



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Round Rock, TX
April 11, 2018

Present:

USADB Board & Staff

Commissioner Christina Costello
Deputy Commissioner Benro Ogunyipe
Treasurer James Powell (Interim)

Executive Committee

Robert Love, CAAD President
Alexandria Pucciarelli, EAAD Representative
Jeremias Valencia, FAAD President
Robert Lester, MAAD Representative
Nathan Boyes, NWADB Representative
Andrea Johnson, SEAAD Representative
Jose Amador, SWBAD Commissioner

Commissioner Costello called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

Commissioner Costello with assistance from the region officers, led the Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Costello reviewed the House rules

Necrology

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

Jim Renshaw
Rocky Murray
(and 2 others)

2017 Meeting Minutes

The Team Representatives Council and Executive Committee minutes and all attachments were posted on the website and region officers reported no glaring errors.

MOTION: Accepted the minutes as written/submitted. CARRIED

OFFICER REPORTS

Commissioner:

Introduced officers who were appointed since the 2017 meeting:
Nathan Boyes...interim Public Relations
Joey Baer...National program director (tournament director)
Elle McKenna...Interim secretary
Jeremias Valencia...Interim International Director

Regions were creating more work for us because many missed deadlines, some didn't ask us to clarify some things before it was too late, and the tournament committee team had to chase down a lot of the

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coaches to fix names, uniform numbers, etc. Need to create a region checklist to ensure that regions do what they're supposed to do and when.

Talked a little bit about USADSF and USADB International but will defer the rest to International Director later in the meeting.

Still looking for a suitable gym for 2019 National Tournament. Dayton, OH; Columbus, OH, Want Columbus because there is a school for the Deaf for the USADB Youth program.

Deputy Commissioner:

Worked with the Women's Task Force

Law Committee reviewed the motions and made some recommendations which will be covered in Old Business.

Helped a few teams by clarify the replacement players rules and determining what teams can/cannot do. This was a major issue this year. Benro explained to regions how this works, the limitations and the FA (free agent) issues with replacement players

FAAD teams wanted to bypass but could not because FAAD is affiliated with USADB.

A player was suspended because he signed 2 team rosters. EAAD suspended 2 players and made decision without consulting USADB. Benro reminded the regions that if region make and pass a motion that conflicts with USADB, region keep but cannot send any appeals based on the conflicting motion to USADB.

Secretary:

JP worked with Christina and Benro to get the tournament forms ready and processed the forms as it came in.

Treasurer:

The 2016 and 2017 audits were sent back to me for a redo but both had more detail breakdown of expenses than in the past. We made a nice profit (\$20,000+) last year in Washington D.C. most of it on Saturday at Gallaudet University. Record admissions.

See Treasurer's Report of 2017 tournament income and expenses

Public Relations:

No report

International Director:

No report

Youth Director:

No report

National Program Director (Tournament Director):

No report

OLD BUSINESS

MAAD/CAAD – Eight IL counties surrounding St. Louis, MO.
Proposed Amendment by MAAD (amendment in highlight yellow)

- Article I: Membership, Section 1.03: Regional Territory
- a) Central Athletic Association of the Deaf
Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois (except Illinois counties in Greater St. Louis, MO), Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin with Greater Erie, PA and Greater Pittsburgh, PA.
- d) Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf
Missouri, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, (and Illinois counties in Greater St. Louis MO.)
- Rationale: Eight southwestern counties in Illinois are part of St. Louis Metropolitan area.
- Governance Committee: Endorses this motion due to metro areas extend counties into Illinois.

Love reported that CAAD players/delegates were not interested in changing the 8 counties to be part of MAAD. Free Agent would become an issue.

USADB would like to see data related to the 8 IL counties to help settle this issue. USADB also suggested that CAAD make the motion to settle this at the 2019 tournament. Both MAAD and CAAD need to brainstorm for a solution.

ACTION: CAAD and MAAD to work on this issue for next year's Executive Committee meeting.

2016 Motion

MOTION: A team can be eligible for the USADB Tournament in case of an unfortunate situation, subjected to USADB Board's decision.

- REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE.
- Governance Committee Response: No conflict. Endorses this motion.

ACTION: Executive Committee concurs.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

REMINDER: March 1 is the deadline for affiliated region forms to USADB. Forms should go to region first to review for completion and then mailed to USADB BY March 1st.

EAAD Suspension decisions

MOTION: CAAD moved to accept USADB's decisions on the EAAD suspension. CARRIED 4-0

New USADB Logos

Jon Manning sent us a few new logos. Regions liked one of the logos.

ACTION: It was decided to hold an USADB Logo contest to select a new logo.

International Program

We watched a video of Jeff Salit (USADSF) talking about creating a new organization (NSO) to take over the International program to reduce the confusion.

Christina gave a short summary of what USADB had been doing with International program.

Jeremias presented on why USADB should keep International.

MOTION: CAAD moved to keep International Program with USADB. CARRIED unanimously.

Motion 1 – Required team insurance

ACTION: Executive Committee concurred

Motion 2 – Late roster fine (\$25)

Change “team” to “region” and take the Feb 15 out.

CARRIED

TRC Motion – TRC rep form with team registration form

ACTION: Executive Committee concurred

TRC Motion – Advance deposit to secure spot in bracket

ACTION: Executive Committee concurred

Motion -- Women's FA trial -> permanent

Motion – Change the team entry fees

\$450 Men / \$350 Women

The TRC motion was amended to be a 1 year trial.

CARRIED 4-1

Motion – Women Replacement player \$10 fee

ACTION: Executive Committee concurred

Motion - Increase region affiliation fee to \$300

CAAD moved to increase the region affiliation fee to \$300.

CARRIED

Motion: Player with debts

Any player who owe money to USADSF can't play for USADB

MOTION: Any player who owe debts to either USADB or USADSF cannot play until debts paid off.

CARRIED

Motion: Allow "DC" team to play

SWBAD moved to allow "DC" team to play in this year's tournament

CARRIED

Motion: Region and USADB forms

CAAD moved to have BOTH region and USADB forms be sent to USADB.

CARRIED

END OF NEW BUSINESS

ELECTIONS

Slate

Commissioner Christina
Deputy Benro
Secretary Elle
Treasurer JP
Public Relations Nathan

CAAD moved to elect the slate as submitted.

CARRIED

END OF ELECTIONS

ADJOURNED at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Powell
USADB Recording Secretary