



Softball Council Virtual Meeting July 13, 2025

Commissioner Kevin Bella called the meeting to order at 7:09 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 Michael Soudakoff

West Quadrant Reps.- Roberto Garcia, Rod Jex (Absent), and Samantha De La Cruz

South Quadrant Reps.- Honesty Powell, Raffory Pena-Duran, and Chevelle Plummer

The agenda for this evening will be:

1. **2024 Minutes/BOD minutes**
2. **Treasurer's Report**
3. **Commissioner's Report**
4. **Old Business**
5. **New Business**
6. **Announcement**
7. **Adjournment**

Reading of minutes: the minutes from July 21, 2024 were moved by Whitney Riney to accept as it reads. (Passed).

Executive Board Meetings - Aug. 11, April 21, June 16, July 6 plus many were done by Marco Polo, emails and texts. Tournament meetings - Sept. 30, Jan. 6 and Jan. 27.

Officers' Report:

Treasurer Brian Fruits:

1. **2023 - finance report : Current balance is \$14,201.24**

Commissioner Kevin Bella:

1. 50th Annual tournament this year
2. Appreciated that the coaches/players continued coaching, know that it is not easy to continue and need a leader to keep the team going.
3. His gratitude was expressed to the representatives from North, East, South and West..
4. Appreciated that the board of directors worked as a team, they were volunteers, and spent many hours.
5. Teamsideline-4th 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. 45 new women that play at NSAD for the first time, also having the 27 youths.
6. BOD officers (8 years)
7. Fans tickets - zeffy online
8. NSAD meeting-coaches
9. We have 73 new players and 6 coaches, last year there were 70 players and 3 coaches.
10. Encouraged the youths to play so assigned Siah Huseby to coach NSAD Free Agents.
11. The 2026 Election is coming up, he will not continue the position. Encourage the other to hold the position.
12. Insurance is getting expensive so the City of Austin required that we have the automobile insurance included during the tournament.

Secretary Sheri Mize:

1. I will have 7 volunteers to work at the admission.
2. The batting test and admission can be held at the Hotel from 11:00 to 3:00 pm then will be done again at the Austin Deaf Club from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.
2. Players/Coaches-to check in to verify with their Driver License and ID.
3. Be sure that coaches get the waiver form from the parents' signatures.
4. The 7 vendors (Lotz of BBQ, TSD Booster Club, Texas Sweet Sips, Kona Ice, Sip N'Connect, Crepe Crazy and Z Purple Booth will be on the left side while the players with their canopies set on the right side.

Tournament Director Mathis Hediger:

1. Krieg Fields - we had a meeting with the office staff who runs the fields several times to assure that the tournaments will be effective.
2. You can bring your cooler with your own drinks, snacks, and food.
3. Canopy Tents - allowed by the fences on the right side as long as you can't have the stacks, only weights to hold the canopy.
4. Bat Testing (2 of them) at the Hotel and Austin Deaf Club
5. Seeding Round Robin Drawing will be held on Wednesday at 7 pm CST via Facebook live

Law Chair Ronnie Zuchegno, Jr.:

Old Business: From the Softball Wrap-up meeting

Motion 1: Roster Size Revised

Rules and Regulations Article 2 Section 1.5.1

Moved by Chad Gustwiller to limit maximum of 15 players on the roster, seconded by Joey Kolcun; Vance Rewolinski amended to have the maximum number of 17 players/3 non-players, seconded by Joey Kolcun.

The main motion to have the maximum number of 17 players/3 non-players on the rosters. (Passed) (Softball Wrap Up)

During the coaches' meeting and softball council meeting - the motion **failed**, therefore keeping the number of 20 team members on the roster.

Motion #2:

Moved by Brian Fruits that COED establishes a rule in the COED division that limits infielders to four (4) (excluding the pitcher and catcher. **(Passed)**)

NSAD Motions 2025

Motion #1

SB 25-01

Mathis Hediger moves that we allow "First timer" players who are 20 years old or younger to play on any team in any quadrant.

*These players may remain on the same team the following year.

*If their team folds or they choose to change teams, they must return to play within their designated quadrant. Seconded by Vance Rewolinski, amended by Charles Trumble that 16-20 can be unlimited Free Agents anywhere that applies to all divisions - seconded by Joey Kolcun. (Passed)

The main motion is that any new player who is 16-20 years old can be unlimited Free Agents anywhere that applies to all divisions - (Passed)

Motion #2

SB 25-02

Chevelle Plummer moves that each team is allowed to have one hearing player who is currently a staff member at a Deaf School. Seconded by Scott Bradach **(Failed)**

Motion #3

SB 25-03

Darren Toman moves that NSAD allows senior softball teams to form without being restricted by quadrant rules.

No hearing players will be allowed and all players must be 50 years old or older. Seconded by Scott Bradach and amended by Whitney Riney to a 2 years seconded by Charles Trumble. (Failed) The Main Motion-(**Passed**)

Motion #4

SB 25-04

Daren Toman moves that we permit the use of senior bats for the players at the age of 50 years old and older with bats requiring a minimum of PSI rating of 150. Seconded by Scott Bradach (**Failed**)

Motion #5

SB 25-05

Sheri Mize moves that we charge a \$5 per player for this tournament only. Seconded by Vance Rewolinski (**Passed**)

Motion #6

SB 25-06

Candice Arteaga moves that we add the COED division rule to increase the number of male Free Agents (FA) allowed per team from 1 to 3. Seconded by Whitney Riney. (**Failed**)

Motion #7

SB 25-07

Curt Anderson moves to allow CODA/SODA hearing partners to play in the COED division only. Seconded by Michael Soudakoff. (**Failed**)

Motion #8

SB 25-08

Curt Anderson moves to amend the FA age requirement from 50 years old to 45 years old. Seconded by Vance Rewolinski (**Failed**)

Motion #9

SB 25-09

Sheri Mize moves that all motions proposed during the Wrap-up meeting shall be deferred to the following year's Coach/Softball Council meeting. Seconded by Whitney Riney (**Passed**)

Announcement:

2025 Location/Date will be announced soon.
Thursday evening will be at Austin Deaf Club.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sheri Mize - NSAD Secretary