cami Lange is the Women's Commissioner. Paul Stefurak was named the USADB web-master and will present information for this weekend's games on the website daily for all to read.
- Bobbie Beth Scoggins-USADSF President gave her report of the USADSF and reported of a grant from USOC of \$144,000 that will be distributed to the various NSO's in the USADSF. This grant may or may not change annually. She also reported a plan in the future to have the Summer Deaf World Games name to be changed to Summer Deaf Olympics. If it is approved by the USOC, then

hopefully will have less confusion for all in the future. In addition, information was presented on distribution of development funds for Olympic and non-Olympic sports.

-Al Leff, Co-chairperson gave his welcome to the delegates of the Atlanta tournament and encourage anyone to volunteer as stat people at the gym to present stats to the fans and players quickly after each games are completed.

-No Standing Committee reports were presented.

-No Unfinished Business were reported. Any unfinished business will be presented at Indianapolis in 2002.

-Wally Jones was named as Parliamentarian by Acting President Tom Penny.

New Business:

1. Neal McKenzie (Hendon), moved to accept all proposals from the USADB Regional President's meeting. Passed.
2. Doug Mader (T. Wilding), moved that the tournament host provide complimentary 4 nights and free booth for next year's host effective at Indianapolis in 2002. Referred to Executive Board.
3. Greg Pulhmann (Tessier), moved to have a USADSF representative to attend all regional associations/Deaf clubs events and provide about the USADSF. Referred to House of Delegates.
4. Myron Greenstone (Wallace), moved that Chapter 14-Lifetime Pass: 14.01-(a)-Members of the USADB Division 1 championship team who have actually participated in the USADB tournament. (Limited to 15 instead of 12 players, plus coach, manager.) Passed. Rational—To be consistent with the registration forms of 15 people currently.
5. Myron Greenstone (Tessier), moved that the wordings on Chapter 14-Lifetime Pass: 14.01-(b)-Past USADB Commissioners and other officers who have served more than five (5) continuous years on the Executive Board to be changed to Past USADB Presidents automatically and other past officers who have served four (4) consecutive years on the Executive Board. Referred to Law Committee. Rational---To be consistent with current by-laws of officers duties timelines.
6. Myron Greenstone (Tessier), moved that past, current and future national host tournament chairperson(s), to receive a Lifetime Pass for their services in hosting the USADB tournament. Referred to Ad-Hoc Committee.
7. Myron Greenstone (Hendon), moved that the wordings on Chapter 14-Lifetime Pass-Scope-Lifetime Passes honored by the USADB and the USADB-selected host city Committee shall include those issued to Hall of Fame members to include host city Chairpersons (limit of 2). Referred to Law Committee.
8. Hiram Arroyo (Tessier), moved that college students who had already participated in College basketball games during this season should not play in the USADB tournament this year. Ruled Out of Order. (Need to inform USADB 30 days before the tournament begins).
9. Mark Tessier (USADB), moved that the USADB President should resign due to ill health and unable to fulfill his commitment to the USADB. Passed . For-14 Opposed-2.
10. Doug Mader (Puhlmann), moved to combine both Division 1 and Division 2 teams in one bracket with seedings to be decided by team selection committee-(coach, rep, Men and Women Commissioners). Passed.
11. Neal McKenzie (Jones), moved to reinstate the phrase stating in Article 7: Member Regions Sections 7.02--Central Athletic Association of the Deaf (CAAD)-Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin (with the environs of Buffalo, NY and Pittsburgh, PA. 7.03-Eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf (EAAD)-New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia with the exception of the environs of Buffalo, NY, Erie and Pittsburgh, PA. Referred to Law Committee. Rational—This was used in old USADB and ABAD by-laws also NSAD by-laws.
12. Neal McKenzie (Jones)-moved to exclude USADB membership fees for regional delegates at their regional delegates meeting. Referred to Law Committee.
13. Neal McKenzie (Jones)-moved to have the USADB secretary to write to USADSF Requesting their approval to exclude USADSF membership fees for regional delegates in their respective regions. Passed.
14. Bruce Beston (Hendon)-moved to combine Division 1 and Division 2 men and women Tournament format into a 16 team Division 1 tournament effective in 2002. Passed.
Doug Mader (Arroyo) moved to amend to have top 1-8 seeded teams in brackets. Passed.
15. Melanie Seamon (Barnes), moved that the USADB approve and appoint Carl Denney to fill the vacant position of Chief Player Representative. Passed.

-Oath of Office—This will be presented at the Saturday night awards ceremony.

-Bids—No new bids for hostship was forthcoming. Al Lepre of New York will inform USADB soon as possible for his NYDE bid to host the 2003 USADB tournament in New York or Atlantic City, NJ area.

-Meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Myron Greenstone,
USADB Secretary**