



Team Representative Council (TRC) Meeting Minutes

Location: Indianapolis, IN

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Time: 1:20PM

Roll Call: Joey Baer, USADB National Program Director
Michelle Mendiola, USADB Secretary
Benro Ogunyipe, USADB Deputy Commissioner
Christina Costello, USADB Commissioner
Jim Powell, USADB Treasurer
Gene Duve, Referee
Jesse Crawford, Florida Spartans
Cy Saunders, DC Elite Hoyas
Mike Wilson, Kentucky
Hector Cueto, FSAD Bombers
Glenn Benjamin, NY Skulls
Shaquana McDonough, Lexington Lady Liberty
Tony Wilkerson, Indy Hawks
Monique (?)
Kris Saucedo, DMV Diplomats
Troy Truelove, Southern Wisconsin
Danny Gabel, Block G
Arturo Iniguez, Texas Outlaws
Jose Amador, TX Warriors
Paul Mitchell, NJ Thunder
Quinton Murphy, Wisconsin Wolves
Navarro Davidson, Madison
Zamica Gage, Indianapolis Checkers

Agenda items

1. Necrology: Rocky Murray, John Perry, Wayne Spears (LACD)
 - EAAD will lead a tribute on Saturday at 1:45PM.
 - Joey Baer asked for anyone to let USADB know of any future deaths.
2. AAAD Founders
 - Joey Baer clarified that Art Krueger and Thomas Elliott were the founders of the AAAD, not just Art.
 - Joey Baer explained the history of the AAAD and how it became the USADB.
 - Joey Baer informed that Debbie Elliott will come to the USADB Tournament.

3. USADB Board & Staff

- Youth Director position is still vacant.
- Benro Ogunyipe's term will end this year, so the Deputy Commission position will be vacant.

4. Program Book

- The book is 100 pages long.
- The cost of the book was discussed - \$5, \$8, \$10 - and \$10 was voted.

5. Schedule

- Brian Bippus (BB) stated that the USADB tournament was held in Indianapolis 5 years ago. BB explained how the new gym was just opened in October 2018 and also the layout of 5 courts, where there will be 5 volunteers per court.
- The social events at the GIDC were announced.
- The agenda of Saturday Night Program was explained.

6. Committee Introduction

7. Tournament Logistics

8. Officials Review (Gene Duve)

- Joey Baer explained the forfeit in regards to the # of players.
- Uniforms
 - *#6-9 were passed last year so 0-99 can be used.
 - *Arm/leg compression sleeves must be all same.
- Referees
 - *There would be 3 refs in Round 2, and as for the championships, the coaches pick 3 refs (2 deaf, 1 hearing).
 - *The roles of the refs were explained: 1) Under (calls 60% of the time), 2) Center (calls 25% of the time), and 3) T.
 - *Sometimes the refs make bad calls. It's human to make mistakes.
 - *Refs won't solve the problem/issue until the table is clear of coaches and players.
 - *For statistics, accuracy is really important so there will be no phones on tables during the games. There will be 3 assigned volunteers who will walk around to make sure. Volunteers were sent an email with expectations and duties.
 - *Timeouts: 60 sec - 15 sec - 1st warning, 0 sec - 2nd warning - will put ball down; 30 sec - 15 sec - 1st warning, 0 sec - 2nd warning - will put ball down. Refs will tell the table to start the clockdown. 4 full TOs, 2 30 secs.
 - *Deadball: Men - 10 seconds; women - no countdown.
 - *Hearing aids/cochlear implants - there are no rules in USADB, but they are banned in Olympics.

9. General Proposals & Issues

- The structure was explained (committees, TRC, Executive Committee (8 regions), USADB Board).
- Motion papers: If you want to make a motion, please fill out the motion form.

10. National Program Current Issues

- USADB Registration forms
 - *Current structure: Region vs USADB registration forms

- *Forms will go online.
- *Regions send team pictures after the tournament via DropBox.
- *All pictures and forms should be sent to USADB, even if not going to the USADB Tournament.
- Team pictures
 - *Team pictures are not consistent.
 - *There is a fine if no picture is sent to the USADB per the USADB Bylaws.
- Replacement players
 - *Men: 8 players
 - *Women: 10 players
 - *USADB must be notified 10 days prior to the tournament.
- Team prizes - USADB have formulas ready for both men's Division 1 and 2 and Women's Division.
- Tournament host
 - *Should we bring back the tournament? Next year, Los Angeles (LA) wants to host due to their 75th anniversary.
 - *USADB will look into the reports from the last 5 years to see the comparison and also to see which region had the most admissions.

Break at 2:50pm

Meeting resumed at 3:00pm

11. Old Business

-Old proposals (look in Joey's PPT):

1. Referred to women's coaches
2. Mon Ching Ng moved that. **Seconded by: None. Action: Dead**
3. CAAD/MAAD proposed a resolution for the Bylaws on 8 Illinois counties.

12. New Business

Motion 2019-1: Jesse Crawford moves that USADB allows 1 CODA per team with verification of Deaf parents, not siblings or grandparents. CODA must be ASL fluent to participate.

Seconded by: Hector Cueto

Action: Rejected

Motion 2019-2: Arturo Iniguez moves that women tournament will be played on Friday and Saturday instead of Thursday-Saturday.

Seconded by: Jose Amador

Action: Referred to National Tournament Director to be discussed with women coaches and insert in newly developed Women Tournament Guideline.

Motion 2019-3: Arturo Iniguez moves that all regional teams must play in regional tournament and then participate in USADB tournament. If the team doesn't show up in regional tournament, then the team can't play in USADB tournament.

Seconded by: Jose Amador

Rationale: To show respect for other regions

Action: Rejected

Motion 2019-4: Arturo Iniguez moves that that we change the current tournament format to new designed bracket. (see attached)

Seconded by: Jose Amador

Action: Referred to Women Coaches after TRC meeting; then referred to be written in newly developed Women Tournament Guideline

Motion 2019-5: Kris Saucedo moves that USADB changes 2 free agents (FAs) to 3 FAs for men.

Seconded by: Arturo Iniguez

Rationale: To give players opportunities to play

Action: Passed but referred to the Executive Board for approval

Motion 2019-6: Arturo Iniguez moves that USADB makes a new guideline for women. The current guidelines didn't apply to women.

Seconded by: Shaquana McDonough

Rationale: The guidelines USADB has are for 16 teams, but the women's teams have struggles.

Action: Passed

Motion 2019-7: Jose Amador moves 4th place or below to participate in USADB Men's Division I with all coaches' approval

Seconded by: Arturo Iniguez

Action: Rejected

Motion 2019-8: Michael C Wilson moves that 2 free agents should replace with 2 players on his team who cannot make it due to last minute.

Seconded by:

Action: Out of order

Motion 2019-9: Benro Ogunyipe moves that USADB inserts “up to 12 people may dress for the game” in Article V Section 2 of General Tournament Rules & Regulations.

Seconded by: Arturo Iniguez

Rationale: Registration form has up to 12 players statement but adding in Rules & Regulations will clarify the rule.

Action: Passed

13. New Discussion

- Southern Wisconsin coach is allowed to play - this applies to all teams who are short of players.

14. Elections - will be held tonight at the Executive Board meeting.

15. Announcements

-None

Meeting adjourned at 4:05PM.