

**USA Deaf Basketball
House of Delegates Meeting
Wednesday, April 7, 2010
Galt House Hotel
Louisville, KY**

Meeting called to order at 2:19 pm by Commissioner Shirley Platt.

Roll Call:

USADB Officers & Staff:

Commissioner Shirley Platt, Deputy Commissioner Joey Baer, Secretary Amy Ellis, Treasurer Brian Fruits, Tournament Director Tom Morrison, and International Director David Hamilton.

Regional Representatives:

Doug Mader, CBAD Commissioner; Christina Costello, EAAD Secretary-Treasurer; Mark Corson, FAAD President; Paige Thompson-Matzker, MAAD President; Lynn Williams, NEAAD Secretary-Treasurer; Justin Anderson, NWADB President; Joseph Brafford, SEAAD President; and John Scott, SWBAD Treasurer.

Team Representatives: Champions

Billy Schwall, Indy Hawks (CBAD); Micki Lewis, Indy Stars Women (CBAD); John Perry, NOVA (EAAD); Chris Christensen, Lincoln (MAAD); Anthony Cipriano, Bridgeport (NEAAD); William Elliott, Jr., C.A.A.D. (SEAAD); Darnell Woods, Austin Toros (SWBAD); and Shirley Day, Mississippi (SWBAD).

Team Representatives: Runner-Up

Robert Jones, Greater Phila (EAAD); Myron Greenstone, FAAD; Michael Torres, Las Vegas Cougars (FAAD); and Don Powers, Vermont (NEAAD).

Team Representatives: Other

Michael Wilson, Kentucky (CBAD); Brandie Belford, WSAD Lady Mustangs (CBAD); Joey Kutch, WSAD Mustangs (CBAD); James Billigan, CBAD; Owen Callahan, Columbus (CBAD); Michael Shiffer, New Jersey Magic (EAAD); Charles Wallace, New Jersey Warriors (EAAD); and James Leek, Las Vegas Cougars (FAAD).

Delegates at Large:

Ladimer Baird, Carl Denney, Jay Krieger, Brian Bippus, Keith Westhoelter

Parliamentarians:

Elizabeth "Libby" Pollard and Gerald "Bummy" Burstein

Guests:

Jeffrey Salit, USADSF; Cole Zulauf, USADSF; and Bonnie Schwebke, CAAD President.

Notes:

Moved and seconded to allow CAAD (disaffiliated) President Bonnie Schwebke voice for CAAD during HOD. Motion failed.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Platt.

Recognition went to the Governance Committee: Mark Corson, Christina Costello, and Paige Thompson-Matzker; Billy Lange and Byron Wilson with their Kentucky volunteer crews; Vance Rewolinski with the Youth Program teams; Robert Love for his work as Administration for USADB; Chuck Wallace with the Program Book and John Scott with the Statistics crew.

Region Award of the Year Award goes to MAAD. MAAD President Paige Thompson-Matzker accepted the honor on behalf of MAAD.

Commissioner Platt asked members to observe a moment of silence for our departed USADSF President Lawrence R. Fleischer, who passed away unexpectedly on November 1, 2009.

Governance report:

HOD-2009-04- (Executive Board/B. Fruits) moved and seconded to take Appendix A (dues, fees, fines) from Bylaws and insert into the Guidelines. Referred to Law Committee. Referral passed.

HOD-2009-09- D.Mader/ L. Baird moved that USADB recognize CBAD as the official region for Central Area. Referred to Law Committee. Referral passed.

Officers Reports: All reports are attached and also posted on website.

Moved and seconded to accept Officers Reports as read on website. Passed.

Unfinished Business:

HOD-2010-01 - Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 2009 at Anaheim, CA, as read and corrected on website. Passed.

Correction to minutes: HOD-2009-17 (below) will be referred to the **Law Committee** Finance Committee.

(According to HOD 2009 minutes, the following motion HOD-2009-17 states that "J. Scott/M. Corson moved to acknowledge that John T. Scott on behalf of

Houston AD loaned \$20,000 to former USADB Commissioner Ira Hendon, and that USADB is to provide John Scott/Houston AD with a promissory note that USADB will pay back \$2,000 per year for 10 years.

J. Gaskin/G. Brown amended that USADB Executive Board collect all the documentary evidence from John Scott and work with him to file a lawsuit against Ira Hendon, former Commissioner to recover the money. Passed.)

Proposed Changes to Bylaws

HOD-2010-02:

Current:

Appendix A (Annual Dues, Fines, and Fees Table):
USADB Membership Fees \$20.00 per year
Section 13.05 and 13.07 (7)

Proposed:

Open for discussion and **PICK ONE** of the four: \$20 membership fee or \$100/\$150/\$200 team flat fee.

Moved and seconded to accept Proposal #1 (\$20 annual membership fee).
Passed.

(Tally: Proposal #1- 16 votes, Proposal #2- 1 vote, Proposal #3- zero vote, Proposal #4- 10 votes)

HOD-2010-03:

Article 4 - Officers

Current: § 4.01 Officers.

The seven officers of the Association shall be as follows:

- (a) Commissioner.
- (b) Deputy-Commissioner.
- (c) Secretary.
- (d) Treasurer.
- (e) Tournament Director.
- (f) Team Director/International Coordinator.
- (g) Youth Coordinator.

Proposed:

The **five** ~~seven~~ officers of the Association shall be as follows:

- (a) Commissioner.
- (b) Deputy-Commissioner.
- (c) Secretary.
- (d) Treasurer.
- (e) Public Relations Director.

The staff members of the Association shall be as follows:

- (a) Tournament Director.
- (b) Team Director/International Coordinator.
- (c) Youth Coordinator.

Amend to let Board appoint Public Relations Director with 8 Regional Presidents' input.

Moved and seconded to accept five officers and staff members as proposed.
Passed.

HOD-2010-04:

Article Eight - Committees

Current: § 8.01 Committees.

The Executive Board shall have the authority to establish such committees as necessary to meet the needs of the organization.

Proposed: § 8.01 Standing Committees.

The following shall be standing committees of the Association:

- (a) Governance Committee
- (b) Finance Committee

§ 8.02 Ad Hoc Committees.

The Executive Board shall have the authority to establish ad hoc committees, if necessary, in order to meet the needs of the organization.

§ 8.03 Liaison.

Moved and seconded to accept Governance Committee, Finance Committee, and Ad Hoc Committee, when necessary as proposed. Passed.

HOD-2010-05:

Article 11 – 11.02 – Rights of Athletes

Current: § 11.02 Rights of Athletes.

(1) No member may deny or threaten to deny any amateur athlete the opportunity to compete in any basketball competition subject to the provisions set out in the regulations and guidelines.

(2) Any high school player (student) shall not play for a team in the same academic year unless he has used up his high school basketball eligibility.

(3) No one under the age of 18 shall not play.

Proposed:

REMOVE the entire 11.02 because all above is already outlined under Article 14 – USADB National Tournament Rules – 14.03 – Player Eligibility Rules

Moved and seconded to remove Section 11.02 - Rights of Athletes. Passed.

HOD-2010-06:

Article 14 – 14.07 – USADB Registration Forms. #10

Current: The USADB membership shall be from January 1 to December 31 each year.

Proposed: The USADB membership year shall be from September 1 to August 31 each year.

Moved and seconded to change USADB membership dates as proposed. Failed.

HOD-2010-07:

By-Laws

Chapter 2 – Officers

Current: § 2.04 Eligibility Limitations.

(1) No elected officer of any member region shall hold office in the Association.

(2) A candidate for any office of the Association shall have been a full member of the Association in good standing for at least four consecutive years prior to the meeting of the Basketball Council at which the election is held.

Proposed: Add (3) to above.

(3) Elected officers of member regions shall not hold office in the USADB or any other national basketball organization.

Amend to activate, starting May 1st, 2010.

Moved and seconded that elected officers of member regions shall not hold office in the USADB or any other national basketball organization under 2.04 Eligibility Limitations, starting May 1st, 2010. Passed.

HOD-2010-08:

Article Three: Duties of Officers/Staff

Current:

§3.06 Team Director/~~International Coordinator~~ **Director**.

The Team Director/~~International Coordinator~~ **Director** shall:

(a) handle all correspondences with USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF), all other international affairs and USA Basketball Teams.

§3.07 Youth ~~Coordinator~~ **Director**.

The Youth ~~Coordinator~~ **Director** shall:

(a) supervise the Elite Youth Camp
(b) work with coaches for the Girls' and Boys' All-Star games

Proposed:

§3.06 The Public Relations Officer shall:

(a) serve as the official liaison to the media;
(b) be responsible for outreach and advertising of all USADB events;

- (c) coordinate live reporting and statistics of national tournaments;
- (d) coordinate a daily e-newsletter for the national tournament, when feasible
- (e) work with the Tourney Director to gather all game and statistical paperwork to be submitted to the Secretary within thirty days for the official file at the conclusion of the national tournament;
- (f) supervise the art and design work for national tournaments, such as tickets, flyers, posters, etc.
- (g) oversee the USADB website content, provide direction and updates to the webmaster on a regular and consistent basis (weekly, bi monthly) and
- (h) be responsible for soliciting sponsorships, advertisers and exhibitors for the national tournament by October of each year for the following year.

§3.07 Team Director/International ~~Coordinator~~ Director.

The Team Director/International ~~Coordinator~~ Director shall:

- (a) handle all correspondences with USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF), all other international affairs and USA international Basketball Teams

§3.08 Youth ~~Coordinator~~ Director.

The Youth ~~Coordinator~~ Director shall:

- (a) oversee the Elite Youth Camps
- (b) work with coaches for the Girls' and Boys' All-Star games

Amend to add "Staff" to ARTICLE THREE: DUTIES OF OFFICERS and change "Coordinator" to "Director" for Youth and International.

Moved and seconded to accept proposed Public Relations Officer position, Team Director/International Director, and Youth Director Position and their duties as corrected. Passed.

HOD-2010-10:

Chapter Five. Basketball Commissioners

Amend to move Basketball Commissioners duties to Tourney Director.
 Moved and seconded to transfer Basketball Commissioners' duties to Tourney Director. Passed.

HOD-2010-11:

Chapter 7 – Member Regions

Current:

- 7.04 – FWDBA
- 7.07 – NWAAD
- 7.09 – SWAAD

Proposed:

- 7.04 – FAAD
- 7.07 – NWADB
- 7.09 - SWBAD

Moved and seconded to accept the corrections in the acronyms for 3 regions, FAAD, NWADB, and SWBAD. Passed.

HOD-2010-12:

Chapter Nine – Functions of Standing Committees

Current: § 9.02 Finance Committee

(1) The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer as chair and two other members of the organization. It shall have the authority to handle all matters pertaining to the establishment of the annual budget of the organization, and to prepare a quadrennial budget of projected income and expenses of the organization.

Proposed:

(1) The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer as chair and **between two (2) and five (5)** other members of the organization. It shall have the authority to handle all matters pertaining to the establishment of the annual budget of the organization, and to prepare a quadrennial budget of projected income and expenses of the organization.

Moved and seconded to accept proposed changes to Finance Committee. Passed.

HOD-2010-13:

13.05 Dues for Individuals

Current:

(2) USADB/USADSF individual membership year shall be for January 1st to December 31st for all USADB members.

(3) Individual membership shall be paid once per year.

Proposed:

Combine #2 and #3 to make it less confusing

(2) USADB/USADSF individual membership year shall be **paid once a year from September 1 to August 31** for all USADB members.

Moved and seconded to accept the changes to the proposed Dues for Individuals. Failed.

HOD-2010-14:

13.07 Dues for Member Regions

Current:

Region membership dues and renewal, in an amount determined in Section 13.04, shall be due on Dec 31 before the start of the next basketball season.

Proposed:

Region membership dues and renewal, in an amount determined in Section 13.04, shall be due on **September 1** before the start of the next basketball season.

Moved and seconded to accept the proposed Dues for Member Regions statement. Failed.

13.08 (e)

CURRENT:

13.08 Expenses of the Association (e): Mileage expenses shall be reimbursed at 25 cents per mile (effective 4/12/2000).

Proposed: Expenses of the Association (e): Mileage expenses shall be based on 'IRS Standard Mileage Rates' driven in service of charitable organizations. (Refer to www.irs.gov)

Moved and seconded to accept proposed mileage expenses based on IRS Standard mileage Rates. Passed.

HOD-2010-15:

13.09 – Collection of Fees, Dues, Applications and Forms.

Current:

(4) Each fan who attends the USADB National Tournament shall pay, in an amount determined in Section 13.04, a fan registration fee.

(5) Check policy: Service charge fee, in an amount determined in Section 13.04, for any returned checks.

Proposed:

Remove #4 and #5 because it is already mentioned under #2 and #3

(2) Each fan who attends the USADB National Tournament shall pay fifteen dollars (\$15.00) fan registration fee.

(3) Check policy: \$25 service charge fee for any returned checks

Moved and seconded to accept removing #4 and #5 under 13.09 - Collection of Fees, Dues, Applications and Forms. Passed.

HOD-2010-16:

Current:

Any statement in bylaws “as determined in Section 13.04” will be reworded to:

Proposed:

“as determined in Appendix A”

Moved and seconded to accept change the word "as determined in Section 13.04" to "as determined in Appendix A." Passed.

HOD-2010-17:

13.09 Collection of Fees, Dues, Applications and Forms

Current:

(2) Each fan who attends the USADB National Tournament shall pay fifteen dollars (\$15.00) fan registration fee.

Proposed:

(2) Each fan who attends the USADB National Tournament shall pay twenty dollars (\$20.00) fan registration fee.

Moved and seconded to accept the proposed change in fan *(should be spectator)* registration fee. Referred to Governance Committee.

HOD-2010-18:

Moved and seconded to change Per Diem from \$20 to US government's standard per diem – as outlined in www.gsa.gov/perdiem.

HOD-2010-19:

Moved to have the eight (8) Regional Presidents to be involved with the USADB's future Law Committee.

The Governance committee moves that the Governance Committee will investigate and recommend a neutral person to review all minutes to make sure nothing was left out of our constitution-bylaws-guidelines.

Proposals due 30 days before USADB Basketball Council meeting – but what about those regions that has tournament within 30 days?

Moved and seconded to have 8 Regional Presidents on USADB Law Committee and Governance Committee to recommend a neutral person. Referred to Governance Committee. Passed. *(this is not clear—what's intent of motion—creat a Gov Committee of 11 persons OR 8 regions to provide input to gov comm.?)*

HOD-2010-20:

Guidelines

Current:

Shall reserve 4 nights (Wednesday through Saturday) at the for the USADB officers (Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Director, Tournament Director, and designated staff support for USADB.

The USADB Treasurer shall be responsible for the USADB expenses. Officers shall be requested to share rooms if USADB financial circumstances prohibit individual rooms.

Proposed:

Shall reserve 5 nights (~~Wednesday~~ **Tuesday** through Saturday) at the tournament headquarters, ~~a suite for the USADB President~~, a room each for the USADB officers (Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, ~~Vice President~~, Secretary, Treasurer, ~~Public Relations Director~~, Tournament Director, and designated staff USADB expenses. Officers shall be requested to share rooms if USADB financial circumstances prohibit individual rooms.

Amend to change "Wednesday" to "Tuesday" in proposal.

Moved and seconded to accept proposed 5 nights at tournament headquarter for USADB officers and designated USADB staff. Passed.

New Business:

HOD-2010-21- Moved and seconded to accept up to 25 new motions at 2010 HOD. Passed.

HOD-2010-22- Moved & seconded for USADB to pardon all regional debts up to April 7, 2010. Passed.

HOD-2010-23- Moved & seconded that we adopt all of the proposed changes to the USADB structure "under study" by incorporating ideas from OST activity from 2009 by referring the entire project to USADB Governance Committee. Amended to include Board of Directors. Passed.

HOD-2010-24- Moved & seconded that the 2-year trial period for free agent becomes permanent. Referred to Governance Committee.

HOD-2010-25- Moved & seconded that the bylaws or guidelines to be established for voting during HOD meeting to be kept and recorded in order to identify which delegate voted against, for, or abstain on each motion except for election. Referred to Governance Committee.

HOD-2010-26- Moved & seconded that the bylaws be amended to include coaches of the elite camp; & international teams as delegates; 3 delegates-at-large for each of youth & international programs, and 2 players reps each for women & men international teams. Referred to Governance Committee.

HOD-2010-27- Moved & seconded that the bylaws or guidelines require at least one bylaws-only session/meeting every two years prior to the delegate meeting. Referred to Governance Committee.

HOD-2010-28- Moved & seconded that the bylaws or guidelines for annual tourney be amended to require annual meeting sessions established in order as following: 1- Executive Board, 2- Region Roundtable (1 & 2 take place at the same time), 3- Region & Board, 4- By-laws only, 5- Delegates, 6- Board meeting after tourney (region reps are welcomed). Failed.

HOD-2010-29- Moved & seconded to have a hearing parliamentarian at USADB Tourney. Failed.

HOD-2010-30- Moved & seconded to adopt the concept of a new structure for USADB in recognizing & in adoption of having 8 Regional Presidents/ Commissioners to be on USADB Executive Committee along with USADB Board. Failed.

HOD-2010-31- Moved & seconded to have one rep for regional women, one rep for regional men, and one regional officer at HOD. *(No result recorded here)*

HOD-2010-32- Moved & seconded to have a new format of establishing & announcing the tournament bracket. Failed.

HOD-2010-33- Moved & seconded that the USADB abolish Section (14.04) as this has not proved to give teams a balanced shot at the National Tournament on an annual basis. The last team from a “least popular” region to advance to the USADB Final Four since 1994 inception was Lincoln in 1998. Referred to Governance Committee.

HOD-2010-34- Moved & seconded to refer the issue of \$20,000 loan to USADB/ Ira Hendon III to USADB Finance Committee. Referred to Finance Committee.

HOD-2010-35- Moved & seconded that USADB & 8 regions have a retreat meeting in October 2010. Passed.

HOD-2010-36- Moved & seconded to take immediate appropriate actions against individuals & subjects needed, to complete as recommended by the USADB Audit team in their findings. Withdrawn. *(Language incorrect)*

HOD-2010-37- Moved & seconded to remove BPAC from USADB by-laws & refer to USADB Governance Committee to review and make new recommendations. Referred to Governance Committee.

HOD-2010-38- Moved & seconded that USADB have a merged meeting with CAAD/CBAD to become one organization like FAAD/FWDBA. Passed.

HOD-2010-39- Moved & seconded that USADB return \$200 to CBAD for fines imposed on CBAD. Passed.

HOD-2010-40- Moved & seconded that \$20 USADB membership fee be removed for those who (teams) do not want to participate USADB Tournament. Referred to Governance Committee.

HOD-2010-41- Moved & seconded that all teams pay \$300 entry fee by February 1st along with team membership, all teams welcomed to participate in the national tournament, (up to 48 teams). Referred to Governance Committee.

HOD-2010-42- Moved & seconded that all regions must put their USADB team registration forms on their website by February 1st. Failed.

HOD-2010-43- Moved & seconded that all teams shall be invited to USADB Tournament annually. Passed.

HOD-2010-44- Moved that the current by-laws be categorized as by-laws for national tourney purposes with understanding that USADB needs to establish separate by-laws for USADB as whole, for youth, and for international. Out of Order. No second.

HOD-2010-45- Moved & seconded that USADB allow one CODA per team to play in USADB. Out of Order due to ICSD and USADSF rules.

HOD-2010-46- Moved that restricted free agent (RFA) does not have to be over the age of 40. Out of Order. No second.

HOD-2010-47- Moved & seconded that USADB Executive Board will appoint a Public Relations Director. Amended that 8 Region Presidents/Commissioners will be able to offer input. Passed.

Elections:

Commissioner

Shirley Platt is nominated by acclamation.

Vote: Secretary Amy Ellis casts ballot for Shirley Platt as Commissioner.

Secretary

Amy Ellis is nominated by acclamation.

Vote: Deputy Joey Baer casts ballot for Amy Ellis as Secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy Ellis
USADB Secretary