



United States of America Deaf Basketball, Inc

Executive Board ooVoo Meeting Tuesday, November 4, 2008

The executive board meeting was called to order by Commissioner Jay Krieger at 10:15 p.m. EDT.

Roll Call: Jay Krieger (Commissioner), Tim Theis (Treasurer), Tom Morrison (Tournament Director), David Hamilton (International Director), Keith Westhoelter (Youth Coordinator).

Commissioner Report:

1. **Special Task Force of Inquiry Update:**
 - a. Krieger will contact Libby Pollard again to ensure that parliamentary procedures are followed correctly before he sends it out to the public and initiates the charter.
 - b. We discussed names and identified 12 names for the Task Force to start with. They include current and previous USADB officers, FAAD/WDB officers, FWDBA officers, parliamentarian, and other key folks that have knowledge of the FAAD issue. Krieger will also instruct the task force to use bylaws, minutes, emails, videos, and any other hard evidences, and not to base on "what people say".
2. **Region Presidents Round Table Chicago Meeting:**
 - a. We voted **not** to post the Power Point presentation (63 pages) because we have identified some inaccuracies. Lad Baird requests he be given an opportunity to refute some points. However, we did find a lot of information disturbing and disgusting.
 - b. We will post to USADB website the Regions Presidents Round Table minutes, as the information in the document appear to be accurate based on Krieger's Chicago visit.
 - c. Although the regions may have taken votes in their meeting, their votes are not legal binding, so Krieger considers the votes valuable because they represent the voice of the regions.
 - d. The demands made in the minutes will be received by USADB as feedback for improvement and ideas. Although we will try to meet their demands, we may not be able to do them all.
3. **International Plaza Lawsuit:** Krieger mentioned Marcia Nowak would be happy to visit the International Plaza Hotel while she is still in Florida, and see if she can gather information and maybe negotiate with the International Plaza – Board agreed. She will contact their lawyer as well, but Krieger remains the primary and final contact.
4. **FWDBA – Fine:** According to Krieger, Tim Leary, President of FWDBA says he will admit that the Black Widows, who are "walk-in" champions at their region tournament played against High School students in an unofficiated scrimmage. Leary said, and Hamilton confirmed, that he did ask for and obtained permission to do that scrimmage from our former commissioner Ira Hendon. But Leary stated that he would accept the \$100 fine (5 players at \$5 each) payable to USADB as a remedy. The board decided to be consistent with CAAD and we will proceed with the fine. Because of the apparent permission by Hendon, the board decided not to place FWDBA on any probation. Krieger will send FWDBA a formal letter.
5. **BPAC Guideline:** Krieger explained to the board that he would like to develop a memo outlining BPAC, how it is important to their regions (voting power), how they should speak and represent their regions, and how the should do the seeding.
6. **Secretary Candidates:** Krieger will email to the board with all secretary candidates' names back forth until we narrow the three names then Krieger will interview them.

7. **Hall of Fame:** Board agreed we want to repeat the award ceremony which was simple – awarding them at the championship game. Until USADB stabilizes in the future, we can start providing banquets for the award ceremonies. We will give out awards to two winners.

Deputy Commissioner Report

1. **2008 Bylaws Update:** As of today, there is no update on Bylaws per commissioner. Ray Kilthau still believes we should have a draft 2008 bylaws by December 31st, for our review.
2. **There is a question on whether Buffalo belongs to CAAD or EAAD:** It was discussed that based on the past history Buffalo is with CAAD. It is seemed that Buffalo is appearing to come back again to participate in the regional tournament in 2009. Krieger will follow up with the Bylaws and contacting the CAAD and EAAD presidents/commissioners.

Secretary Report

1. **Denver Minutes Update:** Due to unexpected former secretary's resignation, Westhoelter has voluntarily to complete the minutes and asked the board members to review the minutes before it is posted on the website this weekend.
2. **Suspension List Update:** Westhoelter stated that he has the latest suspension list and will forward to the commissioner.
3. **MOU:** Krieger will work with Bonnie Schwebke – CAAD.
4. **Region Minutes/Credentials:** Krieger will contact regions to resend their minutes and proof of elected or appointed officers.

Treasurer Report

1. **Chase Account:** Theis opened a new checking account with JP Morgan Chase. Theis and Krieger are the only two approved signatures. These two also have Debit/VISA ATM cards.
2. **IRS Form 990:** Lad Baird is about to complete the 2007 IRS Form 990 to submit by November 15th per Krieger and Theis.
3. **Call for Audit:** Krieger will give four Region Presidents (as named in the Region Presidents Round Table minutes) to Lad Baird but then it will be Baird's choice, as defined in the bylaws, to appoint any three (from the 4 names, and/or from our membership) to work on audit with him.
 - 2007 Audit will be audited at later date after the IRS 990 filing.
 - 2006 from June to December will be audited soon – Jay/Tim will talk to Lad to complete this one.
 - 2006 from January to May was already audited on April 9, 2006. Ira Hendon, III and Christopher Anderson were auditors. Hendon became USADB President after May 1, 2006.
4. **2007-08 USADSF Membership Roster due 12/15:** Krieger will inform Jeff Salit, Vice President of NSO Affairs that former commissioner Ira Hendon has the information about the names of all paid members. It may be at Hendon's resident. Tim Theis will list all team players and some members to be emailed by December 15, 2008. The monies due will have to be paid at later date.

5. **Investigation (Debts and Unaccounted Transactions):** Former Treasurer Lad Baird and current Treasurer Tim Theis will complete all financial reports by November 15th for 2007.
6. **Officer Membership Dues:** Krieger explains that all officers must be paid members of USADB. We all are members except for Morrison. Morrison will send a check to Theis. Krieger will not allow any more "credit against officer compensation" be applied to membership in the future.
7. **CAAD Fine Due November:** Krieger reminds the board that the fine on CAAD is due November 30th.
8. **USADB Financial Report:** As of today, there is a balance is \$425. Krieger will ask CSDVRS for history of CSDVRS' Clearblue checks paid as apparently some of their checks do not show up deposited in our accounts.

Tourney Director Report

1. **National Tournament Site Update:** There was a follow up discussion on gym facility in Anaheim, CA. Per Morrison who will be out of the town for a week, Hamilton will contact a possible site for the championship.

International Report

1. **Approval of National Men's and Women's Rosters:** The executive board unanimously voted the national men's and women's team rosters. Hamilton will type up a memorandum and send rosters to USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF), Jeff Salit, Vice President of NSO Affairs this Thursday, November 6th.

Youth Report

1. **East/West HS All-Stars:** It was discussion on whether it is good idea for us to continue this program, but we agreed that this agenda is put on hold until January 2009.

It is discussed that next ooVoo meeting will be on Sunday of November 23, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. EDT.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 a.m. EST