

NSAD Commissioner Valentine Wojton called the Board of Directors meeting at 9:55 a.m. on the campus of Texas School for the Deaf on Saturday, March 27, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Those presented were:  
Tournament Director Vance Rewolinski  
Secretary-Treasurer Pat Kinast  
MAAD Commissioner Paige Thompson -Matzker  
ESAD Commissioner Frank Allnutt  
NWSAD Commissioner Saul Gevarter  
SWSAD Commissioner Brent Potter

Commissioner Wojton's report:

- 1) Thanked every one of us for making time to have this meeting happen
- 2) Thanked MAAD Commissioner Paige Thompson-Matzker for explaining that NSAD did notify all regions of Board of Directors meeting on March 1, 2010 (by email) as one region stated as not receive email.
- 3) Explained his decision to invoke Bylaws Article 3; Section 2.4
- 4) Appointed Paige Thompson-Matzker as the Interim Law Committee Chairperson
- 5) Reorganize ourselves
- 6) Rapport with the Board of Directors
- 7) Reduction on the number of officers at the NSAD level (Executive Branch)
- 8) 4 Regional Tournament Directors in 8 Regions
- 9) Softball Regions vs. Multi-sports Regions
- 10) The future Hall of Famer inductees (harder to induct female players as many of them are still playing)
- 11) Improve NSAD's website and Regional websites
- 12) Views on the Softball Associations (ASA, ISA, NSA, and USSSA)
- 13) Need to develop or devise new formula for the National Tournament sites
- 14) Coed teams
- 15) Kickball teams
- 16) CODA/SODA definitions be put in our Glossary

Secretary-Treasurer Kinast's report:

FINANCIAL REPORT:

PREVIOUS BALANCE: \$37,523.95

CHECKING ACCOUNT: \$16,839.96

SAVINGS ACCOUNT: \$15,025.97

PRESENT BALANCE as of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010: \$31,864.93

- 1) CPA
- 2) Will have 3 Auditors to check his book
- 3) Showed us the flowchart outlining the revenues/expenses of 2009
- 4) Will renew our insurance policy with MCM Insurance Company
- 5) SWSAD has already paid the 2010 Sanction Fee (\$250.00) and Membership Fee (\$50.00)
- 6) CAAD has paid the Membership Fee (\$50.00)
- 7) Texas Desperadoes Men Softball team's suspension has been lifted (They fulfilled their financial obligation)
- 8) Redo his memo to all Regionals
- 9) Purchased LCD and Paige will use it for the Law Committee meeting

Tournament Director Rewolinski's report:

- 1) Was tempted to raise the combo price for the fans but decided to stick with the old pricing
- 2) Showed us the NSAD's 2010 Portland flyer
- 3) Explained about the Hotels for Portland Red Lion Inn as the headquarter site

Umpires will stay at a different hotel

- 4) Plan to reserve one or more field(s) for the Coed Tournament
- 5) Expect the number of teams to decrease
- 6) Explained about the balls and still plan on giving to the regionals
- 7) Questioned and explained about the mats; asked each Regional Commissioner if they have their own mats and are they of the same size
- 8) Warned that the Sunday's Softball Council meeting will be very long due to many proposals
- 9) Billiards Tournament as a side event
- 10) Will keep the HR Derby
- 11) Strongly recommended that the Hall of Fame nominees be from the West Coast
- 12) Coaches meeting (cannot have Bracketology during that meeting due to our Bylaws - Bracketology must occur on Wednesday)
- 13) Shared with us that he went to USADSF Delegate Meeting in Maryland in February where he learned about insurance issue; shared with us an idea of contributing \$1 from each players/fans to help NSO/USADSF with insurance
- 14) 2011 NSAD site: POSSIBLE SITES are: San Antonio, TX; Houston, TX; Chattanooga, TN; and Maryland
- 15) Explained Kickball be an exhibition game like officers against a sponsor team
- 16) Displayed breakdown of 2009 Fort Lauderdale tournament revenues/expenses

We recessed at 12:25 pm for lunch.

The meeting was resumed at 2:33 pm

Commissioner Wojton asked each Regional Commissioner for their reports and concerns:

SWSAD Commissioner Potter's Concern:

- 1) Questioned the \$25 for 3 non-players because they already required 3 extra signatures to pay \$20.00 each.
- 2) Asked about the possibility of SSAD team(s) to participate in this year's SWSAD tournament

NWSAD Commissioner Gevarter's report:

- 1) NWSAD Website issue has been resolved

ESAD Commissioner Allnut's report:

- 1) Discussed with his ESAD officers for any concerns/inputs for the BOD meeting
- 2) Wants to change the "Free Agent Rule" back to the original (2-2-unlimited change back to 1-1-unlimited)
- 3) Having difficulties in finding fields for the Regional Tournament as most of them announce that this has to wait until January of that year and public parks do NOT permit admission fees
- 4) Shared his concern that non-softball people make decisions related to softball issues

MAAD Commissioner Thompson-Matzker's report:

- 1) Would like to see NSAD improve their bylaws; would like to see stability
- 2) Explained form/registration situation and reason why asked Pat to do a memo to send to all regionals with all explanation such as coda/soda, \$25 fee for non player, audiogram, etc.
- 3) Explained why confused about registration form being online while bylaws says should distribute to regionals (questioned if it was motioned in the past)
- 4) Would like the power to be back to softball community

The Board of Directors has made these following recommendations (recommendation as in further review and discussed again at NSAD in August 2010):

- 1) that we allow one hearing player instead of one coda/soda.
- 2) that we develop email using [BOD@nsad.org](mailto:BOD@nsad.org) for mass email to regional commissioners only

3) that the 2017 NSAD tournament site be at Clearwater for our 25<sup>th</sup> year birthday (NSAD's)  
4) that one coach don't have to pay \$25.00 and not be part of the pool of 20 signatures (The \$100.00 team fee covers up to 17 players and one coach).

5) that we research the possibility of sending NSAD Men All-Star team to Major tourney and leave options open for women and Coed.

6) that we reduce the number of NSAD Officers from 5 to either 3 or 4 (check 501(c) 3)  
A) Split the Secretary/Treasurer's position (the Recording Secretary be a volunteer position and the Commissioner will seek a person to be the Recording Secretary)  
B) Dissolve the position of Deputy Commissioner  
C) Softball Information Director be a nonessential position

We discussed the issue of having a softball region vs. multi-sports region and it was agreed to discuss in August due to other regions (CAAD, FAAD, NEAAD, SSAD) not being present.

We discussed about 4 regional tournament directors in 8 regions and there was no recommendation made.

We discussed about the softball associations (ASA, USSSA, ISA, and NSA) and it was recommended to leave as is.

We discussed about COED issue with concerns of safety and number of participants on teams.

Vance showed a sample website that NSAD and regionals should model off of - <http://www.teamusa.org>. We recommended Vance to get more information on this.

We discussed about hall of fame inductees where issue of many female players continue to play forever, how we resolve this issue.

We discussed the issue of selecting future national tournament sites;  
1 year in Florida; 1 year in Nevada; 1 year anywhere and same process over again.

NSAD will reimburse half of the regional travel expenses to those who attended this weekend BOD meeting.

Commissioner Wojton will attend MAAD Tournament.

Tournament Director Rewolinski will attend CAAD Tournament.

Secretary/Treasurer Kinast will attend FAAD Tournament.

We will study the expenses of sending one of the NSAD Officers to NEAAD Tournament.

Announcement - Schedule for 2010 NSAD Softball Tournament at Portland, Oregon  
Bracketology on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at 4 p.m.  
Executive Board meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 1 p.m.  
Coaches' Meeting on Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 4 p.m.  
Softball Council Meeting on Sunday, August 8 at 8:30 a.m.

Meetings be on time, please.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm

Respectfully submitted;

Patrick Kinast