

**USADB Basketball Council Meeting
Marriott Hotel
Indianapolis, Indiana
April 9, 2002**

The 58th annual Men's USADB and 12th annual Women's USADB Delegates Council meeting was called to order by Acting President Tom Penny at 8: 20 am.

Roll Call:

Cole Zulauf presented the roll call---Tom Penny-Acting President, Myron Greenstone-Secretary, Rick Balk- Treasurer, Laura Edwards-Public Relations, Carl Denney-Chief Player Rep., Bruce Barnes-SEAAD, Ira Hendon-SWAAD, Melanie Seamon-FAAD, Chuck Wallace-EAAD, Ron Nelson- NWAAD Vice-President, Ray Kilthau- MAAD, Neal McKenzie-CAAD, Lynn Williams-NEAAD Secretary, Dennis Catron, Arnold Hatton, William A. Elliott, Jr., Mark Tessier, Ralph Fuechtmann, Linda McKay, Steve Spurgis, Jr., Kevin Smith, Giro Bevinetto, Letecia Nicholes, Bobby Blessing, Derrick Stratford, Dennis Jacques, Michael Wilson, Bobby Rawalji, Wally Jones-Paliamentarian.

-Quorum was met.

-Acting President Tom Penny appointed Wally Jones on parliamentarian.

-Ira Hendon III moved to approve Atlanta minutes as read. Passed.

-USADB officer's reports are attached.

Standing Committee:

-Rick Balk gave his report as the Team Leader Delegate for the USA basketball team at Rome in July 2002.

-Rick also gave a brief report for the upcoming 1st World Deaf Basketball Championship summer games to be held in Athens Greece this July. Players and coaches will be selected later after this tournament following development of player selection criteria.

-10:10am-Ten minute break.

-10:30am- Meeting resumed.

Appeals:

-Mike Kent gave his reasoning and explanation for his double- signatures on MCAD- Maryland and MOCDCA-NJ. He also gave his appeal to waive the \$212.80 hotel debt to Rhode Island for hotel bill in 2000. He has paid the \$212.80 to USADB and appeals to have the debt to be returned to him.

-Referred to Chief Player Representation for further study during this tournament. (A meeting regarding this situation was held later during the weekend. Please see Chief Player Representative Carl Denney's report regarding this situation).

Unfinished Business:

-Ray Kilthau moved that all Rhode Island 2000 business to be a dead issue. **Passed.**

Proposals:

1. It was moved that the future tournament host provide complimentary 4 nights and free booth for next year's host effective at Indianapolis in 2002. **Passed.**
2. It was moved to have a USADSF Representative to attend all regional associations/Deaf clubs and provide information about the USADSF. **Referred to House of Delegates.**
3. It was moved to have 14.01-(b) Past USADB commissioners and any other officers who have served more than five continuous years on the Executive Board, to be changed to past USADB Presidents automatically and other past officers who have served 4 consecutive years on the Executive Board. **Passed.**

4. It was moved that past, current and future national host tournament chairperson(s), to receive a Lifetime Pass for their services in hosting the USADB tournament.
Ron Nelson moved to remove word "future". **Passed.**
Ray Kiltthau moved to remove word "current" **Passed.**

Actual wordings-Past national host tournament chairperson(s), to receive a Lifetime Pass for their services in hosting the USADB tournament.

5. It was moved that the wordings on chapter 14-Lifetime Pass-14.02-Scope-Lifetime passes honored by the USADB-selected host city committee shall include those issued to Hall of Fame members, to include host city chairpersons limit of 2.
Ray Kiltthau moved to amend and give USADB Executive Board the authority to select 1 or 2 host chairpersons to receive the Lifetime Pass. **Passed.**
6. It was moved to reinstate the phrase stating in Article 7: Member Regions Sections 7.02 Central Athletic Association of the Deaf (CAAD)- Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin with environs of Buffalo, NY, Erie, Pa, and Pittsburgh, Pa. 7.03 Eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf (EAAD)- New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia with the exception of the environs of Buffalo, NY, Erie, and Pittsburgh, Pa. **Passed.**
7. It was moved to exclude USADB membership fees for regional delegates at their regional meeting.
Ray Kiltthau moved to amend all regional officers to be members of USADSF/USADB effective May 1st. **Passed.**
8. The host club, with the approval of the USADB's Executive Board, may have the option of hosting and 8 men and 8 women or 16 men and women or a 16 team men and women single-elimination national basketball tournament. The host club shall make a formal request to the USADB's Executive Board for approved by October 1st of each USADB basketball season. This option is effective immediately.
Dennis Catron amended to remove the wording "16 team men and women single-elimination". **Passed.**
Referred to New Business.

New Business:

- 1) Lynn Williams-Future USADB Host Tournament site shall provide each Regional Champion Teams to have 4 hotel rooms instead of 3 rooms. **Referred to Financial Committee.**
- 1) Executive Board-Moved to have all former past officers of the AAAD /USADB to be involved in Basketball Council meeting as Delegate at Large effective in 2003. **Passed.**
- 2) Lynn Williams-Moved to reduce the number of USADB officers from 6 officers to 4 officers. **Failed.**
- 3) Neal McKenzie-Moved to eliminate the position of Chief Player Representative and delegate those duties to the rest of the officers effective this year.
Failed.
- 4) Ira Hendon III-Moved that the host club (to be starting in the year of 2005) are required to provide a valid proof of 501 (c) 3 certification status as a non -profit organization and meet all IRS rulings. **Passed.**
- 5) Ira Hendon III-Moved that the host club be required to give \$10.00 registration fee from fans to the USADB Treasurer daily during this tournament effective today April 5, 2002. **Passed.**
- 6) Melanie Seaman-Moved that the case of 2001 \$2.00 each player surcharge fee between USADB and FAAD to be investigated and the fees returned to FAAD. **Passed.**

(FAAD will need to show to the USADB proof of canceled checks as verification as USADB does not have any records of it).

7) Melanie Seaman-Moved that all USADB/USADSF Regional Tournament fees to be paid within 72 hours after each Regional Tournament is completed. **Referred to Law and Finance Committee.**

8) Bruce Barnes-Moved that USADB must pay the fee of \$790.00 to MAAD/USADB for the Deaf Women of Austin Team who dropped out to attend at Atlanta due to poor communication among USADB officers. **Ruled Out of Order.**

9) David Hamilton- Moved to have team seedings to be decided on a point scale by 8 Regional Elite Players. **Referred to USADB Executive Board..**
(It was agreed to be discussed by Regional Presidents and USADB Executive Board)

10) Mark Tessier-Moved that the USADB Treasurer be required to complete annual Financial Report and the report shall be passed to the delegates at the Basketball Council Meeting. **Passed.**

10) Bruce Barnes-Moved that team entry fee of \$200.00 to be reduced to \$100.00 and with a forfeit fee of \$100.00 total of \$200.00 for all second place teams. **Passed.**

11) Bruce Barnes-Moved that all Regional Presidents shall be entitled free admittance to all games except \$10.00 registration fee. **Passed.**
(Rick Balk amended to include all USADB officers). **Passed.**

12) Neal McKenzie-Moved that Regional Presidents meet and select a city for an audit on USADB Financial Report for the year 2002 be effective in 2003. **Passed** (It was agreed to have a three-person member team to be on the audit committee effective 2003 at Atlantic City). **Passed. (Note-At the selected city).**

13) Steve Spurgis Jr-Moved that future host tournament cities shall have a letter of acceptance, greetings and confirmation from the City Chamber of Commerce or Convention Bureau. **Passed.**

14) Bruce Barnes-Moved to accept all new fees that has been set up by the Executive Board of USADB at Tucson, Arizona. **Passed.**

15) Melanie Seaman-Moved to have the FAAD to bid for USADB hostship in 2004.
(Bruce Barnes Amended to open this case and discuss with approval of the USADB Executive Board)
Referred to Executive Board

16) Raymond Kiltbau-Moved that the Host club effected April 5, 2002 with the approval of the USADB Executive Board may have the option of hosting an 8-16 men and 8-16 women, single or double elimination tournament. The host club shall a formal request to the USADB Executive Board for approval by October 1st of each year. **Referred to Player Council Meeting.**

17) Lynn Williams-Moved that any team who signs a high school player for the regional tournament or sanctioned invitational tournament, shall be suspended for one year.
Reworded to: Moved that any participating team in a sanctioned invitational tournament, shall be placed on a one year suspension for allowing a high school player to play on their team in the invitational sanctioned tournaments. **Passed.**

18) Melanie Seaman -Moved that USADSF/USADB insurance fees required for each club hosting an invitational tournament to be revised from \$50.00 per invitational tournament to \$50.00 per year. **Referred to House of Delegates.**
(Rational: Some clubs wants to host more than one invitational and prefer to pay one flat low rate).

19 Melanie Seaman -Moved to have the eight (8) Regional Presidents to be involved with the USADB's future Law Committee. **Passed.**

20) Mark Tessier-Moved that USADB officers, Regional Secretaries and Sports Commissioners have a retreat together to focus on by-laws for an all day meeting on a Saturday.

Raymond Kiltbau amended to have a full report by the start of the 2003 tournament. **Passed.**

Ron Nelson -amended to change wordings from "Regional Secretaries to Regional Officers". **Passed.**

Dennis Catron-Amended to change wording from "Saturday" to a time most convenient for all officers to attend. **Passed.**

Main motion revised to these wordings-The USADB officers and Regional Officers have a retreat together to focus on by-laws on a Saturday most convenient for all officers with a full report prior to the start of the 2003 basketball tournament.

21)Regional Presidents -Moved that team registration forms shall be revised and approved by the Regional Presidents. **Passed and Referred to Retreat Meeting.**

22) William Elliott Jr.-Moved to suspend Mike Kent for signing on two different forms.

Melanie Seaman -Amended to call for a special meeting between Mike Kent, Chief Player Representative, USADB Commissioners to resolve this matter with the approval by the USADB Executive Board. **Passed.**

23) Neal McKenzie -Moved to revise the wordings in the USA Deaf Sports Federation Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines-revised at Cleveland, Ohio on November 4, 2001---Chapter 18 -Amendments to the Bylaws: 18.01 Amendments---"The Bylaws may be amended, altered or revoked at the HOD meeting by **two-thirds (2/3) vote** of the HOD delegates present and voting". Change the wordings from two-thirds (2/3) vote to "**majority vote**". **Referred to Retreat Meeting.**

-Moved to close New Business at 1:00pm. **Passed.**

-Dennis Catron -Moved to have a recess and the meeting to resume after the championship game on Saturday night at the gym classroom. **Passed.**

Recessed at 1:00pm.

Basketball Council Meeting:

-The Basketball council meeting resumed on Saturday night April 7, 2002 at 8pm in the classroom of North Central High School.

-Acting President Tom Penny selected Wally Jones as the chair for the Nominating Committee. **Accepted.**

-Wally Jones nominated Thomas Penny as President. Acting President Tom Penny **Declined** to run for office as President. Tom wishes to continue as USADB Vice-President.

-Melanie Seaman nominated Raymond Kiltbau as President. **Accepted.**

-Ron Nelson nominated Shirley Platt as President. **Accepted.**

Mark Tessier moved to close the nominations. **Passed.**

-Three minutes presentation speeches were given to the delegates by Shirley and Raymond.

-Secretary Myron Greenstone made an announcement to express gratitude and appreciation to Women Commissioner Janice Logan and Men Commissioner Tom Morrison for a job well-done in preparing and distributing the stats and scoresheets to the fans and players and keeping everyone up to date.

-After counting the ballots twice-the voting was a 12 to 12 tie.

-A delegate had to excuse himself due to a previous engagement. The voting by ballot resumed. The final verdict was Raymond Kilthau 12 Shirley Platt 11. Raymond Kilthau is elected new USADB President.

-Thomas Penny continued as Vice-President. His office is up for re-election in 2004.

-Secretary Myron Greenstone was elected by acclamation.

-Rick Balk continued as Treasurer. His office is up for re-election in 2004.

-Ira Hendon III nominated Laura Edwards as Publicity Director. Laura **Declined** to run for re-election in order to pursue other projects. Laura thanked the delegates and USADB for their support for her during the last two years in office.

-Ron Nelson nominated Shirley Platt. **Accepted.**

-Bruce Barnes moved to nominate Shirley Platt the position of Publicity Director by acclamation. **Passed.**

-The presentation for the Oath of Office took place after the elections.

-The meeting was then adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myron Greenstone,
Secretary

**USADB Acting President and Vice President Report
USADB Basketball Council Meeting at Indianapolis
April 5, 2002
Thomas Penny**

Hello and good to see all of you here during USADB Basketball Council meeting and 2002 Indianapolis National Deaf Basketball Tournament. This meeting is our new experience to hold this meeting with one session on Friday where we used to have meetings on Thursday and Friday before each tournament games. With 20 Men teams and 10 Women teams, each team was necessary to play two games on Thursday thus no meeting on Thursday. Hope your patience and cooperation with us will make these tournaments successfully.

I was pleased to hare good news with you today. USADB and other two NSO's (Swimming and Track) were only NSO's to meet NSO's criteria with USADSF for the year of 2002. NSO's criteria which could find on USADSF website, consists of update USADB constitution & bylaws, copy of incorporation, copy of last year financial statement reports, copy of IRS letter on 501-C-3 and four years plans cycle. Maybe within 3 to 5 years all regions will need to meet USADB's criteria. USADB will plan to develop criteria prior basketball council meeting approves.

Both USA Men and Women Basketball teams won their gold medals during 2001 Deaflympic at Rome, Italy last summer. Our biggest congratulations went to them (coaches, athletes, trainers, interpreters and team leaders) for outstanding performances. Note: International Olympic Committee passed to change from Deaf World Games to Deaflympic. Which it means most NSO's may able to get funds from their NGB's and USOC soon. USADSF is working hard to make these happening to open funds & supports from all NGB's and USOC for other NSO's for next Deaflympic and other international games.

There will be World Deaf Basketball Championship at Athens, Greece this coming summer. Most Men and Women athletes will be from all-star players during 2002 Indianapolis National Deaf Basketball Tournament. Sources of fund for this will be USAB, USADSF's Development Fund, USADB and fund raising.

There are needed volunteers to serve on any standing committees i.e. law committee, selection committee (teams, athletes, coaches, Deaf referees, etc). Contact USADB officers soon.

Hope all of you have a great weekend!

**Secretary's Report:
Myron Greenstone**

Welcome to the Indianapolis USADB basketball tournament. We hope your weekend will be great as we have 20 men teams involved in the first ever "Sweet 16+4=20" tournament and 10 teams for women. It will surely be a very busy weekend.

First off-yes I would like to run for the position as secretary for the third year. It has been very interesting and a very busy position to say the least. I hope the first two years as secretary of the USADB has met to your satisfaction. Thank you.

Brief Updates and Information:

-22 requests for invitational basketball sanctions this year. It is the largest in history. Shows basketball is still BIG in Deaf America. A big **THANK YOU** is needed to be sent along to **Val Kinney** and the USADSF home office in Ogden, Utah and the USADSF insurance company for their quick response and cooperation to all insurance requests. When given enough time to prepare the insurance forms, it has been quite easy. When given little time, it is very, very hectic. All in all, the insurance procedures have proceeded nicely.

-Thanks to all regional secretaries for working with the USADB regarding excel files roster for all teams. Basically the excel rosters is sent to the USADSF home office for their database and clarity to read. This is the first year of doing it. We understand it is confusing. Hopefully, next year will be much smoother. Encourage all regions to send in their excel files roster on time for the 2003 basketball season. According to reports from the USADSF home office says it is much easier on the USADSF staff in recording into their database.

-Reminder: All USADB basketball packets will be sent to the regional secretaries during the first week of October. Regional secretaries are to include all the USADB information into their own regional information packet. It is vital to send these packet out by the end of October or early November to all clubs that will be participating in their regional tournaments. USADB understands that each region may have a slightly different policy, but it is vital the forms get sent out to the teams early enough so the players may sign on the forms during early regional invitational tournaments. Also by sending the forms early enough, this will enable the teams to have time to plan and prepare a budget for their regional tournaments and national tournaments.

-This year, two important roster and green USADSF registration forms were sent out to regional secretaries. White roster for is for men and the pink roster form is for women. This helps us to differentiate the teams quickly. There has been confusion where some men teams rosters are signed on the women's pink forms. Regional secretaries need to monitor this. Maybe next year, all forms will be white. Again, I am open to suggestions to improve the forms and make life easier for all of us.

-Reminder: USADB officers do try not to overstep regional officers when it comes to questions regarding region policies. The USADB will always refer questions from region players or participants back to the regional officers. At times, we may overlook it. Our apologies.

-If you have any questions, suggestions, encouragements, feel free to contact me or any of the other USADB officers this weekend. We will be mingling with the crowd meeting new and old friends. Please be nice. I won't bite. Smile.

-Good luck to the men and women championship teams this weekend and enjoy your weekend in Indianapolis-just a short drive from Bloomington, Indiana, home of the Indiana Hoosiers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Myron Greenstone,
USADB Secretary

**Public Relation's Report:
Laura Edwards**

-As most of you know, my term expires after this tournament and I am stepping down to focus on other projects.

-This position is an elected position, not appointed. I was appointed by then President Dennis Platt because the PR person at that time stepped down. If this situation happens again where no one runs for this position, then the President appoints a new person with approval by the Executive Board.

Role of the PR person:

- A) Supervise webmaster.
- B) Write and develop the newsletter or newsflash for the annual tournament.
- C) Help oversee the international events.
- D) Publicize USADB to media organizations.

-Daily Newsflash-Thursday and Friday-2 pages, Saturday and Sunday-4 pages with another person to assist in writing the newsflash. The newsflash will be distributed in the hotel lobby and in the gym.

-If anyone has news or stories to share, please see me as it is difficult to track down people and write the stories at the same time.

**USADB Treasurer's Report
Rick Balk**

The unofficial count as follows:

103 teams across the USA, 1100 players
30 teams and 371 players are here for the national crown.

Finally we settled our book with R.I. 2000 committee.

Atlanta – Still working and we are very close to finish.

We got the ABAD money and the book is not complete.

For the year of 2001, the income was \$47,539 and the expense was 24,428. That is still unofficial and not audited.

We filed Form 990 ahead of time last year for the year of 2000. Our CPA in Chicago area will not audit our books as the reason of the non-profit status. He suggested the audit should be performed by the members so I was thinking about an audit site should be selected by the Regional Presidents and should be done prior to the next National BB tourney. He caught an obvious error in Form 990 of 1990 that was filed in Utah. He advised to leave that alone. If IRS contact us about this error and then we will have to refer IRS to the Utah CPA.

I am thinking to change the procedure between the regions and us. I would like to see all team roster forms and checks to the treasurer first. Then the treasurer will fax the forms quick to the secretary so that he can

start to work on the faxed forms and the treasurer will check the figures right away. Then he will traditionally mail the copy of checks and original forms to the secretary. That would lessen the bottleneck work for the treasurer who waited for a pile from the secretary.

The insurance and Sanction procedure remains the same.

Our secretary, Myron and I worked beautiful all year on the forms, figures, checks, and many other things. Great team. Looking forward to work with him for another year...

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Balk

USADB Chief Player Representative Report 2002
Carl Wayne Denney

The basketball season of 2001-2002 has gone by in a blink of activity. In making the transition from city to country, from elite level team to normal club team in the switch from AZDF to Santa Fe, I have come to appreciate the USADB even more. By that I have seen how many normal players see the USADB as an opportunity to simply participate in for pleasure and joy.

I have learned on the job during my first year on the board and enjoyed working with the lot of you. I have learned how the USADB runs, ticks, and so forth. This has made me believe I will serve on this board for a long while.

2002 Happenings:

-I have worked in solving the Mike Kent situation, which was still ongoing from RI 2000 and his double-signing of forms in two years. He was supposedly owed \$215.00 to RI. However, by making sure all parties were well-informed and his rights covered 100%, Mr. Kent was placed on a four year probation and allowed to participate in the USADB.

-The Ricky Rose case was turning into a wide fiasco. I was involved and worked on his case by pointing out that there was nothing in black and white to force him to be suspended for living where he was living (dual residencies) and forcing him to pick one place to coach. His appeal was finally heard, debated and allowed to coach in the NWAAD. The NWAAD will work on changing their by-laws in the future for residencies of coaches.

-Jerry McGraughan's case in the FAAD was important. It was under advisement that I not be involve in this situation., despite clear instructions in the by-laws. The FAAD proceeded to suspend Mr. McGraughan. However when I attended the FAAD tournament, Mr. McGraughan approached me and we discussed his situation a little, which resulted in his paying a \$250.00 fine the FAAD charged him with. He was allowed to play afterward, albeit for one game before his team was eliminated. (The FAAD has yet to record this transition or make this fine a part of the FAD funds, as far as I know).

-Conflicts and disagreements continues between Mr. John Cortez of Santa Ana and the FAAD along with assorted player/organizations. Possibly we may hear more from them in the future months.

Generally, the CPR's role has been done well in my opinion. Players rights are always our most valuable and most needed focus, along with the need for us to be more controlling with our NSO's doings. Without the players, there is no USADB.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wayne Denney
USADB Chief Player Representative

