



## House of Delegates Meeting Minutes

Oakland, CA

April 8, 2015

### **Present:**

USADB Board & Staff

Commissioner Christina Costello  
Deputy Commissioner Benro Ogunyipe  
Public Relations Director Joey Baer  
Public Relations Assistant Frances Sorrentino  
Tournament Director Chuck Wallace

### Executive Committee

Stewart Gerlis, EAAD President  
Jose Amador, SWBAD Interim Commissioner  
Michelle Heathington, FAAD President  
Nathan Boyes, NWADB Representative

### Delegates

Lawrence Plate, Delegate at Large  
Myron Greenbold, Delegate at Large  
Sarah Faber, CPD coach (CBAD)  
Alexandria Pucciarelli, Stars, East Storm (EAAD)

Commissioner Costello called the meeting to order at 1:22pm

Commissioner Costello led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Necrology**

A moment of silence was observed for the following people who have passed away since the last USADB Tournament:

Michael Layton  
Charles Buemni

### **2014 House of Delegates Meeting Minutes**

Name corrections: Lawrence Plato, James Ginis, Craig Radford

**MOTION:** Amador moved to close discussion. Motion to accept 2014 HoD minutes as corrected CARRIED

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **Commissioner:**

(see attached)

**Deputy Commissioner:**  
(see attached)

**Secretary:**  
(see attached)

**Treasurer:**  
(see attached)

**Public Relations:**  
(see attached)

**International Director:**  
No report

**Youth Director:**  
No report

**Tournament Director:**  
(see attached)

**Finance Report Discussion:**  
(see attached for pre-audit 2014 financial report)

It was explained that we spent money in 2014 for the 2015 gym as a deposit. Gym expenses were more than \$5,500 in Houston, Philadelphia and Bloomington (MN). Referees continue to be another high expense. The referees are cheaper this year than last. It was also explained that a few years ago, all revenues (income) were in one fund, but now is separated into 3 (International, National and Youth).

Question was raised on what is the best pricing model we should be using – low team registration fee + player fee, or high team fee and no player fee. It was also pointed out that USADB broke even in the last 4 years.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Motion Referrals from 2014 Basketball**

#### **Floor Motion 2014-HOD-2**

Robert Loeffler moves that USADB allow for 20 roster spots per team: 15 dress-able players, 1 head coach, 2 asst. coaches, a statistician and a manager.

Seconded by Robert Jones

Rationale: Roster numbers would match with the NCAA roster allowances.

REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE, since this motion relates to By-Laws.

Governance Committee: Recommends provisions remain same as 12 dress-able players and 3 staff members including coach.

**AMENDMENT:** Heathington moves to amend Floor Motion 2014-HOD-2 to 15 dress-able players (players/coaches as their choice).

**AMENDMENT:** Amador amends Heathington's motion to replace "player" with "participants".  
**AMENDMENT CARRIED** (Amador's, 8 ayes)

**CARRIED** (Heathington's, 9 ayes)

**MOTION** 2014-HOD-2 **CARRIED** as amended (8 ayes)

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#### **Floor Motion 2014-HOD-4**

Michelle Heathington (FAAD President) moves that we delete § 1.03 Individual Membership – (d) and (c) from the By-Laws.

Seconded by Stewart Gerlis.

Rationale: There is no need for individual membership because it is no longer exist

**REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE, 20-0**

**Governance Committee:** Supports recommendation to delete. No membership relation to USADSF.

**MOTION** to adopt Governance Committee recommendation.

**CARRIED** (8 ayes)

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#### **Floor Motion 2014-HOD-6**

Shirley Platt moves that USADB secretary shall email the meeting agenda, proposals, old business, etc to registered delegates 7 days before the HOD date.

Seconded by Sarah Faber

Rationale: Nobody can read this packet and be prepared from a same day distribution.

Discussion: Put this in the Guidelines.

**REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** with authority to amend

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**MOTION** to adopt Governance Committee recommendation.

**CARRIED** (8 ayes)

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**Floor Motion 2014-HOD-8**

Michelle Heathington (FAAD President) moves that we replace “a full member” with “individual membership” in By-Laws 2.05 (2).

Seconded by Stewart Gerlis.

Rationale: Need to define who is a full member due to HOD-2014-4 motion above.

**Governance Committee:** This motion will be eliminated once the motion 2012-HOD-4 carried to delete the provision.

**MOTION** to adopt Governance Committee recommendation.

**CARRIED** (9 ayes)

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**Floor Motion 2014-HOD-5**

Robert Jones moves that USADB study how to improve the prize system for the first five top teams in each division.

Seconded by Doug Mader

Rationale: (none provided)

**REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Executive Committee:** Executive committee discussed and agreed to continue the discussion as they gather more information on how to improve prize system.

**MOTION** to adopt Governance Committee recommendation.

**CARRIED** (9 ayes)

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**Floor Motion 2014-HOD-9**

Sarah Faber moves that USADB reinstate \$20 membership dues.

Seconded by Shirley Platt.

Rationale: We need revenue.

Amendment: Shirley Platt amends "\$10 membership due for each team member in addition to team registration fee.

Seconded by Robert Loeffler

**TABLED TO NEXT HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING by majority vote**

**AMENDMENT:** Boyes amends that \$10 membership due for each team member in addition to team registration fee goes to USADB National.

**AMENDMENT FAILED** (0 ayes)

**AMENDMENT:** Faber amends that \$10 membership due for each team member go to cash prize.

**AMENDMENT FAILED** (0 ayes, 9 nays)

**MOTION:** USADB reinstates \$20 membership dues

**MOTION: FAILED**

**END OF OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUISNESS**

Commissioner Costello outlined plans for new business to review the current constitution and bylaws and combine sections wherever similar.

Review points:

- 1) Replace the word "Association" to "Organization" throughout the entire documents.
- 2) Change "Affiliation" to "Relationship"
- 3) Blue text is from our current Constitution, Bylaws and Guidelines
- 4) Red text is NEW addition (in other words, new motion)
- 5) If do not like or want to discuss, pull that part out to discuss on floor

Refer to the Proposed USADB Constitution, Bylaws and Guidelines. What follows are the items pulled out for debate and action.

**MOTION: Constitution - Replace all occurrences of “Association” with “Organization”**

Rationale: USADB is an organization.

**MOTION FAILED**

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**MOTION: Constitution - Change “Affiliation” to “Relationship”**

No changes, just the term.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article I, Section II (Individual Membership)**

This was clarified that Baer can assist new USADB board members. Limited to the 4 years after of officer’s term.

**MOTION CARRIED (9 ayes)**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article I, Section III (Regional Territory)**

CBAD has been discussing a merge between CAAD and CBAD. A motion was carried last year authorizing USADB to change the Bylaws to reflect the new name for the Central territory. It was not decided what name will be chosen. If CAAD is selected, the Bylaws will reflect that.

**MOTION CARRIED (10 ayes)**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article II, Section II (team representative term)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article II, Section I (Officers)**

2. A majority of the Executive Board shall be Deaf or Hard of Hearing. (NEW)

**MOTION FAILED (4 ayes)**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article II, Section III (Elections and Procedures)**

Who is in favor of the new sentences?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article II, Sections IV, V and VI**

Who is in favor of moving them to Guidelines?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article II, Sections VI, Part 2 (Electronic Meetings)**

Who is in favor of electronic meetings & documents?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article II, Sections VI, Part 4 (Minutes posted on website)**

Who is in favor of leaving minutes on website?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article II, Sections I (Standing Committees, Executive Committee)**

**POI:** Instead of president, this means any officer (of an affiliated region) can represent the region on the Executive Committee.

Who is in favor of the Executive Committee as proposed?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article III (Proposals)**

**AMENDMENT: Faber amends by changing “player, coach or official” to “participant”**

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

Who is in favor of Article III, as amended?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article IV, Section I (TPC Members)**

It was clarified that this only applies to teams attending the USADB Nationals. If a team paid but could not go, the team can still be represented at the HoD.

Who is in favor of Article IV, Section I as clarified?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article IV, Section II (TPC Role & Functions)**

Who is in favor of Article IV, Section II?

**MOTION CARRIED** (8 ayes)

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article IV, Section III (TPC Meetings & Quorum)**

**AMENDMENT:** Baer amends by changing 1/5 to 2/3 for quorum

**AMENDMENT CARRIED** (10 ayes)

Who is in favor of Article IV, Section III as amended?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article IV, Section IV (TPC Meetings Notices)**

**AMENDMENT:** Change to 2 weeks.  
Withdrawn.

**AMENDMENT:** Greenbold amends by changing to announce meetings at same time as tournament date announcement.

**AMENDMENT FAILED**

**AMENDMENT:** Pucciarelli amends by changing 30 days to 90 days

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

Who is in favor of Article IV, Section IV as amended?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article V (Conducts of USADB & Members)**

Who is in favor of Article V, Sections I-III?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article VI**

Who is in favor of Article VI, Sections I-III?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article VII, Section I (Amendments, Procedures)**

Who is in favor of Article VII, Section I?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article VII, Section II (Process)**

Who is in favor of Article VII, Section II?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Bylaws Article VII, Section III (Final Approval & Implementation)**

Who is in favor of Article VII, Section III?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Executive Board Manual (EBM)**

Who is in favor of "The Representative Council" (TRC) and the terms in all manuals?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: EBM - Add new task to Deputy Commissioner**

update the Constitution, Bylaws and Guidelines within thirty (30) days of any revision and ratification, to be posted on the webpage. (14.03 - 2 and 3, rephrased)

Who is in favor?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: EBM - National Program Director (New Title)**

Discussed the difference between responsibilities and duties of Tournament Director

Who is in favor of the wording?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: EBM - ARTICLE III, Section I Meetings and Notices**

Who is in favor of the new paragraph?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: EBM - ARTICLE V, Section I, part b (Lifetime Pass)**

(b) Past chairperson(s) of national basketball tournament to receive a Lifetime Pass for their services in hosting the USADB basketball tournament. The Board reserves the right to give the lifetime passes (one or two lifetime passes) to the current tournament host chairperson(s) who completed the current national tournament.

**AMENDMENT: Bear amends to remove first sentence in part b.**

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

(b) The Board reserves the right to give the lifetime passes (one or two lifetime passes) to the current tournament host chairperson(s) who completed the current national tournament.

Who is in favor of this, as amended?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: EBM - ARTICLE VI, Officer Oath**

Who is in favor of adding this?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Region Membership Manual (RMM)**

Change deadline from Feb 15 to March 1

**MOTION:** Change date to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion about regions and maybe divide teams in regions (reasonable for tournaments (invitational or regional) for example KY team... KY want to affiliate with another region but couldn't arrange that.

Heathington amends per USADB tournament.

**MOTION:** Table this to next year

**MOTION FAILED**

**MOTION:** Refer to Governance Committee

**MOTION CARRIED – REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

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**MOTION: RMM – Article V: Rule Enforcement**

Who is in favor Article V Rule enforcement: PASSED

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: RMM – Article VI: Benefits of Region Affiliation in Good Standing**

Who is in favor Article VI: Benefits of Region Affiliation in Good Standing?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: RMM – Article VII: Loss of Benefits for Region NOT in Good Standing**

Who is in favor?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: RMM – Article VIII: No Region Affiliation**

Who is in favor?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: RMM - Article IX: Region Disaffiliation**

**POI:** This passed in House of Delegates 2013 (Philadelphia)

**MOTION:** Heathington moves to refer to Governance Committee

**MOTION CARRIED – REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

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**MOTION: RMM -- Article X Bypassing Region**

**AMENDMENT:** The rest of the men's teams (non-championships) shall be in Division II

Who is in favor of the amendment?

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Bypass decisions to be made on or by February 15.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Who is in favor of Article X

**MOTION CARRIED** as amended

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### **Team Representative Council (TRC)**

Order of Business

- E. To conduct a Question and Answer session with the Head Referee/Umpire if available;

**MOTION:** Change the term of Umpire to Officials

**MOTION CARRIED**

Who is in favor of team representative council?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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### **Appendix A**

NOTE: Add caption to have picture attached on team registration form (Friendly reminder so they wont get fined)

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### **General Tournament Rules & Regulations (GTRR)**

**MOTION: GTRR - Article II: Meeting Date: **NEW****

The Team Representative Council meeting shall coincide with the USADB National tournament.

Who is in favor of that date?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: GTRR - Article III, Section II Player Eligibility Rules**

2. Players shall have an unaided hearing loss of 55db or greater in the better ear. A recent (two or less years old) certified audiogram shall be provided no later than March 1st upon request.

**CORRECTION:** Term change to TWO not TOW

Who is in favor of that section?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: GTRR - Article IV: USADB Registration Forms**

Discussion centered around the money and timing. Discussion needs to include Brian Fruits, the USADB Treasurer

**MOTION:** REFER TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

**MOTION CARRIED – REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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**MOTION: GTRR - Article IV: USADB Registration Forms**

MOTION: Boyes moves that a new part be added to Article V (Team Registration Rules) that any team with less than 8 players shall add enough players to meet the minimum 8 and pay \$25 per player added to the team, before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Who is in favor of any team who has less than 8 players on team must pay \$25 per player before April 1?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: GTRR - Article IV: USADB Registration Forms**

Who is in favor to Article IV?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: GTRR - Article VIII: Proof of Insurance**

Who is in favor of this?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: Article XII: Lifetime Pass for Championship Team**

**Article XII: Lifetime Pass for Championship Team (From 14.01 (a) )**

Members of the USADB Division I championship team who have actually participated in the USADB tournament. (Limited to 15 people per team.)

Who is in favor?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION:** Accept the new USADB Constitution and Bylaws as proposed as a whole?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION: GTRR – Article III, Section II (13.03)**

6. **Free Agent.** A player may join a team outside of his/her respective territory as a free agent and must stay with that team for at least one season. Men's teams are allowed to use one free agent and women's teams are allowed to use up to two free agents. Teams must identify free agents using the appropriate code on the official roster form.

**AMENDMENT:** Change limit for women free agent to three

**AMENDMENT FAILED**

**AMENDMENT:** Three women and two men free agents

**AMENDMENT #2:** One year trial

**AMENDMENT #3:** No Deaf Olympians

**AMENDMENT #3: Died, no second**

Who is in favor of one year trial for three women and two men free agents?

**AMENDMENT #2 FAILED** (2 Ayes, 4 Nays)

Who is in favor of 2 men and 3 women free agents?

**AMENDMENT #1 CARRIED** (7 Ayes, 3 Nays)

Who is in favor of Article III, Section II, #6 as amended?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Floor Motions:**

**Motion #: 2015-HOD-01**

I, Lawrence Plato, move that: we insert the following clauses in future by law as;

- 1) members are non-voting
- 2) no political activities are allowed in this organization
- 3) all members / delegate meetings are for information only

Rationale: These clauses are already in USA Basketball Constitution

**REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE**

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**Motion #: 2015-HOD-02**

I, Lawrence Plato, move that: we refer by laws change back to Government Committee with attached documents from IRS and 1997 USADB Bylaws for its consideration in order to be with legal aspects of IRS Tax Code

**REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE**

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**Motion #: 2015-HOD-03**

I, Lawrence Plato, move that: we add a volunteering membership fee schedule only for the organization for its IRS tax code obligation, not to be used for tourneys etc

Rationale: We need funds for the mandatory obligation costs included by this organization itself

**REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

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**Motion #: 2015-HOD-04**

I, Michelle Heathington FAAD President, move that: add \$100 to USADB National Team Entry Fee in Appendix A (Guidelines) for cash prize purpose only

Rationale: To help USADB on increase cash prize budget and attract more teams in the near future.

Who is in favor of adding \$100 to National fee?

**MOTION FAILED** (4 Ayes, 4 Nays)

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**Motion #: 2015-HOD-05**

I, Michelle Heathington FAAD President, move that: the date of USADB Tournament to be moved to between 4th weekend of April to First weekend of May

Rationale: to reduce the transportation costs (higher rates during spring break)

**AMENDMENT:** Tournament can be from first weekend of April to first weekend of May

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

Who is in favor of this motion as amended?

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**END OF NEW BUSINESS**

**ELECTIONS**

Positions up for election:  
Deputy Commissioner  
Treasurer

**Deputy Commissioner:**

Benro Ogunyipe was nominated for Deputy Commissioner. Accepted.

**ELECTED by ACL**

**Treasurer:**

Refer to Nomination Committee since there were no interested candidates.

**REFERRED TO NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

**END OF ELECTIONS**

**ADJOURNED at 5:59pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Sorrentino  
Recorder