

**USA Deaf Basketball  
House of Delegates Meeting  
Wednesday, April 15, 2009  
Doubletree Hotel  
Anaheim, CA**

Meeting called to order at 2:15 pm by Interim Commissioner Donald Kitson.

**Roll Call:**

**USADB Officers**

Interim Commissioner Donald E. Kitson, Secretary Shirley H. Platt, Treasurer Brian W. Fruits, Tournament Director Tom D. Morrison, Youth Director Keith Westhoelter, International Director David S. Hamilton.

**Regional Representatives**

Christina M. Costello, EAAD Secretary-Treasurer; Paige Thompson-Matzker, MAAD President; Keith Drown, NWADB President; John T. Scott, SWBAD Commissioner; Timothy T. Leary, FWDBA President. Not affiliated: CAAD; NEAAD; SEAAD

**Team Representatives: Champions**

Doug Mader, GIDC; Sarah Faber, WSAD Women; Paul Mitchell, NJ Warriors; Heidi Schumacher, NJ Warriors Women; Robert Love, Lincoln; Anthony Cipriano, Providence Hope Women; Joey Baer, California Beavers; Craig Radford, Utah Women; Miguel Jiminez, Florida State AD; William A. Elliott, Carolina AAD Women; Darnell Woods, Austin; Ronda Johnson, Austin Women; Gerald Brown, Arizona Desert Fire; Ida Dotson, Arizona Black Widows Women.

**Team Representatives: Runner-Up**

Kevin Smith, WSAD Orange; Charles Wallace, NJDS Magic; Danny Chorlton, North Shore; Justin Anderson, Utah; Craig Brown, Carolina AAD; Steve McLeod, Arizona DustStorm; Travis Zaremba, Utah Eagles

**Team Representatives: Other**

Jennifer Gaskin, Kansas City Kings; Zeke Sabestian, Northern VA CD; Robert Jones, GPDBA; Melanie Seaman, Delaware; Tyrone Blackmon, DBO

**Delegates at Large:**

Bennie A. Maucere, Ladimer Baird, Janice Logan, Mark Alan Corson, Jimmy Newsome

Parliamentarian: Gerald "Bummy" Burstein and Scott Kramer, Law Committee

Guests: Lawrence R. Fleischer, USADSF; Joey Brafford, SEAAD; Gregory Glenn, FAAD

**Unfinished Business:**

**HOD-2009-01** Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 2008 at Orlando, FL. Passed.

**Officers Reports:** All attached

Lawrence Fleischer, President of USA Deaf Sports Federation gave a 30 minute presentation on the changes taking place at the international and national level.

Fleischer was presented his plaque for induction into the USADB Hall of Fame as a Leader.

**Appeals:**

Jennifer Gaskin presented the appeal of the KC Kings to participate in the USADB National Tournament this weekend.

**HOD-2009-02** Moved and seconded to allow KC to participate in the tournament this weekend. Failed 18-13.

**Proposed Changes to Bylaws:**

**HOD-2009-03** Moved and seconded to take Chapter 19 & 20 of the Bylaws and move to the Guidelines. Passed unanimously.

**New Business**

**HOD -2009-04** Executive Board/B. Fruits moved and seconded to take Appendix A (dues, fees, fines) from Bylaws and insert into Guidelines. Referred to Law Committee. Passed 18-13.

**HOD -2009-05** J. Baer/B. Fruits moved and seconded that we split into 5 groups to discuss 5 issues: Financial, Bylaws, BPAC, USADB structure and FAAD/Regions during new business. Passed 25-1

**HOD -2009-06** Executive Board/K. Drown moved and seconded to retain current individuals on board for one more year. Out of Order.

**HOD -2009-07** Executive Board/M. Seaman moved and seconded to change player/coach dues of \$20 per person to a flat team entry fee to be determined by Finance Committee by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Referred to the Finance Committee.

**HOD -2009-08** Executive Board/G. Brown moved to keep individual membership for non-players/non-team at \$20 each. Out of Order. (already in the guidelines)

**HOD -2009-09** D. Mader/L. Baird moved that USADB recognize CBAD as the official region for Central area. Referred to the Law Committee.

**HOD -2009-10** P. Thompson-Matzker/R. Love (for MAAD) moved that USADB obtain Bond Insurance. Referred to the Finance Committee.

**HOD -2009-11** T. Blackmon/P. Mitchell moved and seconded that USADB have the 5 regions that are affiliated to report to USADB on their upcoming tournaments. USADB is to appoint a point of contact person (POC) for each regional tournament to be a liaison with USADB's Referee Coordinator. Passed.

**HOD -2009-12** R. Jones/C. Wallace moved and seconded that USADB be involved in 8 regionals on national tournament. Out of order.

**HOD -2009-13** Z. Sabastian/? moved and seconded any regional representative should have a good chance to come and explain everything. Out of order.

**HOD -2009-14** Executive Board moved/seconded that the 4 motions remaining be referred to the Executive Board. Failed.

**HOD -2009-15** Moved and seconded to continue the meeting until 7:30 pm. Passed.

**HOD -2009-16** R. Love/P. Thompson-Matzker moved and seconded that USADB Board, FWDBA, FAAD and Robert Love have a meeting after the House of Delegates meeting, based solely on the issue of merging.

M. Seaman/C. Wallace moved to postpone the motion and refer back to the region. Passed. Main motion passed.

**HOD -2009-17** J. Scott/M. Corson moved and seconded to acknowledge that John T. Scott on behalf of Houston AD loaned \$20,000 to former USADB Commissioner Ira Hendon, and USADB is to provide John Scott/Houston AD with a promissory note that USADB will pay back \$2,000 per year for 10 years.

J. Gaskin/G. Brown amended that Executive Board collect all the documentary evidence from John Scott and work with him to file a lawsuit against Ira Hendon, former Commissioner to recover the money. Passed. **Disposition of main motion?**

**HOD -2009-16** Ronda Johnson/J. Logan moved and seconded to allow two (2) free agents for each women's team to give women teams more opportunity to join USADB. Passed.

**HOD -2009-17** K. Westhoelter/S. Platt moved USADB sponsor \$750 to support Elite Camp this summer. Passed.

## **Elections:**

### Commissioner

Shirley Platt is nominated.

Robert Love is nominated.

Vote: Platt 18 Love 2

Interim Commissioner Don Kitson casts ballot for Shirley Platt as Commissioner.

### Deputy Commissioner

Don Kitson is nominated.

Robert Love is nominated.

Charles Wallace is nominated.

Vote: Kitson 11 Love 6 Wallace 4

Secretary Platt casts ballot for Donald Kitson as Deputy Commissioner.

### Secretary

Melanie Seaman is nominated.

Charles Wallace is nominated.

1<sup>st</sup> Vote: Seaman and Wallace tied 5-5

2<sup>nd</sup> vote: Seaman and Wallace tied 3-3

**HOD-2009-18** Moved and seconded that USADB Executive Board search for and appoint a Secretary. Passed.

### Treasurer

Brian Fruits is nominated.

Brian Fruits is elected by acclamation.

Secretary Platt casts ballot for Brian Fruits as Treasurer.

NOTE: positions of Tournament Director, International Director and Youth Director are elected. Terms end in 2010.

## **Announcements**

Jennifer Ricca gave a brief presentation for Austin, TX to be considered as the site of the 2010 USADB National Basketball Tournament.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Shirley H. Platt  
Interim Secretary