



# United States of America Deaf Basketball, Inc.

## USADB Delegate Council Meeting Holiday Inn Conference Room Orlando, FL. April 9, 2008

Ira Hendon III, Commissioner, called the meeting to order on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 2:28 p.m. EST.

### Roll Call:

Secretary Keith Westhoelter announced the names of credentialed delegates as follows below:

Ira Hendon .....	USADB Commissioner
David Hamilton .....	USADB Deputy Commissioner
Keith Westhoelter .....	USADB Secretary
.....	USADB Treasurer (Vacancy)
Susan Margolin .....	USADB Interim Public Relations
Tom Morrison .....	USADB Men's Chief Player Representative
Mary Perrodin .....	USADB Interim Women's Chief Player Representative
Bonnie Schwebke .....	CAAD President
Ronnie Zuchegno .....	EAAD President
Wayne Morse.....	MAAD President
Lynn Williams .....	NEAAD Secretary/Treasurer
Justin Anderson .....	NWADB Representative
Joe Bradford .....	SEAAD Vice President
John T. Scott .....	SWBAD Commissioner
Tim Leary .....	FWDBA President
Jay Krieger.....	CAAD Men Champion, Greater Indianapolis Deaf Club
Tim Lavelle .....	EAAD Men Champion, North Virginia Club Deaf
Robert Love .....	MAAD Men Champion, St. Louis
Jesus Marchan .....	NEAAD Men Champion, Bridget Deaf Club
.....	NWADB Men Champion
Archie Elliott.....	SEAAD Men Champion, Carolina Association of the Deaf
Darnell Woods .....	SWBAD Men Champion, Austin
Gerald Brown.....	FWDBA Men Champion, Arizona Desert Fire
Brandie Piper .....	CAAD Women Champion, West Suburban Association of the Deaf
Michael Shiffer .....	EAAD Women Champion, DC Hawks
Herman Fuechtmann .....	MAAD Women Champion, Minnepaul
Anthony Cipriano .....	NEAAD Women Champion, Providence
.....	NWADB Women Champion
LaTonya Plummer .....	SEAAD Women Champion, Piedmont Association of the Deaf
Wanda Leggett .....	SWBAD Women Champion Mississippi
Laura Edwards.....	FWDBA Women Champion Black Widows
Kevin Smith.....	CAAD Men Runner-up, West Suburban Association of the Deaf
Charles Wallace.....	EAAD Men Runner-up, New Jersey Deaf Sports
Allen Bradley.....	NEAAD Men Runner-up, PCD
David Harvey .....	NWADB Men Runner-up, Bay Area Club of the Deaf
Travis Gerrard.....	SEAAD Men Runner-up SFRAD
Francis Dillion .....	SWBAD Men Runner-up, Mississippi
Michelle Heathington .....	FWDBA Men Runner-up, Arizona Duststorm
James Leek .....	Team Representative, Las Vegas
Danny Charlton.....	Team Representative, North Shore
Robert Jones .....	Team Representative, GPDBA
Nick Lalanne .....	Team Representative, Vermont – Women
Timothy Theis .....	Delegate-at-large
Bonita Leek.....	Team Representative, Las Vegas –Women
Paul Mitchell .....	Team Representative, New Jersey Warriors
Ladimar Baird .....	Delegate-at-large
Mike Carter .....	Team Representative, Vermont – Men

Commissioner Hendon III explained the USADB Basketball Council Meeting Order of Business below as follows:

**Order of Business:**

1. Roll Call
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Officer's Report
  - a. Commissioner
  - b. Deputy Commissioner
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
  - e. Interim Public Relations Director
  - f. Women's Chief Player Representative
  - g. Men's Chief Player Representative
4. Reports of Standing Committees
5. Proposed Amendments to Constitutions, Bylaws, and Guidelines
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Election of Officers
  - a. Vice President
  - b. Treasurer
9. Adjournments

Commissioner Hendon III explained the meeting ground rules as follows:

1. No pager or cell phone can be allowed in the meeting
2. No abusive or nasty language (\*)
3. No interruption during presentation
4. Each delegate has ONE vote
5. (\*) = Failure to follow the meeting rules will result in getting two (2) technical fouls and being asked to leave the meeting immediately escorted by our sergeant of arms
6. Your cooperation with USADB would be greatly appreciated!

Commissioner Hendon III introduced Ms. Libby Pollard as our Parliamentarian for meeting.

Minutes of the 2007 Delegate Council Meeting were reviewed.

Joe Bradford of SEAAD Vice President amended to recede the 2007 Minutes' proposal #10 to unfinished business.  
**PASSED**

**DCM08-01:** The minutes of 2007 Delegate Council meeting were approved as amended. **PASSED**

**Officer's Report:**

**Commissioner – Ira Hendon III**

- (\*) = Appointed with an approval by USADB Executive Board
- Appointed Scott Morrison, Interim Hall of Fame Coordinator (\*)
- Appointed Joan Drown, Liaison Officer for Regional Officers (\*)
- Appointed Vance Rewolinski, as Interim All-Star Coordinator (\*)
- Flew for Washington, D.C for attending for USADSF House of Delegates Meeting
  1. Mini Conference of AAAD/USOC/USADSF/IOC/IOCSD
  2. Membership Dues of the USADSF (\$5.00 vs. \$100.00)
  3. Recognize USADB as one of the NSO's under USADSF
- Worked on contacting donors for 2007 tournament sponsorship
- Had some issues/concerns to be discussed in the board meetings
  1. Non members of playing in the regional tournament
  2. Number of women's teams for last few years---downsize
  3. Tournament Budget for this year in Orlando
  4. USADB vs. Regions Bylaws and "over haul"

- 5. Lack of Communications between USADB and regions
- Goals and Planning's from May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009
  1. Increase the numbers of contacting for more sponsorships
  2. Have own new website of USADB
  3. Expand more programs and services
  4. See our current USADB bylaws to be updated and more accurate
- A Special Thanks to:
  1. Hawk Relay Service
  2. Communication Service of the Deaf Video Relay Service (CSDVRS)
  3. Southwest Basketball Association (SWBAD)
  4. National Softball Association of the Deaf (NSAD)
  5. Front Row's Friday
  6. Dollar Rent A Car Company
  7. CSD TV

#### **Deputy Commissioner – David Hamilton**

- Explained the updated USADB bylaws and notes that they really need a lot of revision and apologized for not updating the bylaws in a timely matter due to circumstances.
- Wanted to acknowledge Ladimer Baird for his assistance with the minutes and Justin Anderson for updating the USADB Bylaws.

#### **Interim International Director – David Hamilton**

- World Deaf Basketball Championship recently in Guangzhou, China. The Men's team finished with a Bronze Medal and the Women's team finished with a Gold medal. Both teams did not bring their best 12 players to china. Mostly just players who can afford to go. The major concern was fundraising.
- PanAm Games in Venezuela. Both men's and women's teams placed earning Silver medals. Again, fundraising was the concern. USADB needs to improve to fundraising.
- Recently attended USA Basketball (USAB) Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado last November (2007) with a representative from USADSF as an observer. He stated that in the past, USADB knocked on doors to ask for financial support for the USADB International teams. USAB had been given \$25k worth of uniforms and apparels. USADB is interested in USADB developing a relationship to know about USADB itself. USAB is strongly interested in youth development.
- Announced that the selection committee recently selected Keith Westhoelter, Indiana Deaf School Varsity Boys Coach as National Deaf Men Senior Basketball Head Coach and Meg Sanders, a division one assistant coach from Arizona State University as National Deaf Women Senior Basketball Head Coach.
- Explained that there will be tryouts for both men's and women's teams this summer. The dates and site have not been determined yet, but will be soon.
- Announced the upcoming International events as follows:
  1. 2009 Deaflympics in Taipei, Taiwan
  2. 2010 World Deaf Basketball Championship U19 in Sweden
  3. 2011 World Deaf Basketball Championship in Sicily, Italy
  4. 2011 PanAm Games in Jordan, Brazil
  5. 2012 Open
  6. 2013 Deaflympics in Athens, Greece
- Appointed on Deaf International Basketball Federation (DIBF) board. Stated that this is the first time to have a USA representative on the DIBF board. There will be a DIBF Annual Meeting this summer in Greece. He was not sure if he can attend the meeting due to unforeseen commitments.
- He explained that his goal for USADB is one for all, all for one as unity. He was impressed with the professionalism and integrity of USADB meetings that run so efficiently.

#### **Secretary – Keith Westhoelter**

- Shared the update on the USADB website as his experience as webmaster since starting last year by working with Hawk Relay's webmaster. Mentioned that USADB is planning to redesign a new template for the USADB webpage.
- Explained the USADB player form and his goal to work with all regions to develop one form for both sides.
- Explained about updating the lifetime pass list and planned to insert the PDF format file in the USADB website for everyone to view it.
- Reported as Elite Camp director for the boys that there will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Boys Elite Camp on June 22-27 this summer at the Indiana School for the Deaf. Also, there will be the first Annual Girls Elite Camp that will be held on the same week as the Boys Elite Camp at Minnesota Academy State School for the Deaf. Sabrina Overlie is the director for the girls.

- Explained that he is one of the East/West Boys & Girls All-Star Committees. One of his responsibilities was the uniform logistics: polo shirts and t-shirts. He displayed the apparels to the delegates. All the apparel was sponsored by Hawk Relay.
- Explained that each men's and women's championship teams will get a cap and t-shirt. A total of 15 caps and t-shirts were ordered. He displayed them to delegates.
- Explained that he ordered 50 "National Tournament" t-shirts to sell at the games.

#### **Treasurer**

- Commissioner Hendon called former Treasurer, Ladimer Baird, to explain to the delegates his reasons for his resignation. Baird explained that his main reason was insufficient time available for his commitment towards the USADB's needs due to many other higher priorities and obligations e.g. family. He gladly offered his assistance and guidance in the future within USADB. He agreed that he will complete the USADB financial report until December 31, 2007
- Commissioner Hendon explained that the USADB Executive appointed Timothy Theis to be our treasurer for the National Tournament 2008 from January 10 to May 31, 2008.
- Commissioner Hendon stated the budget for the National Tournament is approximately \$40,000.

#### **Public Relations Director – Susan Magolin**

- Explained her duties and responsibilities as the interim Public Relations Director.
- Stated that she really enjoyed working closely with the USADB Board this year.
- Announced that she has decided not to run for any position due to very limited time.

#### **Men's Chief Player Representative Report – Tom Morrison**

- Explained his appreciation for working with the Men's BPAC this year. Stated that the Men's BPAC was formed in 2003.
- Recognized the BPAC representatives from each region; CAAD Kevin Smith, SEAAD Archie Elliott, NWADB David Harvey, SWBAD Darnell Woods, NEAAD Nichole LaLanne, EAAD Paul Mitchell (Replaced Eric Roberts), MAAD Robert Love, FWADB Gerald Brown

#### **Women's Chief Player Representative Report - Mary Perridon**

- Introduced two new BPACers from SEAAD and NEAAD regions, Amelia England and Anthony Cipriano, respectively
- Stated that during the BPAC meeting, there was some misunderstanding with the brackets and seedlings. Explained that despite BPAC's approval and vote on seeding, the final decision was up to the Executive Board. In the end, she was happy to announce that most problems were resolved.
- Explained that if you have any problems or questions during the tournament (only for women's issues), please contact or see her in person.
- Announced that we are happy to have 12 women's teams participate in this tournament.
- Explained her concerns about the declining number of women on the team. Stated that she was in favor of reducing the number of teams from 12 to 8 due to the proportional number of approximately 26 women's teams versus 99 men's teams.
- Announced that she will not run for this position and is interested in running for a different position within USADB board.

#### **Standing Committee's Reports:**

##### **USA Deaf Official – Marshal Wetzel**

- Explained that DBO is a 1-year old organization and finally received the ID numbers from federal government to become an official organization
- Explained that there are three executive board members: Marshal Wetzel - Commissioner, Jesse Bailey - Secretary/Treasurer, and Gene Duve - Official Coordinator
- Explained the set up of the logo and bylaws on the website. The website is still under construction to revise.
- Explained that the next long-term goal is to set up a referee clinic and would like to work with Elite Camp.
- Stated that there are 13 deaf officials here for the national tournament. Would like to develop a guideline for level ranking points system from 1-2.
- Would like to work USADB and DBO Bylaws in the term of basketball regulations
- Stated that there is no referee from the USA to officiate at the international level. Stated that in the future, hope to work with the USADB to send one of the USA officials to international games such Deaflympics, Pan Am, and the World Deaf Basketball Championships

## Law Committee - David Hamilton

David referred to Justin Anderson, chair of the Bylaw Committee, to share the report to delegates as follows below.

USADB 2007's Law Committee Members: Justin Anderson, Chair of Bylaw Committee and NWADB's Vice President, John Scott, (SWBAD's Commissioner), Chuck Wallace (EAADF President), Bob Backofen (NEAAD's President), Joseph Brafford (SEAAD's Vice President), Wayne Morse, (MAAD President)

Absent: Bonnie R. Schwebke, CAAD, Tim Leary, FWDBA (due to technical difficulties) and David Hamilton, USADB's Deputy Commissioner

1. Bonnie Schwebke (Neal McKenzie) moved to delete "... and any disputes between regions." In Article 5, Section 5.02.

**REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE: PASSED**

Law Committee recommends to adopt this motion:

§ 5.02 Authority.

- (1) The Board shall be the final authority for any and all issues connected with any national tournament ~~and any dispute between regions~~, but not for any dispute between region and team/player of its own region unless the dispute is appealed.

-- Effective 4/9/2008 --

**PASSED**

2. Bonnie Schwebke (Neal McKenzie) moved that USADB shall not use ANY of regions' 501 (c) 3 for any purpose(s) and benefit(s) starting effective as of May 1, 2006 and for the rest of years.

**REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE: PASSED**

Law Committee recommends NOT to adopt with this motion, due to the fact that USADB already have their own 501c3 tax number.

**FAILED.**

3. Susan Margolin (Keith Westhoelter) moved to have mission statement.

United States of America Deaf Basketball (USADB) is a national basketball organization serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing athletes who desire to participate in organized sports activities. There are eight regional units sponsored by USADB which come together at annual national tournaments and summer basketball camps, thus to develop a sense of good sportsmanship, congeniality and leadership skills among interested and talented players. Participants for Deaf Olympics and International Basketball games are selected from the most promising players at these tournaments, to represent USADB internationally.

**REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE: PASSED 14-0**

**Law Committee recommends to adopt the mission statement.**

§ 1.04 Mission Statement.

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**PASSED.**

4. Doug Mader (Keith Westhoelter) moved to enforce all teams and delegates to register their teams online for regional & national tournaments.

Ira Hendon III switched with David Hamilton.

Amendment: Ira Hendon III (Kevin Smith) amends for regions to establish their respective regions' own registration forms.

**Amendment - UNANIMOUSLY PASSED**

David Hamilton switched with Ira Hendon III.

**Proposal with amendment - REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED**

Law Committee recommend NOT to adopt with this motion, we need more information from USADB on the online registration forms.

**Proposal with amendment - REFER to Ad Hoc Committee: PASSED.**

- 5. Shirley Platt (Myron Greenstone) moved to add the position of Tournament Director to the USADB Executive Board, in place of the Public Relations Director. Referred to Law Committee from St. Louis, 2006.
  - a. Law Committee's Recommendation: No recommendation is available because an official law committee consisting of was not established according to by-laws all region presidents.
  - b. **REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE: PASSED**

**Law Committee recommend not to adopt with this motion, due to the USADB's Executive Board's action on this motion.**

Ronnie Zuchegno moved to table motion, Mary Perrodin seconded. **PASSED.**

- 6. Wayne Morse-(M. Tessier)-moved to change the Saturday Night Dance/Social Awards to Entertainment/Awards. Referred to Law Committee from St. Louis, 2006.  
**REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE: PASSED**

**Law Committee recommends to adopt this motion.**

**CHAPTER NINETEEN. USA Deaf Basketball National Tournament Guidelines**

- Players (limited to 15 individuals, including a coach and a manager, per participating team) shall be given complimentary passes to all tournament games and social events (Entertainment and awards ~~and Saturday night social~~). If a meal is included in the Saturday night event, an additional fee to cover meal cost may be charged to all 15 team members.  
-- Effective 4/09/2008 --

**FAILED.**

Commissioner Hendon III stated that per Bylaws the duration of the meeting is from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Commissioner Hendon III called 10 minutes recess.

**Proposed Amendments to Constitutions, Bylaws, and Guidelines:**

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| 1. <b><u>NEW:</u></b><br>Commissioner<br>Deputy Commissioner<br>Secretary<br>Treasurer<br><b>Tournament Director</b><br><b>Team Director / International Coordinator</b><br><b>Youth Coordinator</b> | <b><u>CURRENT:</u></b><br>Commissioner<br>Deputy Commissioner<br>Secretary<br>Treasurer<br><b>Public Relations Officer</b><br><b>Women's Chief Player Representative</b><br><b>Men's Chief Player Representative</b> |
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The position for Women's/Men's Chief Players' Representatives will be a staff position which will be under the supervision by the Tournament Director.

All correspondences for USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF), all other international affairs and USA Basketball Teams shall be handled by the Team Director OR the International Coordinator.

The **USADB Elite Youth Camp** shall be supervised by the Youth Coordinator since we are focusing on youth empowerment for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing basketball players. Also, she/he should be responsible to work with the coaches for the Girls' and Boys' All-Star games. The **Hall Fame Coordinator** will be also a staff position which will be under the supervision by the Deputy Commissioner.

If this proposal is approved in the USADB Basketball meeting, it will be NECESSARY to have an election of the following officers: They are: **Tournament Director**, **Team Director or International Coordinator** and **Youth Coordinator**.

In addition, the positions of Commissioner and secretary will also be elected. **All** positions shall have a two (2) year term.

**PASSED.**

2. **Registration Form.** All regions are forbidden to have it own designation form-- they must use the USADB team registration form. Therefore, there shall be NO two forms.

Rationale – Less confusion for all of us

**PASSED.**

3. **USADB Women's tournament.** Change from 16 women's team to 12 women's team--

Rationale-- the numbers of women's teams for last 3 years have been downsizing. Top 8 women's teams plus 4 invited women's teams-- the selection will be determined by the BPAC women's reps with approval by the Executive Board. It will be for 2-year trial and basis only.

Top 4 teams (seeding) should get bye----

AMEND: Justin Anderson (Joey Brafford) – As trial basis, not in by-laws.

TABLE: Mary Perrodin (Bonnie Schwebke) **PASSED.**

AFTER MOTION #12 – UNTABLE: Mary Perrodin (~~Seconded by~~ Keith Westhoelter) –**PASSED.**

**Amend – PASSED.**

**Motion as amended. PASSED.**

Ladimer Baird (Westhoelter) moved to extend the meeting for up to 3 hours. **PASSED.**

4. **Referee Coordinator.** Add a new position for "USADB Referee Coordinator" on a list for staff position-- USADB pays for airfare and lodging-- the selection should be determined by the USADB Executive Board.

**FAILED.**

5. **USADB Women Tournament.** Reduce the numbers of Women's team in the tournament from 16 teams to 8 teams. It will be for 2-year trial and basis only.

Rationale: The numbers of women's teams are now in decline.

**FAILED.**

6. **USADB \$20 Membership.** USADB Executive Board move to use \$20 fee to proper funding for breakdown cost as listed below:

\$8 - General Fund (operating expenses, website, USADB Officers' Compensation, USA Basketball, Website and tournament expenses)

\$6 - International Fund (\$5 goes to USADSF, \$1 helps fund to support the International funds)

\$4 - Youth Fund (\$1 - elite camp (boys), \$1-elite camp (girls), \$1-all-star for boys, \$1- all-star for girls)

\$1 - Men's USADB Championship Fund (prize monetary to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places)

\$1 - Women's USADB Championship Fund (prize monetary to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places)

OR

\$10 - General Fund (operating expenses, website, USADB Officers' Compensation, USA Basketball, Hall of Fame and tournament expenses)

\$5 - International Fund (\$5 goes to USADSF membership fee)

\$4 - Youth Fund (\$1 - elite camp (boys), \$1-elite camp (girls), \$1-all-star for boys, \$1- all-star for girls)

\$1 – Webmaster (Website)

**REFER TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.**

7. **Team Photos for Program Book/Website** – Each team is required to dress and sit neatly and to look professionally for the team pictures for USADB website and USADB program book.

Rationale – Their pictures will be seen in our program book and website. We want the pictures to look professional with class. If you look at the current program book and/or website, you will see most of the pictures look sloppy and unprofessional.

AMEND: Ronnie Zuchegno (Seconded by Jay Krieger) – To have this motion classified under team photo article in the current by-laws. PASSED 17-0

**Motion as amended: PASSED.**

8. **The USADB Hall of Fame Mission Statement.** The mission of the USADB Hall of Fame is to recognize people who have displayed exceptional performance or service to the deaf or hard of hearing in the sport of basketball as athletes, coaches, leaders, writers, and officials.

Those names you find in the USADB Hall of Fame were dedicated for their contributions to our rich history of efforts and accomplishments in the original American Athletic Association of the Deaf (AAAD) that has come to be known as the USADB. They are role models and set a benchmark for deaf and hard of hearing individuals to compete, coach, officiate, lead, or write.

USADB recognizes individuals in the following categories: Athletes, Coaches and Officials Leaders and writers.

**PASSED.**

9. **USADB Hall of Fame Selection Criteria**

A. Any interested individual or group may name candidates for the USADB Hall of Fame.

1. The nominator's name shall not be disclosed.

2. It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to supply supporting materials, including the current address of the nominee.
  3. A summary of the nominee's qualifications, not to exceed 300 words shall be prepared and included with the nomination.
  4. Failure to submit complete information shall result in rejection of the nomination for consideration.
- B. Persons who are nominated shall, be deaf or hard of hearing citizens of the United States and shall be nominated based on their outstanding performances, integrity, sportsmanship, and character. No consideration is given to race, religion, creed, gender, or geographical residence.
  - C. In order to be eligible, players shall have been retired as active players for at least three years and shall have been out of high school for at least ten years.
  - D. Athletes still active in basketball for the purpose of recreational purposes (church leagues, YMCA, etc) shall not be considered as active for the purpose of eligibility in the annual USADB Hall of Fame nominations.
  - E. Coaches shall have been active in coaching basketball for at least ten years.
  - F. Leaders and writers shall have contributed at least ten years of service to basketball.
  - G. Officials shall have been certified or accredited by a National Governing Body and have worked as a basketball referee at least fifteen years.
  - H. The USADB Hall of Fame, Awards and Recognition Committee, at its discretion, may elect "veteran individuals" whom they conclude are qualified for membership in the USADB Hall of Fame but who have not previously received the minimum number of voting points to be elected or who may have previously been overlooked for nomination.
  - I. No elected officer of the organization shall be eligible for nomination to the USDFAB Hall of Fame while still in office.

**PASSED**

10. **USADB Sanctioned Events.** ~ Mentioned that many people are saying that it is not in Constitution/By Law which means they can do whatever they want like permitting a few hearing players on a deaf team who failed to meet the 55 db loss to participate which is in conflict with Chapter 17 Article 17.01 creating a disadvantage for any deaf team...

~ Some teams and/or players are not members in good standing with USADB therefore cannot participate in USADB sanctioned games/tournaments as stated in Chapter One Articles 1.01, 1.02 and 1.03...

~ High school students/players are not permitted to play unless exhausted their high school eligibility per Constitution Article Eleven; #11.02 (2)..

~ Why pay sanction fees with USADB when the decision is left upon the host team of the games/invitational when regional and national tournaments are sanctioned with USADB that prohibit hearing and high school players as well as non-member USADB teams from participating therefore same rules should applied with sanctioned USADB invitational as outline in Constitution Article 11.02 (2) and By Laws Articles 1 and 17 therefore invitational shall be included along with regional and national.

**REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE.**

11. **Regional Tournament.** USADB needs to start considering a formal USADB tournament sanctions to "legalize" tournaments hosted by regions. This is to ensure that the format and processes at these tournaments conform to USADB bylaws. If the tournament is not sanctioned then the champions of the tourney are not recognized by USADB.

**PASSED**

12. **Restricted Free Agency.** The Basketball Players Advisory Council- proposes to permit the use of one restricted free agent per team as 2-year trial. RFA would mean that any player could play for a team outside of his residential or employment location. Only one player will be allowed from outside of a respective region to sign with a team. The player must remain with the team of his choice for at least two years. If the player decides he does not want to play with that team after the first year will be allowed to return to his permanent residential location and sign with a team there. After two seasons the player can use his restricted free agent allowance again under the same conditions, two-year minimum stay with his new team.

AMEND (Nick Lalanne) Seconded by Paul Mitchell – For 2 year’s trial basis. PASSED 21-0

MOTION AS AMENDED. **PASSED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Zeke Sabestian (Darnell Woods) NVCD request to move to EAAD from SEAAD environs of Northern Virginia.

**REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE – FAILED.**

**MOTION: PASSED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Note:** Where is DMC08-01? (See page 1)

**DCM08-02:** Jay Krieger (Bonnie Schwebke) moved that USADB needs to complete tournament (region) sanction guideline and application. **WITHDRAWN. PASSED.**

**DCM08-03:** Tom Morrison (Nick Lalanne) moved that USADB go by the “clockwise” region to host the National Tourney. Rationale: Give each region and player opportunity and prepare in advance with satisfactory. **FAILED.**

**DCM08-04:** Lynn Williams (Bonnie Schwebke) moved that USADB women’s original (first) bracket/seedings to be used in this tournament now. **PASSED.**

**DCM08-05:** Jay Krieger (Tim Lavelle) moved that coaches need to be deaf (55db above). **REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE.**

**DCM08-6:** Ladimer Baird (Mary Perrodin) moved to replace 13.08 (f) – The Association shall be authorized to pay the regional championship teams (Men & Women teams), based on AAA’s 2 stars rating lodging costs up to 4 rooms/4 nights based on USADB Finance Committee’s recommendation. WITH Up to \$250 in cash prize. **REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE.**

**DCM08-7:** Ladimer Baird (Mary Perrodin) moved to establish up to \$6,000 in cash prize to be allocated between men & women teams based on USADB tournament results. **REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE.**

**DCM08-8:** Ladimer Baird (Mary Perrodin) moved that All USADB’s affiliated regions shall comply USADB’s basketball rules and players’ eligibility guidelines. Failure to do so may result in loss of eligibility for regional champion prize provided by USADB. **PASSED.**

**DCM08-9:** Ladimer Baird (Robert Love) moved to revise the By-Laws 13.05 (1) Individuals shall pay dues in an amount as determined in Section 13.04, payable to the Treasurer.

- 1) Add “that participates in USADB tournament” after “individuals”.
- 2) Add “annual USADB membership” between “pay” and “dues”.
- 3) Add “The dues shall be collected by USADB” after “Treasurer”.
- 4) Add “The annual USADSF membership dues shall be collected at regional level.”

**REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE.**

**DCM08-10:** Ladimer Baird (Keith Westhoelter) moved to revise the Fees/Dues

- 1) Increase USADB individual dues from \$15 to \$20. (Currently \$20 with understanding that \$5 goes to USADSF so the actual USADB individual dues is \$15)
- 2) Increase USADB region member dues from \$100 to \$1,000
- 3) Increase Lifetime Pass Holder fee from \$25 to \$30.

**REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE.**

**DCM08-11:** Susan Margolin (Mary Perrodin) moved that USADB should have a special training workshop for all BPAC representatives and regional representatives. **PASSED.**

**DCM08-12:** Robert Jones (Jay Krieger) moved that all motions that are referred to Law Committee must be reviewed and recommended by next council. **PASSED.**

**DCM08-13:** Joseph Bradford (Amelia England) moved to allow international team/player to participate in USADB. **REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE.**

**DCM08-14:** Amelia England (Joseph Brafford) moved that each region is required to play in order to earn championship for free rooms at USADB. **REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE.**

**DCM08-15:** Ronnie Zuchegno (Gerald Brown) moved to reconsider DCM08-07: **PASSED.**  
Lynn Williams (Bonnie Schwebke) moved that USADB women's original (first) bracket/seeding to be used in this tournament now. **FAILED.**

**ELECTION:**

**Nominations for Commissioner:**

Jay Krieger nominated (Darnell Woods) Ira Hendon III. Ira accepted. **PASSED BY ACCLAMATION.**

**Nominations for Secretary:**

Wayne Morse nominated (Darnell Woods) Keith Westhoelter. Keith declined.  
Bonnie Schwebke nominated (Archie Elliott) Jay Krieger. Jay declined.  
Bonita Leek nominated ( Susan Margolin) Mary Perrodin. Mary accepted. **PASSED BY ACCLAMATION.**

**Nominations for Tournament Director:**

Bonita Leek nominated ( Archie Elliott) Tom Morrison. Tom accepted.  
Ladimer Baird nominated (Brandie Piper) Doug Mader. Doug accepted.  
**TOM MORRISON wins the election.**

**Nominations for Youth Coordinator:**

Ladimer Baird nominated (Jay Krieger) Keith Westhoelter. Keith accepted. **PASSED BY ACCLAMATION.**

**Nominations for International Coordinator / Director:**

Kevin Smith nominated (Mary Perrodin) David Hamilton. David accepted. **PASSED BY ACCLAMATION .**

**NOTE:** David Hamilton will submit a letter of resignation for the USADB Deputy Commissioner position.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m. EST.

Recorded by Keith Westhoelter, Secretary

