

National Softball Association of the Deaf

Executive Board Meeting

At Ontario, California

On August 1, 2006

Commissioner Valentine Wojton called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. with the Executive Board members. (Deputy Commissioner Gary Etkie, Secretary/Treasurer Sheri Mize, Sport Information Director Kevin Ryan and Tournament Director Vance Rewolinski.

Commissioner Wojton asked Tournament Director Rewolinski to give his report about this weekend tournament. Vance explained:

- expenses has increased – trophies and balls have gone up and shipping costs were high
- have gotten 3 sponsors (HOVRS, Verizon, and Sprint)
- rental of the fields are expensive and tokens will be used for the admission
- supplies for teams, scorekeepers, etc.(folders, pencils, pencil sharpeners, etc)
- Committees – pre-registrations fans, teams prefer Hazel Rinas and Sue Etkie be in charge of the admission money
- Wants less confusion on our website
- Purchased Security caps for the security group for easy identifiaciton
- Dynamingle has helped a lot and commended them. They have their own shirts.
- Check for nearest Wal-Mart, Bank of America, and Kinko's
- Explained about umpires
- Umpire's fee will be \$25.00 per game and scorekeeper's fee will be \$12.50 per game
- Long term goal will consist of having our History Book that will include 1976 to current of AAD/NSAD events (All-stars, Officers, etc)
- Hall of Fame Guideline is already developed and wanted our feedbacks and then make a motion to be referred to the Law Committee. Would like to have that be presented during the 2007 Softball Council meeting and that be in effective in 2008.

- Future Tournament sites – wanted to be fair with every regional. Its time for Eastern in 2007, 2008 for NWSAD and 2009 could be for either Omaha or Denver (both are in MAAD territory)..

Commissioner Wojton commended Vance for keeping up with his work and getting the tournament ready for this weekend. He added that he attended Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf (MAAD) Softball Tournament in Sioux Falls, SD. He enjoyed his time there and he commented that MAAD has made a proposal that their tournament be played during Labor Day weekend effective in 2009 and it was passed. Other issues in his report are:

- Jason Brown's audiogram and he has considered that Jason has met the NSAD's eligibility rule and allow Jason to participate in the NSAD tournament
- A case regarding Ronnie Zuchegno and he has a Michigan driver's license and according to our bylaws, he is eligible to play for the CCE team.
- WSAD's Chris Barrett – he agreed with CAAD's decision of not allowing him to play but he has his 3 rd audiogram, reviewed it (dated 7/27/06) and considered him to be eligible to play in this weekend's tournament. He added that he wants to applaud CAAD for not allowing him to play during CAAD Tournament.
- Pittsburgh issue – Pittsburgh women's team participated in the CAAD Tournament and according to our bylaws, they were supposed to participate in the ESAD for the next 2 years (2006 and 07) on a trial basis. He also brought up on the petition signed by Pittsburgh people and being brought up to us last year by a certain Pittsburgh person. We recalled this petition and remember saying that it is invalid due to most of the signatures are not NSAD members

Treasurer Sheri Mize gave her report and all financial reports were audited, done with all reports from 2002 to 2005 with a CPA.

The meeting was stopped at 7:25 p.m.

The meeting was resumed at 9:05 a.m. the following day (Wednesday, August 2 nd , 2006)

Deputy Commissioner Gary Etkie's report:

He'll report all proposals to our Softball Council to save time instead of having to do it again.

Softball Information Director Kevin Ryan's report:

Attended FWSAD and recruited 7 confirmed scorekeepers to keep the scores during NSAD this weekend. Need to improve the website to a better visible. Concerned about the problem with nsad.org that weren't directly emailed some of the officers.

Secretary-Treasurer Sheri Mize's report:

Done working with CPA, it wasn't that easy but finally got them done. Plan to have an invoice form to pay out with cash for Team Prizes, Umpires, Stats crews, etc. Would like to develop a better system where we could gather the fees. Add the instructions in downloading forms in adding more players who misses their regional deadline but could add prior to the NSAD deadline.

A motion was moved that we call CAAD President/Commissioner Bonnie Schwebke to our special Executive Board meeting right after the Bracketology drawing. PASSED

A motion was moved that we call Jeff Janaszek to our special Executive Board meeting right before the Softball Council meeting. PASSED

A motion was moved that we should revisit the issue of the waiver's list. It was brought up that we should put this issue and gather inputs to the Board of Directors' meeting. PASSED

A motion was moved that we decrease the player's fee of \$15.00 to \$5.00. PASSED

A motion was moved that we print our NSAD batting line-up forms and distribute to each regional. PASSED

A motion was moved that we allow up to 3 CODAs per team (men and women) effective next year with understanding that he/she must possess an international CODA certification and it will be on a trial basis for 2 years. PASSED

A motion was moved that we shall have the Softball Council Meeting on a Sunday following the National Tournament effective next year. PASSED

A motion was moved that we provide the bats for COED to use only during the tournament due to safety purpose. PASSED

A recess was called at 11:05 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:35 a.m.

A motion was moved that we leave the team prize list as it is for this year. PASSED

A motion was moved that Val Wojton to talk with our insurance agent about the problem of being slow in process during the year of 2006. PASSED

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.