

USADB Basketball Council Meeting

Holiday Inn

Baltimore, Maryland

March 26, 2003

The 59th annual Men's USADB and 13th annual Women's USADB Delegates council meeting was called to order by President Ray Kiltthau at 7:40pm.

Roll call:

Myron Greenstone presented the roll call—Ray Kiltthau-President, David Stout-Vice President, Myron Greenstone- Secretary, Shirley Platt- Public Relation, Bonnie Schwebke- CAAD President Rep, Chuck Wallace-EAAD President, Mark Nathanson- FAAD President, Wayne Morse- MAAD President, Robert Backofen-NEAAD President, Bruce Barnes- SEAAD President, Kevin Smith, Gerald Brown, Kevin Parham, Carl Stephenson, Shannon Smith, Hiram Arroyo, Brendan Ward, Steve Maloney, Darnell Woods, Marlene DeJesus, Michael Torres, Ricky Rose, Robert Jones, Leslie J. Cox, Miquel Jimenez, Hector Cuerto, Thomas Mueller, Terry Wilding, Nicole Banks, Sarah Parker, Ralph Fuechtmann, James Segala, Thomas Smith, Linda Kreiger, Ron Rood Jr., Danny Chorlton, Michael Carter.

-Quorum was met.

-President Ray Kiltthau appointed Jerald Jordan as parliamentarian.

-USADB officer's reports are attached.

-Minutes of Indianapolis meeting was distributed and accepted.

-2002 financial report was distributed with slight correction and accepted.

-Standing Committee:

-Dennis Platt presented a set of updated USADB Hall of Fame guidelines to be adopted at this time. Passed.

-President Raymond Kiltthau informed the delegates that the chief player representative position will be eliminated and replace with 8 regional representative (one representative from each region to be on) and renamed the "Athlete Advisory Council". The committee will report to the USADB President. Passed 11-1.

-USADB board to investigate and print a new \$5.00 USADB membership card for all players, coaches who pay the dues to USADB for 2004 season. Passed.

-Officers Reports:

-See attached for officer's reports.

-Proposals:

-See attached for proposals.

-29 Delegates were present at the beginning of the business session.

-No election of officers was done at this time. Election of the Treasurer will be done in 2004.

-The 2003 Basketball Council Delegates meeting was adjourned at 11:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myron Greenstone,

USADB Secretary

Bonnie Schwebke-assistant to the Secretary

Proposals:

Effective Date of Ratification:

1. Joey Baer-NWAAD-()-Moved to strike the wordings in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines Amendments Subsection B 6.02—from at least 30 days in advance of the Basketball Council meeting, to the Vice-President and replace it with February 15 to the Vice-President before the next Basketball Council meeting. Passed.

2. Joey Baer-NWAAD-()-Moved to reword the entire 11.01 passage, Effective Date and replace it with—
“Amendments or revisions to the Constitution, Bylaws and Guidelines of the Association shall go into effect after ratification by the Basketball Council, beginning May 1, unless otherwise ordained by the Basketball Council. Passed.
3. Raymond Kiltbau-USADB-()-Moved to implement and amend “Board-Rule” clause for the USADB Executive Board to make rules which may not show up in the USADB Bylaws for any current basketball season only. Failed.
4. Rick Balk-USADB-()-Moved to increase Player Membership Dues-13.05 from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per person . Tabled to Law Committee for further study.
5. Shirley Platt-USADB-()-Moved to increase fans registration fees for the national basketball tournament from \$10.00 to \$15.00. Passed.
6. Shirley Platt-USADB-()-Moved to establish a higher combo ticket prices to the National Basketball Tournament for non-members of the USADB. A lower membership price to the National Basketball Tournament of at least \$25.00 will apply. Bruce Barnes moved to amend this ruling to be passed by February 1 preceding the National Basketball Tournament. Passed. Main motion-Passed.
7. Shirley Platt-USADB-()-Moved to charge a flat rate of \$25.00 registration fee for all Lifetime Pass Holders. Passed.

Dues of the Association:

8. Joey Baer-NWAAD-()-Moved to amend a section to Bylaws 13.04 of defining the meaning of calendar year to January 1 and ending on December 31. Failed.
9. Myron Greenstone-USADB-Moved that all regional officers for basketball and regional basketball tournament chairpersons shall submit their USADB/USADSF membership dues of \$20.00 or the current dues rate to the USADB secretary no later than February 1st of the current basketball season. Passed.

Membership Dues for Replacement officers and Region Membership Dues:

10. Myron Greenstone-USADB-Moved that membership dues for replacement officers who assume their position after February 1st must submit their membership dues before they may officially take office. Passed.

-Moved that Regional Membership dues and renewals of \$50.00 shall be due by December 31st before the start of the next basketball season. Passed.

-Moved that replacement officers who take their regional office after February 1st for basketball shall pay the USADB/USADSF membership dues within 30 days after assuming their position. Passed.

-Moved that an automatic late penalty fee of \$100.00 shall be assessed against any region which fails to meet the February 1st 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. Passed.

Team Fees/Membership Year/etc.

11. Myron Greenstone-USADB-()-Moved that the USADB/USADSF membership year shall be from October 1-September 30 for all USADB members. Passed.
12. Myron Greenstone-USADB-()-Moved that all basketball guidelines as sent by the USADB secretary to regional secretaries are binding. Passed.
13. Myron Greenstone-USADB-()-Moved that all fees, forms, documentations, 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 with this deadline shall result in an automatic \$100.00 late submission penalty fine against the region. Passed.

14. Myron Greenstone-USADB-Moved that the USADB team entry/membership fee shall be \$50.00. The player registration fee shall be \$15.00 per name on the roster up to 15 people. The fees are due February 1st of the current year with the player registration forms. Passed.

Compensation for Secretary:

15. Shirley Platt-USADB-()-Moved to establish a compensation package in the annual USADB budget for the USADB Secretary for 5 months of the year, from November to March during the 2003-2004 basketball season at \$50.00 a month. Passed.

16. SWAAD Delegates-()-Moved to change from one (1) player representative to eight (8) representative, (one from each region). Passed.

Basketball Tournament Rules:

17. USADB-()-Moved to accept all Basketball Tournament Rules according to NCAA Rules and Regulations with some revisions when appropriate. Passed.

-All games in the annual USADB basketball tournament will be played twenty (20) minutes per half.

-There shall be a five (5)-minute overtime in case of a tie in any basketball games during the annual USADB basketball tournament.

-All games in the annual USADB basketball tournament shall have two (2) or three (3) basketball officials recognized by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). All games will be followed by NCAA Rules and regulations.

-Any participation teams that does not have its players on the court, ready, at their initial scheduled time shall forfeit their game to their opponent. If a participating team has less than five (5) players in uniform on the court at the start of a game, that team shall forfeit their game to their opponent. At least ten (10) minutes before the scheduled starting time, each team shall supply the scorekeepers with the name and number of each team member and the designated five (5) starters.

-All games in the annual USADB basketball tournament shall have electronic scoreboards, plus visual shot clocks. The visible possession arrow display shall be located at the scorer's and timer's table. The red-warning light will be placed behind each backboard to indicate when the period-ending horn has sounded.

-Each team that participates in any game of the USADB basketball tournament shall be subject to the alike basketball uniform ruling for all players of the team with jersey numbers six inches (6") high on the back and four inches (4") on the front. The numbers on the front and back of the team jersey shall be the same color and style. A team jersey designed to be worn inside the pants shall be tucked inside the pants and the pants shall be above the hips and worn properly. A player not conforming to this uniform policy shall be directed to leave the game.

-The home team shall wear light colored uniforms and the visiting team dark. The team that violates this policy should change. Mismatched shorts and under shorts showing beneath the uniform shorts shall not be allowed.

-Jewelry shall not be worn. Taping to cover jewelry is not acceptable. Medical alert medal is not considered jewelry and must be taped and made visible.

-Additional rules regarding eligibility of the annual USADB tournament shall be determined at the annual meeting of the association's Board of Directors meeting. (Basketball Council Meeting).

Note: Additional rulings may be found in the NCAA Rules and Regulations—
<http://www.usabasketball.com/rules/rules.html>

18. Proposed Rules and Regulations:

-This proposal is 8 pages in length. It will be placed on the USADB website.

-The proposal was accepted as a whole with these provisions below:

1. 2.04 Player Residency Rules-Bruce Barnes moved to refer this passage to Law Committee
2. 4.01.3 Late Fee Penalty-Myron Greenstone moved to amend date February 2 to February 1. Passed.
3. 4.01.5 Association Basketball Tournament Requirement-Referred to Law Committee.
4. 4.01.6 Regional Association Basketball Tournament Requirement-Referred to Law Committee.

*****5. 2.05-3.03.02—In my notes it says Refer to Law Committee. David does not have it in his notes.

*****4.02.71—Replacement Players—Please review this passage. Nothing was done. If passed then we have to deal with it.

-New Business:

1. Dennis Platt (Wallace), move that this basketball council extend a hearty vote of confidence to the USADB officers, commissioners, and committee members for their unselfish time in performing their duties. Passed.

1. Bob Backofen (Wallace), moved that USADB investigate MCAD's Ben DeMario's Drivers license effective before this weekends tournament begin for proof of residency. Bruce Barnes amends to also investigate Bankey and Perry for their Virginia residency. Passed. USADB will investigate before their team's first games begin. (USADB officers met with the above parties and found no wrong doings. All parties were warned that if USADB finds any false statements made by the above parties might cause for suspension of undetermined length.

2. Ronnie Zechegno Jr. (Rood Jr.), move that we add this statement in players eligibility in the by-law stating, "Anyone who is currently in "NCAA" intercollegiate, plays or played varsity basketball, and have any eligibility left can not play unless they have written permission from the head coach. Referred to Law Committee.

3. Kevin Smith (Platt) moved that the tournament to remain at 16 team this weekend, which was voted on and passed last year in Indianapolis. Passed.

4. Dennis Platt (Schwebke), moved that we adopt the rough draft (copy attached) of the Hall of Fame guidelines and allow the USADB board to appoint the best possible chairperson. If possible, implement this in 2004. Referred to Law Committee.

5. Hiram Arroyo (Platt), Resolution: instead of changing game 4 starting time with game 3, should change game 6 starting time since Macon is seeded #6 while Bridgeport is #4. Failed.

6. Two motions were not reported as they were out of order.

7. Motion as written by Marlene Dejesus, seconded by Kevin Smith:

I, see the speed in order is unproterty. NESBD-Boston came out 4th place and WSAD came out 4th place. I would like o put WSAD on # is and will play against NESBD-Boston instead of the same state as CCD. Passed.

Actual wording—Request to have NEAAD 4th place finisher NESBD-Boston to play vs Chicago and have CAAD 4th place finisher WSAD-Chicago to play vs Macon in first round games. WSAD-Chicago and Chicago club are in same region and already played 3 previous games. Passed.

President's Report:
Raymond Kilthau

President Kilthau welcomed the delegates to the weekend's tournament. Among the topic's President Kilthau informed to the delegates were:

-Tim Theis is the new treasurer to complete Rick Balk's term for the following year. Rick informed the USADB that due to ill health, he must step down.

-Rick's USADB financial report was given to the regional officers for their files.

-Future USADB tournaments: all are tentative pending signing agreements-- 2004-Salt Lake City, Utah, 2005-Reno, Nevada, 2006-Hampton, Virginia, 2007-Indianapolis.

-2003-2004 season, player registration may be on-line as well as one page hard copy format. Team registration form will be only 1 page.

-Ray also informed the delegates that due to past debt in the 1990's, approximately \$30,000 is owed to the USADSF by USADB. It will be negotiated for a settlement.

-Ray also explained why the 2003 tournament was held in Baltimore/Washington D.C. as instead of Atlantic City, New Jersey.

-USADB will continue to fight for player's rights within reason. In addition future youth Deaf basketball camps will be studied.

-2004 MLK weekend- a proposed national invitational tournament is being developed to be held at Las Vegas. This will be an ongoing discussion this summer between the FAAD and USADB. Keep an eye out for this event.

-Discussion of the web site problem that occurred on March 23rd, is believed to be because of too many hits at one time. USADB apologizes for it and working to fix it.

Vice President's Report:

David Stout

-Reported that the proposals for the meeting tonight will be long. Encouraged to keep his segment of the meeting moving quickly.

-Will also work on improving the USADB web site for the year.

(Al Lepre, NYDE, moved to have his time to discuss and inform the delegates his side of the Atlantic City story.

Motion denied.

Public Relations/ Tournament Director Report:

Shirley Platt

-Reported that she will be working with the USADB officers to update its web site monthly to add informative news.

-Informed the delegates of her duties as Tournament Director and the planning of the switch from Atlantic City to Baltimore/Washington D.C. with the assistance of MCAD- Montgomery County Association of the Deaf.

-Shirley also discussed of the reasons why we have 3 different hotels-less costly, closer to BWI Airport and

-This is the first year that USADB is running the show completely and hopefully to break even.

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Athlete Advisory Council-(AAC)-encouraged the delegates to pass this new ruling to allow 8 regional player representative to give feedbacks to USADB officers. One representative for men and women from each region will allow more closer dialogue and communications on player's relationship with the USADSB.

Secretary's Report:

Myron Greenstone

This year has been a very busy year and interesting year especially during the peak period of October to this time.

Here is some info for the year:

8. Number of requested sanctioned invitational: 25
SEAAD-7, SWAAD-5, NEAAD-4, EAAD-3, FAAD-3, CAAD-2, NWAAD-1, MAAD-0
Biggest in history. Thank you. 2001-2002 season sanctioned request was 22.

9. Number of registered teams: 109 (32 women teams)

10. Number of practice/scrimmages requested: 7

General Reminder:

All basketball information packets were sent out October 1, 2002 to region secretaries. Secretaries are to forward all information to member teams in their regions and follow guidelines as stated in the packet. There were few confusions and late forms, fees arriving to my hands that made it a busy time for me to do last minute recordings.

It is important that all teams receive the form by November 1, so that all teams plenty of time to sign players until February 1, 2003.

It is a goal for next year to have just 1 hard copy, 11x14, for all teams to fill out properly and return to me on time.

Insurance:

USADSF insurance company set the fees for insurance coverage. We apologize for the inconvenience in the last minute increase of insurance rates from \$50 to \$100. USADB did not increase any insurance fees this year. When the USADSF and its insurance company make the increase- we all have to go along with it. Hopefully in the future the rates will be more stable.

Thank you very much for your trust in me as your secretary. I will look forward to serving out the remainder of my 2-year term under the Kilthau administration. Feel free to chat with me this weekend if you have any questions or suggestions. Any suggestions to make my job and my daily job as a mainstream teacher for the Deaf easier would be appreciated. FYI-my Deaf students and teacher assistant are well aware of the USADB by this time. They have learned a lot about the USADB. In a way-thank you.

Have a good weekend and may the best team win.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Myron Greenstone,
USADB Secretary