

**National Softball Association of the Deaf
Executive Board Meeting
At Frederick, Maryland
On April 24 & 25, 2009**

Commissioner Valentine Wojton called the meeting to order at a classroom at Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick, MD on April 24th, 2009 with all officers present: Commissioner Valentine Wojton, Deputy Commissioner Dawn Rood, Secretary/Treasurer Patrick Kinast, Softball Information Director Kevin Ryan and Tournament Director Vance Rewolinski at 8:24pm.

Minutes of the November 15th, 2008 Executive Board Meeting was approved as corrected.

Moved that the women teams can have three (3) free agents without any age limitations. CARRIED

Moved that the representatives for Softball Council meeting shall consist of three (3) members per regional (Regional Officer, men team representative, and women team representative). EB revised this motion to... The representatives for the Softball Council meeting shall consist of all Regional Commissioners, coaches of men and women teams, and add one more Regional Officer from each region. CARRIED

Moved that the Softball Council meeting shall be on a Sunday following the National Tournament. CARRIED

Moved that there will be up to three (3) non-players (coaches, scorekeepers, and/or batboys/girls) on the NSAD form. CARRIED

Moved that the Tournament Director and Rules Committee research for a potential four (4) games guarantee, using pool play and double elimination format under USSSA. CARRIED

Moved that a regional is allowed to invite women team(s) from another regional that has two (2) or less women team(s). If the invited team wins the regional tournament, shall be the non-seeded team for that regional that the team played in. CARRIED

Moved that the NSAD Optional Rule on "Passed Ball" be removed. CARRIED

Moved that NSAD follows the USSSA pitching rules from the current USSSA Rule Book as stated in pages 36 and 37 and leaves the black mat for strike.

Moved that NSAD follows the USSSA Tournament Rule Book (Class B) with modifications, such as limited number of homeruns and any other options that the Rules Committee feels is/are necessary, and that is to be implemented by October 1, 2008. CARRIED

Moved that the Softball Council Meeting minutes be posted in the NSAD website within 60 days after the NSAD Tournament. CARRIED AS AMENDED

Moved that the six (6) counties of Northern Virginia consisting Loudoun, Fairfax, Prince William, Stafford, Spotsylvania, and Fauquier belong to the ESAD Region on a two-year trial basis. CARRIED AS AMENDED

Moved that one (1) CODA be permitted on the men's team and two (2) CODAs on the women's team. CARRIED

Moved that if a free state is able to field a team for three (3) consecutive years, it will no longer be a free state. CARRIED

Moved that if a free state is able to field a team for three (3) consecutive years, then teams from Alabama go to Southeast Region and the teams from New Mexico and West Virginia shall choose a regional as deemed appropriate. CARRIED

Moved that the Tournament Policies: Section 1, 1.1 "Selection for NSAD National Tournament Site shall be decided at least four (4) years in advance by the Executive Board." be removed. CARRIED

Moved that the wording "region" be inserted in between "county" and "city" in Rules and Regulations, Section 2, 2.1

All teams shall be represent by a state, county, region, city, or town as outlined in the membership requirements rules of NSAD By-Laws, Article 1, Membership. CARRIED

Moved that we revise the section in Rules and Regulation: Article 1: Eligibility Rules, Section 3, 3.5 "A player shall have valid Driver's License and/or good standing State ID." to "A player shall have valid non-temporary Driver's License and/or good standing State-issued ID." CARRIED

Moved that in Bylaws, Article 2 "Officers" be revised as following:

1.2.1

The election and term of office shall be prescribed for elections of the NSAD officers to be a majority vote at the annual meeting of the Softball Council with terms for these officers for two years, commencing as of December 1st.

1.3

The office of the NSAD Commissioner shall be limited to four (4) terms on the NSAD Executive Board.

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1.2.1

The election and term of office shall be prescribed for elections of the Deputy Commissioner, Treasurer, Softball Information Director, and Tournament Director to be a majority vote at the annual meeting of the Softball Council with terms for these officers for two years, commencing as of December 1st.

1.3

The office of the NSAD Commissioner shall serve on an unlimited term. The election shall be a majority vote at the Annual Softball Council meeting when the position for the Commissioner is challenged by a member of NSAD, and commencing as of December 1st. CARRIED

Moved that a team that has not provided a USSSA-issued ID number must pay twenty dollars (\$20.00) for the USSSA membership prior to Friday morning. CARRIED ACCOMPLISHED

Moved that NSAD places an order of Commemorative Coins in memory of Danny Fine and sell each for ten dollars (\$10.00) each. The proceedings will go to the Fine family as our condolence gift. CARRIED

MEETING RECESSED AT 12:48am.

Commissioner Valentine Wojton resumed the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. in a classroom of the Veditz Building at Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick, MD on April 25th, 2009 with all officers present: Commissioner Valentine Wojton, Deputy Commissioner Dawn Rood, Secretary/Treasurer Patrick Kinast, Softball Information Director Kevin Ryan and Tournament Director Vance Rewolinski.

SECRETARY/TREASURER KINAST's FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report: As of April 25th, 2009

Balance for New Savings: \$15,012.22

Balance for New Checking: \$7,281.07

Balance for Old Account: \$2,330.67

The Total Balance is \$24,623.96

Executive Board Report:

COMMISSIONER WOJTON

- * Discussion on plans for Fort Lauderdale 2009.
- * Discussion on Kickball and COED
- * Instructed Dawn Rood to post updates By-Laws on Website by May 24th

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ROOD

- * Plans to updates the By-Laws for Website on May 24th.

SECRETARY/TREASURER KINAST

- * Created NSAD Team Entry Form for Website
- * Established the direct contact with Insurance Representative
- * Will scan the Team Entry to all officers after receive the form.
- * Request Commissioner to draft a letter to notify to regional for clarification on Sanctioned and Membership fees.
- * Received sanction request for 3 Invitation Tournament (2 in ESAD region and 1 in SWSAD Region)
- * Encourage us to contact with each region to update them and keep them all in the loop

SPORT INFORMATION DIRECTOR RYAN

- * Will Discuss with Ralph Fernandez (DeafWorld.Org) and Alex Simmons on Live Score and Statistical for NSAD 2009 tonight and Hope it goes smoothly.
- * Found a good deal on laptop for \$289.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR REWOLINSKI

- * Received a letter from CSDVRS that they will sponsor the 2009 NSAD events
- * Created an umpire list with 55 names on it
- * Discuss with our liaison who lives in Fort Lauderdale to help out with our NSAD 2009 Tournament
- * There will be four hotels in Fort Lauderdale, the officers will be spread out and sleep in each hotel.
- * Explained about the COED Situation with some coaches and decide to bring it back to NSAD 2009 with the understanding that COED can only play on Thursday and Saturday and that is to be limited to 8 teams
- * Established schedule for the NSAD 2009 tournament with 32 men, 16 women and 8 coed teams as well with HR Derby and Kickball.
- * Found headquarter Hotel (Red Lion Inn) for Portland 2010, visited the field which has 7 diamonds and concession stand.
- * Approved the Hall of Fame nominees

TREASURER REPORT KINAST

- * CPA is currently working on Year 2006 and 2007.
- * Shows the charts to Board such as \$8,000 decline on Team Revenue from 2006 to 2008, which show some concern for future, and earned 15% of total revenues from sponsorship, which we need to create to find other avenue for income if sponsorship back out on us.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion 09-EB-01

Moved that the Pittsburgh Association of the Deaf Club be allowed to have players who are memebrs of PAD resides in Pennsylvania and in CAAD regions and if PAD wants to use some players who are members of PAD but do not live in CAAD region be considered as a "Free Agent" rule. PASSED

Motion 09-EB-02

Moved that each Region pay \$300 to NSAD and this will include regional membership and regional tournament sanction fee. REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE

Motion 09-EB-03

Moved that we break down the All-Star (All-Tournament) selections: Men and Women Award, 4 players from the Championship team, 4 players from the Runner-up team, 3 players from the 3rd place team, 2 players from the 4th place team, and One from each 5th and 6th Place team and the remaining trophies be selected randomly from the top teams.

PASSED

Motion 09-EB-04

Moved that the eight (8) regional commissioners (NO EXCEPTION) shall serve on the NSAD Law Committee. PASSED

Motion 09-EB-05

Moved that we purchase 1,000 clay poker chips with logos of NSAD and Fort Lauderdale on each side for the players who register at NSAD Tournament. and sell the remainder of the poker chips for one dollar (\$1.00) apiece. PASSED

Motion 09-EB-06

Moved that we establish a \$500 budget to purchase Commemorative Coins metal chip and that is to be given to the winner of the flip coin of each game, umpires and the Men/Women Championship teams. PASSED

Motion 09-EB-07

Moved that we purchase the biggest version of Black Mats for NSAD Tournament for the purpose of the strike zone. PASSED

ANNOUNCEMENT

Vance Rewolinski will attend the SSAD Regional Tournament on June 25th, 2009

Dawn Rood and Kevin Ryan will attend the CAAD Regional Tournament on July 10th, 2009

Vance Rewolinski will attend the ESAD Regional Tournament on July 10th, 2009

Patrick Kinast will attend the SWSAD Regional Tournament on July 17th, 2009

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.