

National Softball Association of the Deaf

Executive Board Meeting

At WPSD (in Pitts, PA)

On November 10, 2006

Commissioner Valentine Wojton, III called the Executive Board meeting to order at 8:22 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2006 in the Board Room of WPSD.

Commissioner Wojton, Deputy Commissioner Gary Etkie, Softball Information Director Kevin Ryan, Tournament Director Vance Rewolinski, and newly-elected Commissioner Mark Bella were present.

Secretary-Treasurer Sheri Mize (excused) and newly elected Deputy Commissioner Dawn Schriver (unexcused) were absent from this weekend meeting.

Commissioner Wojton volunteered to be the Recording Secretary for this weekend meeting.

The minutes of the Softball Council was corrected (there are 2 motions with the same number... "17-06" so the 2 nd one is changed to "18-06" and then the other motions after that be changed thereafter.

As for the motion 14-06, we made corrections to it by replacing "West Virginia" with "Maryland".

We did not approve this minutes as the Financial Report was not audited.

Deputy Commissioner Gary Etkie reported that he erroneously received a check and he will write a check of \$200.00 and mail it back to Sheri Mize.

Deputy Commissioner Gary Etkie requested to clarify the Ontario softball tournament financial report which stated a check of \$1,313.74 was paid to Gary Etkie. He requested the Secretary/Treasurer to break down each item to match one check of \$1,313.74.

We discussed the motions from the Softball Council:

- Before donating the \$1,500 to the Youth Deaf Festival, we need to get their curriculum.
- We agreed that the motion 6-06 be added to the Rule Book.
- The motion 7-06 is dropped since the newly elected ESAD Commissioner has reported that the loan will be paid back.

- We agreed that the motion 10-06 be added to the Rule Book.
- We agreed that the motions 3-06, 12-06, and 14-06 be referred to the Law Committee.

We agreed to allow 2 CODA males and 2 CODA females per COED team and that be added to our COED Rule.

We agreed to add the definition of CODA and SODA in our Glossary. Dawn will have to develop the definition of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Pennsylvania to NSAD Glossary with Law Committee.

Newly-elected Mark Bella will take care of the issue of the possible merger between ESAD and NEAAD.

We have agreed that we will send one of us to 4 different Regional Tournaments in the summer of 2007.

Newly-elected Commissioner Mark Bella will go to the CAAD Softball Tournament.

Tournament Director Vance Rewolinski will go to the NEAAD Softball Tournament.

Softball Information Director Kevin Ryan will attend the ESAD Softball Tournament.

The SSAD Softball Tournament will be represented by either newly-elected Deputy Commissioner Dawn Schriver or Secretary-Treasurer Sheri Mize.

We discussed about the Public Relations and agreed that all e-mails of every player, coaches, etc be given to Kevin Ryan. He will then send out information about our event to every one of them. It was discussed that we also send out video e-mails.

The meeting was recessed at 10:25 p.m.

Commissioner Wojton called the meeting to order the following day (Saturday, November 11 th , 2006) at 8:58 a.m.

Tournament Director Vance Rewolinski gave his report about the upcoming 2007 Tournament to be held at Dayton, Ohio. The date is set for August 9 th – 11 th , 2007.

We discussed and agreed to have it at Marriott (they have free internet).

We agreed to have the admission set at \$20.00 and the deadline for this will be on April 1, 2007. \$30.00 will be charged at the door.

Dayton/Montgomery County Convention and Visitor Bureau, Inc. is planning on donating \$1,000.00 and that has to be used for any Dayton-based vendors.

We discussed and agreed that we need 4 people to work at the admission table and also agreed that these people be given 3-nights at the hotel along with the combo ticket.

We discussed about the T-Shirt and agreed that we will contact PJ Combs.

We discussed about the advertisements for our Program Book.

We agreed that the statistics and the crew's airfare and 2 rooms for 3 nights be taken care of by NSAD.

We agreed to have Big Frank's be our supplier for the Men's yellow balls (Nu-Attitude).

We will keep Deb from California (Worth Co.) for the women's yellow balls.

Vance will take care of the trophies and sponsors.

We discussed and want to have that down in writing about the duties of every NSAD Officers during the Softball Tournament play.

Commissioner:

- oversee everything on the field (including games)
- rules interpretations and makes decisions
- is the boss of all 4 other officers

Deputy Commissioner:

- cold water set up (for sponsors, crew/officers/umpires/ and full time workers)
- help Sports Information Director in need of scorekeeping
- help Tournament Director when needed
- be responsible for the meals (Friday Lunch, Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch and Saturday Dinner)
- be responsible for the COED games interpretations and oversee these games
- be responsible for the Hall of Fame Reception
- be responsible for giving umpires rides from hotel to field and back

Secretary-Treasurer:

- deposit money (make batches and label them accordingly along with the Registration Form for easy identification)
- NSAD Cash Transaction (using NCR)
- Check with Admission people to make sure that they're OK and replace them if needed
- Have cash ready in several envelopes for Deputy Commissioner (for the meals)
- have change ready (\$5.00 and \$10.00 bills)
- Prize fee set-up – in envelope and with NCR
- Count admission and all monies on Sunday following the tournament with the assistance of other NSAD officers.

Softball Information Director:

- brackets set up on field and set sponsors/Hall of Fame names on fields
- find the closest Kinko's
- scorekeeping recruiting and develop schedule
- instruct scorekeepers on how to do and to complete the statistic information before turning the scorekeeping sheets in.
- make sure that all statistics are put in the computer before the Championship game begins
- Press Release within 48 hours
- Create database
- Be responsible for the photos
- Be responsible for the writers

Softball Tournament Director:

- be responsible for the scheduling of the umpires
- be responsible for the game time set-up
- finding someone to do the Star-Spangled Banner anthem prior to the Championship game

- be responsible for the admission people and scheduling
- be responsible for the trophies set-up
- be responsible for the softballs
- be responsible for the recruitment of the locals for the committees
- be responsible in locating a local person to be a liaison for that tournament
- be responsible with the vendors
- give umpires ride (from hotel to field and back)
- be responsible with the Umpire-In-Chief and work with that person in recruiting and screening umpires

We agreed that we are to leave the host city no earlier than 4:00 p.m. Sunday following the tournament.

We agreed that we will have our next Executive Board meeting at either Dayton, Ohio or Austin, Texas in one of the weekend in March, 2007.

We need to have an inventory of what each officer have and have that be done by the next Executive Board Meeting.

Kevin Ryan reported that the “Lifetime Pass” machine was damaged due to flooding in his home. He will check with his insurance provider to see if that can be replaced.

Gary Etkie passed his laptop to Vance Rewolinski and this laptop will then be passed to Dawn Schriver.

We discussed about the team member's membership fee reduction from \$15.00 to \$5.00 and that will make a big impact on the Prize Fund.

We agreed that the Financial Report needs to be cleared up by the next Executive Board meeting and we can set the Prize Fund for the 2007 Tournament at that meeting.

We agreed that we need to fix our By-Laws, Division 2, Article 5 and all of Section 7.

We agreed that our Law Committee need to fix these issues:

- Need to omit Division 4, Article 1, Section 7.1
- Need to omit Division 3, Article 2, Section 1.4

- Need to add “Add-3-Players” form

We agreed that as for the “Re=Entry rules”, we will limit that to 3 players per game (one time re-entry and the substitute will not be able to re-entry)

We agreed that the pitchers be permitted to showboat

We agreed that the portion of the home plate be not considered as a “strike”

We agreed to continue with the black mats but the measurement of the black mats be the same as the NWSAD.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentine J. Wojton, III

Secretary Pro-Tem .