

NSAD Softball Council Meeting

Clearwater, Florida

August 2,, 2018

NSAD Commissioner Kevin Bella called the meeting in order at 3:22 p.m.

Roll Call:

NSAD officers: Secretary Sheri Mize and Treasurer Brian Fruits

Commissioner Emeritus Vance Rewolinski and Law Chairperson Ron Zuchengo

N: Whitney Rainey, Scott Bradach and Charles Trumble

E: Al Reins, Jenna Crosson, and Ronda O'Niell

W: Larry Mosquera, Rod Jex, and Alicia Johnson

S: Stephanie Hurwitz, and Cary McKeller

Reading of minutes:

The minutes from Softball Council meeting in Henderson, Nevada was accepted as it reads.

Executive Board Meeting - had about 10 meetings that we had via zoom.

Officer Reports:

Commissioner Kevin Bella's report:

*Been working on audiograms during in June, lots of them were cleared by talking with individuals via VP.

*Website-worked on my own, will revamp after NSAD

*Showed his gratitudes toward Sheri Mize and Vance Rewolinski that had to assist him with all pieces of information regard NSAD in the past and present.

*Thanks to Brian Fruits for the smooth transition of finances.

*Thanks to Tom Mueller/Vance Rewolinski for the tournament in Clearwater that they had the hotels/fields contract being signed last year.

*Thanks to Scott Bradach for the logo that he designed for the tournament and he asked him what he would like for him to return the favors, he insisted a 6-pack of Coors Light in which he did.

*Thanks Law Chairperson Ronnie Zuchegno and his committees.

Secretary Sheri Mize's report: no report

Treasurer Brian Fruits's report:

- Form 990 - been researching from 2002 to current. What were the factors, etc?
- 2018 NSAD finance report is on WAVE accounts (free software) to upload the revenues and expenses.
- Easy to group all categories to report form 990.
- NSAD is currently standing on form 990 reports
- Incorporated by the State of Kansas
- Our NSAD bank is Wells Fargo.
- All 2018 finance documented in our binder if any question-feel free to ask.
- Shared the power point presentation of interesting facts.
- Paypal system - will do better next year just a simple and better to submit

By-Laws Chair Ronnie Zuchegno:

*Been working with Cary McKeller, CJ Fuzerland, Joey Kolcun, and Sheri Mize as they were on AD HOC committee by using the glide to meet a couple of times and revised all By-laws and regulations/rules.

Motion #1

EB moves that we **omit** the whole part of ByLaws Article 1 Section 3.1 which states:

“3.1 Annual team/individual membership flat rate of \$125 (one hundred twenty-five) as listed on the team's roster shall be paid to the NSAD Treasurer on or before July 1st annually.” **(Passed)**

Motion #2

EB **amendes** that we rephrase the ByLaws Article 2 Section 1.2.2.

1.2.2 NSAD Softball Tournament Director shall make sure a suite room for the NSAD commissioner and 4 rooms for NSAD elected officers.”

1.2.2 NSAD Softball Commissioner shall make sure a suite room for the NSAD Commissioner and up to five (5) rooms for NSAD Board of Directors with a financing contingency.” (Passed)

Motion #3

EB moves that we **remove** ByLaws Article 2 Section 1.2.3 which states:

“1.2.3 The NSAD Commissioner, Secretary and Treasurer shall receive five hundred dollars (\$500) as an annual expense allowance.” (Passed)

Motion #4

EB moves that we **replace “worse” with “better”** in Rules and Regulations Article 1 section 3.1

3.1 A player shall have a hearing loss of 55 dB or greater in the worse **“better”** ear to be eligible. This rule is still subject to deliberation, therefore, not “fully implemented” or “subject to interpretation.” **(Passed)**

Motion #5

EB moves that we add “...failure to meet requirements can be reviewed case by case with Executive Board.” at the end of the first sentence in Rules and Regulations Article 1 section 3.1

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This rule is still subject to deliberation, therefore, not “fully implemented” or “subject to interpretation.” **(Passed)**

Motion #6

Joseph Kolcun moves that we **omit** the whole part in Tournament Policies Article 1 Section 4.3

4.3 For men division, if there are less than 20 teams, the “B” tournament will not occur. For COED division, if there are less than 10 teams, the “B” tournament will not occur.” (Passed)

Motion #7

ED moves that we insert in a new Section 3 under Article 3 in Rules and Regulations.

Section 3: Due process for all kind of misconduct behavior (physical/verbal abuse, threatening, any form of harassment, etc.) among all NSAD participants, spectators, and all other kind related to NSAD.

3.1 Executive Board shall type a letter with letterhead and email or mail within fourteen (14) days of the incident.

3.2 The defendant has thirty (30) days after receiving the letter from NSAD to appeal. (NSAD Executive Board would assume that the defendant accepts the charge and sentence if the defendant did not appeal within 30 days.)

3.3 When the Executive Board receives the appeal from the defendant, they have fourteen (14) days to make the decision.

3.4 If the defendant does not agree with Executive Board's decision about the appeal, the defendant must send the letter to Softball Council within fourteen (14) days from Executive Board's decision on the appeal.

3.5 Softball Council's decision will be the final.

(Amended to Quad liaison to replace Softball Council (3.4). (Passed)

(Amended to appeal committee to 3.5) (Passed)

The main motion was passed with the amended to 3.4 and 3.5.

Motion #8

EB moves that we **remove** (one year trial) in section 4 under Article 3 in ByLaws.

4.2 The annual meeting of the Softball Council shall be held in the NSAD tournament city on Thursday before the NSAD Tournament. **(One year Trial)** (Passed in 2017) **(Passed** to remove the one year trial)

Motion #9

EB moves that we rephrase the Time Limit rule #6a in NSAD Modified Rules.

- a) Game length is seven innings or when the 65 minutes and no new inning after 60 minutes with the exception that if the between two teams in a game is 3 runs or less, they shall play one more inning.

Game length is seven innings or when the time run out with 55 minutes for round robins and 60 minutes for bracket game.

Unfinished business: NONE

New Business:

SB 18-01: Moved to refer Law Committee.

SB 18-02: Moved that NSAD give \$500 sponsorship fee to Deaf Seniors Softball to participate in Las Vegas World 50+ men seniors softball. **(Passed)**

SB 18-03: Moved that NSAD shall allow free agents (women) from 2 to 3. **(Failed)**

SB 18-04: Moved "2.6.2 - must play within the same quadrant." and "2.6.4 - No hearing players are allowed to be a free agent to be removed." **(Failed)**

SB 18-05: Moved that Colorado moves back to North Quadrant. **(Passed)**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary Sheri Mize.