



**NSAD**  
NATIONAL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Softball Council Virtual Meeting July 23, 2023

Commissioner Kevin Bella called the meeting to order at 8:07 pm (CST) via virtual.

**Roll Call:**

**Board of Directors:** Kevin Bella- Commissioner, Sheri Mize-Secretary, Brian Fruits- Treasurer, Ronnie Zuchegno- By- Law Chair, Mathis Hediger - Tournament Director, and Vance Rewolinski- NSAD Emeritus

**North Quadrant Reps.-** Whitney Riney, Scott Bradach, and Charles Trumble

**East Quadrant Reps.-** Alicia Johnson, Joseph Kolcun and Matt Thomas

**West Quadrant Reps.-** Jenna Ingraham, Kevin Bishop and Don Hanaumi-absent

**South Quadrant Reps.-** Stephanie Hurwitz, Alberto Pena and Paige Thompson

**Reading of minutes:**

The minutes from the Softball Council meeting in League City, Texas were posted on the NSAD website, no objections were made.

**Executive Board Meetings** - Aug. 7, Jan. 16, March 19, April 24, June 28, July 19 plus many were done by Marco Polo, emails and texts.

**Officers' Report:**

**Commissioner Kevin Bella:**

1. Appreciated that the coaches/players continued coaching
2. His gratitude was expressed to the representatives from North, East, South and West..
3. Appreciated that the board of directors worked as a team, they were volunteers, and spent many hours.
4. Teamsideline-2nd year now succeeded so continued using this year since that program was very effective and organized, Bella added the ages so we can view the average of ages and see what we can improve.
5. BOD officers (6 years:

6. Fans tickets - zeffy online
7. NSAD meeting-coaches
8. We have 45 new players compared to 52 last year and 29 coaches.

**Treasurer Brian Fruits:**

**1. 2022 - finance report**

Income - \$27,009.27

Operating Expenses - \$34,281.08

Loss of \$7,271.81 due to fraud, explained about the situation with both banks. Still work on and will keep us posted.

**Secretary Sheri Mize:**

Remind the coaches to email if their player cancels coming to Panama City Beach or add the player to pay \$25 at the Hotel.

Players/Coaches-to check in to verify with their Driver License and ID

Wristbands: Yellow-players, Green-fans (Combo) and orange (day pass)

**Tournament Director Mathis Hediger:**

Frank Brown sports complex - 9 fields

Concession/cooler - no beer/alcoholic beverages

Canopy Tents - allowed by the fences

Bat Testing (2 of them)

Seeding Round Robin Drawing will be held on Wednesday at 7 pm CST via Facebook live

**Law Chair Ronnie Zuchegno, Jr.:**

Law Committee members hibernated this season due to less complexation motions.

1. Pay Attention to the new rules

2. 12 runs at 5th inning

### 3. Possibly new time limit

#### **Motion #7 tabled to 2023 from 2022**

**SB 22-07** moves that we change the time limit rule #7a:

Board recommends that we do this:

- 1) Time Limit:
  - a) Game length is seven innings or 55 minutes for round robin and 65 minutes for the bracket games.  
  
Instead of:
  - b) Game length is seven innings or 60 minutes for round robin and 70 minutes for bracket games.

PASSED, it will be effective for this tournament.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Motion #1**

##### **SB 23-01**

NSAD Modified Rules, Women's Rules, Co-ed Rules #8

Moves that NSAD women's rules follow Co-ed rules in regards to hats.

**Women - passed to be effective this year.**

##### **Motion #2**

##### **SB 23-02**

Moves that we will follow the jersey number on the line up, not the names, and if the batter with the wrong number will be called out after the first pitch of that at bat.

Women, COED, & Men - **PASSED, amended to eliminate first pitch. (FAILED)**

### **Motion #3**

#### **SB 23-03**

NSAD modified rule #12

Moves that NSAD announced 30 days prior to the start of play which softballs will be used during the tournament.

Women, COED & Men- **PASSED**

### **Motion #4**

#### **SB 23-04**

Moves to have 2 Free Agents for men.

COED & Men - **(FAILED)**

Amended to have age of 55 to consider 2nd FA - **(FAILED)**

Main motion to have 2 FA for men and has to be the age of 55. **(FAILED)**

### **Motion #5**

#### **SB 23-05**

Rules & Regulations, Article 2, Team Eligibility rules, Section 2.5.1 -

Moved that Teams will be allowed to get a second Free Agent of 50 years old and older, however that player is ineligible for waiving CODA/SODA rule.

Women - dead - no action

COED/Men - amended that he can't count as FA outside of the quadrant. **(PASSED)**

As the main motion that teams will be allowed to get a second Free Agent of 50 years old and older, however that player is ineligible for waiving CODA/SODA rule and can't count as FA outside of the

quadrant. **(PASSED)**

## **Motion #6**

### **SB 23-06**

#### **Rules/Regulations, Article 1, Section 3 - Player Eligibility Rules**

Moves that other than North and Central America, teams may have only one international player. It won't be counted against FA rules.

Women, and Men - dead (no action)

COED - tied 3-3

Softball council - **(PASSED)**

## **Motion #7**

### **SB 23-07**

Bylaws Article 2, Section 2.2

Moves that Western Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh and Erie) players or teams shall choose either the North (Central) or Eastern (East) Quadrant. **(FAILED)**

## **Motion #8**

### **SB 23-08**

New - Hall of Fame Guideline

Moves that NSAD to set up an AD HOC committee to create the guidelines for Hall of Fame inductees. **(PASSED)**

## **Announcements:**

Tournament sites (tentative)

2024- Not sure yet, either Kansas City, St. Louis, Dayton, or Fremont.

Charles Trumble announced that they will have the MAAD tournament during the Labor Day weekend in 2023.

Thanks - Heart Cruise for helping with Hotel deals and 350 towels to distribue players only.

Kevin Bishop (K5) - Deaf Dope for the jerseys that he created for the players.

Ronnie - Super Draft (3 teams) deadline to add at midnight.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm (CST)

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Mize, NSAD secretary