

**2007-08-08**

**Board of Directors Meeting at Marriott Hotel, Dayton, Ohio. President Suite #542**

**Roll Call:**

Commissioner Mark Bella  
Deputy Commissioner Dawn Rood  
Sport Information Director Kevin Ryan  
Tournament Director Vance Rewolinski  
Acting Secretary Patrick Rosenberg  
NEAAD George Szpakowski  
NWSAD Kevin Bella  
MAAD Wayne Morse  
ESAD Wally Joyer  
CAAD Bonnie Schwebke

**The meeting calls in order: 7:27 p.m.**

**Executive Board Reports:**

**Commissioner Bella:**

- Executive Board will type an official letter that CAAD, already under probation, is once again in violation of Bylaws. However, it is noted that there was miscommunication between CAAD and the Executive Board.
- Executive Board will respond the letter to FWSAD that the agreement between FWSAD and WDB is null and void as is not under Executive Board's jurisdiction.
- Executive Board decides that CAAD and FWSAD's membership dues will be refunded to appropriate commissioner; however, the dues can be carried over to the year of 2007-2008.
- Executive Board decides to rescind the decision of Executive Board's Austin meeting relating to guarantee four women games due to unavailability of fields on Thursday.
- Request of 2006 softball council that NSAD is supposed to go to NEAAD delegate meeting to resolve regional issues. NEAAD was, however, not willing to cooperate with NSAD and did not invite NSAD to their meeting. The issues will be brought back to the Softball Council Meeting for further action.

**Deputy Commissioner Rood:**

- Regional membership revision suggested in Bylaws to be discussed in Softball Council meeting: PAD (Pittsburgh Association of the Deaf) will continue to be affiliated in CAAD; whereas, any other Pennsylvania teams are recognized as a part of ESAD. Any players resident in Pennsylvania can choose any team only in state of Pennsylvania to play for.

- We will send a letter of gratitude to MDO for the recognition of our Association as they included our Association in their program books.
- The motion made by last year Softball Council that NSAD officers can investigate players that hold more than one state driver licenses was not clear; therefore, the motion was considered null and void.

**Sport Information Director Ryan:**

- Report can be seen in the Press Box
- Statistics will be update in continuous timely manner and will be finalized within 24 hour of end of the NSAD tournament.

**Softball Tournament Director Rewolinski:**

- Profits from last year did not meet the expectations due to different prices in comparison with the year before in Reno.
- Dayton was chosen as the host due to its excellence in services.
- Surveys will be developed and handed out to the participants to review their priorities of interests and for the next preferred host for 2009.
- Directions to the softball field will be distributed on Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- We were fortunate to receive sponsorships from different sponsors.
- With sponsors, we are able to provide more prizes
- Umpires both deaf and hearing will undergo a Referee clinic on Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup> to ensure rules are adhered accordingly.
- Should any commissioners have questions about bylaws or anything related to Softball Tournery, please see NSAD Commissioner Mark Bella.
- Homerun Derby is under construction. Same goes for choosing a competition for Women.
- Bat inspection will occur tomorrow and those bats approved by the inspector will be marked, which will be required to remain marked through out the tournament.
- Denver 2008 contracts are now underway.

**Secretary Report:**

- Will use yellow and red for voting purpose during Softball Council meeting.

**Treasure Report:**

- CPA audited 2002-2005 which final report will be posted in due time.
- 2006 financial report will be posted in the Press Box.

**New Business:**

**Proposal #1**

For three (3) consecutive years, a regional has six (6) or less teams; NSAD shall no longer recognize the regional as an affiliated regional member. (PASSED BOD 2007)

**Proposal #2**

All umpires shall have an on-field clinic on a Thursday, operates by an appointed Umpire-In-Chief. (PASSED BOD 2007)

**Proposal #3**

In 2008, women teams are guaranteed four (4) games, starting with Round Robin games on a Thursday, preceding the NSAD Tournament. (NULL AND VOID)

**Proposal #4**

The Commissioner shall appoint a recording secretary. The recording secretary shall be compensated. The duty is as described under Section 2.3.1. (PASSED BOD 2007)

**Proposal #5**

The position of Secretary/Treasurer shall be Treasurer under Section 2.3. The Treasurer duties are as described under section 2.3.6, 2.3.7, 2.3.7.1, 2.3.8, 2.3.9, and 2.3.10. (PASSED BY BOD 2007)

**Proposal #6**

An appointed recording secretary shall be noted under the Standing Committee. (PASSED BOD 2007)

**Proposal #7**

The additional Deputy Commissioner duties are 2.3.2, 2.3.3, and 2.3.5 under the Section 2.3. (PASSED BOD 2007)

**Proposal #8**

The additional Softball Information Director duties are 2.2.4 and 2.3.4. (PASSED BOD 2007)

**Proposal # 9**

The Section 1.1. shall read, as the officers of NSAD shall be Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Treasurer, Softball Information Director and Tournament Director. (PASSED BOD 2007)

**Proposal #10**

The section 2.2.3 under The Deputy Commissioner duties shall be omitted. (PASSED BOD 2007)

**Proposal #11**

The word Softball for The Softball Tournament Director on Section 2.5 shall be omitted. (PASSED BOD 2007)

**Proposal #12**

NSAD appoints Nancy Ravindra as our acting Treasurer until the next NSAD officers election. (PASSED BOD 2007)

**Proposal #13**

NSAD approves SSAD's motion to have two (2) women CODA's on per team, which has been amended by CAAD to insert 'as a trial basis.' It was seconded and voted. It is now read as follows:

NSAD moved to have two (2) women CODA's on per team as a trial basis. (PASSED BOD 2007)

**Proposal #14**

The Flip/Flop rule for NSAD Tournament games begins as a trial basis starting 2008 NSAD Tournament. NWSAD suggests that we abolish the amendment but, however, is passed to be discussed further during the Softball Council meeting.

**Proposal #15**

The Steve Wnek Rule (courtesy runner) shall be taken in effect at 2007 NSAD Tournament. (PASSED BOD 2007)

**Proposal #16**

NSAD appoints Alex Simmons as our NSAD Webmaster and shall be compensated with a MAC Pro Book with an understanding that he shall commit to work for NSAD for five (5) years to develop and maintain NSAD website. (PASSED BOD 2007)

**Proposal #17**

NSAD shall purchase a new laptop to be used by the Softball Information Director. (PASSED BOD 2007)

### **Proposal #18**

NSAD shall discontinue the membership dues of \$5 (Individual Membership) and \$25 (Team Membership) to having the team to pay a flat rate of \$100 to obtain membership for each name that is listed on the team's roster. (PASSED BOD 2007)

### **Proposal #19**

NSAD shall appoint eight (8) new NSAD members on Law Committee (PASSED BOD 2007)

### **Proposal #20**

Number of players on per team shall be reduced from 20 players to 17 players on per team. (PASSED BOD 2007)

### **Proposal #21**

MAAD moved that NSAD suspends the section (Division 4 Section 3.1) in the Bylaws for 2008 NSAD tournament to enable MAAD to play in the nationals before their regional tournament with an understanding that the teams of MAAD must pay 100 dollars refundable bond along with 200 dollars tournament fee and the cash prizes from NSAD will be withheld until those teams of MAAD made their appearances at MAAD tournament.  
(PASSED BOD 2007)

### **Proposal #22**

NWSAD moved that all regional tournaments must provide an opportunity for the visiting NSAD officer to give a report during the regional softball delegate meeting; otherwise, failed to give the opportunity will result in denial of the regional team's voice and power during the Board of Director meeting at the nationals. (PASSED BOD 2007)

### **Announcement:**

- Softball Council meeting will start at 4pm at the Ballroom.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:03pm.**