

2007-08-09

Softball Council Meeting, at Marriott Hotel Salon A,B, & C in Dayton, Ohio.

Roll Call

Mark Bella, NSAD Commissioner
Dawn Rood, NSAD Deputy Commissioner
Kevin Ryan, NSAD Softball Information Director
Vance Rewolinski, Tournament Director
Patrick Rosenburg, Recording Secretary
Valentine Wojton, Parliamentarian
Ashley Couey, Texan Girlz
Kevin Sowards, Texas Desperados
David Gunsauls, American River
Kevin Bella, NWSAD
George Szpakowski, NEAAD
Thomas Orscher, Holyoke
Christine Erhard, Rochester Sapphires
R. Brent Potter, Jr., SWSAD
Richard Schuler, SWFAD
Robbie Zehner, SWFAD
Craig D. Brown, NC CAAD
Gregory Glenn, FWSAD Commissioner
Bonnie Schwebke, CAAD Commissioner
Denise Johnson, GMAD
Beth Hortie, ESAD
John Meehan, N.E. Patriottes
Seri Mize, SWSAD
Timothy Price- FWSAD
Brian Fruits, CCE
Scott Bradley, ME, MAAD
Julia Anderson, WSAD Women, CAAD
Butch Joseph, Columbus Oh., CAAD
Steve Williamson, Midwest, MAAD
Joseph Kolcun, D.C. Senators, ESAD
Charles (Cary) McKeller, Texas Toons, SWSAD
Wayne Morse, MAAD Commissioner
Tony Crosta, SFAD
Jeffrey Salit, MD Eagles
Darin Clauson, SSAD
John Perry, Southeast Fusion
Ron Rood, Rochester Men
Christina Costello, N.J. Bombers
Wally Joyner, ESAD Commissioner
Sean Kerins, NJ Devils

The meeting calls in order at 4:13p.m.

Moment of silence

Valentine Wojton appointed to be the Parliamentary, approved.

House rules:

1. Card intended for voting purposes- One color represents aye and the other represents nay.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (2006 Softball Council Meeting)

1. Want treasure report posted on the web prior to the meeting.
2. In the future need to have roll call included list of people who were at the meeting.

It is noted that 2006 Softball Council Meeting minutes approved.

Executive Board Report:

COMMISSIONER BELLA

- Apologize to CAAD and FWAD for denying their participation in Board of Director meeting on August 8th 2007 due to late payment according to the bylaws, but documents appear to be of paucity; therefore, reprimand has been taken aback.
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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ROOD

- Recognize Sheri for her contribution.
- Regional report of her visit to the ESSAD
- She will plan a visit SSAD
- She shares concerns about Law Committees as they weren't able to have a meeting because they did not meet the quorum.
- Don't stall at the front entrance, so please be sure to clear up the front entrance.
- Positive attitude is needed throughout the meeting as attitude is everything.

ACTING SECRETARY BELLA

- Thanking regional for their patience and prompted communication.
- Appointed a secretary for officer will be revised as seen in the motion; therefore, secretary duties will be inserted under Deputy Commissioner and Information Director. We have decided to appoint a recording secretary during the NSAD meeting.
- We are not able to find perfect candidate who are capable of handling Secretary/Treasure duties.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR REWOLINSKI

- Dayton, why we choose this to be the location of 2007 tournament.
- Denver- fields, 12 fields. Bigger fields. Same rate as 4 years ago... 79 dollars a night.
- MAAD schedule might conflict with the NSAD tournament.
- 2009 location will be based on survey handed out during the Tournament.
- 2010 Hawaii is still a possibility.
- We will use two different balls for the tournament.
- Directions to the field: S. Patterson Blvd. Straight through Downtown across the bridge then right on Helena St. U will see S. Bend.
- We will use six fields at Kettering Field Park.
- Team can bring their own water cooler.
- Umpires are both hearing and deaf together, mainstreaming ASA with NSAD. 17 referees in total will be present during the Tournament.
- Pool closes at 11pm.
- Thanks to sponsors for their wonderful support CSDTV, SPRINT, SORESON, IP RELAY, GO AMERICA, BIG FRANK'S, and HOVRS.
- BATS will be inspected. Using bat illegal = one out. We follow ASA regulations.
- We will have 16 inches no-glove demo game.

SPORT INFORMATION DIRECTOR RYAN

- Statistics will be taken care in timely manner will feed in database and the information will be accurate.
- Will give three line ups for now and more during the tournament.
- One hundred dollars objection fee either Cash or Money Order must be made prior to the game and protest may only be applicable if it is in violation of any Olympic rules. To protest against a judgment call is not applicable. If protest is recognized null and void, the NSAD will keep the 100 dollars.
- Survey can be viewed in the Pressbox along with the results on the website.

TREASURER REPORT BELLA

- 2006 budget report Acct. 1847. We closed the bank according to CPA's suggestion that we only use one account. IRS purposes and will cost us more if we have more than 1 account if have more than 10,000 dollars in different accounts. About 35,000 dollars.
- Current account 4186. We lost 2000 dollars in comparison with 2005. Due to last year cost of expense from last year NSAD Tournament in Ontario.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes from March 2007 in Austin Texas.

Minute will be posted on the net.

MINUTES OF Executive Board 2007 MEETING

- Noted NEAAD revised in Executive Board minutes.
- Noted that consequences are available for those who have more than one state licenses in Executive Board minutes.
- Noted omitted the membership dues for next year... NSAD apologizes for the fault on our part.
- Noted change NEAAD
- Executive Board meeting minutes stands corrected and approved.

SPECIAL ORDER

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.

Tabled to next year (the proposal will also be posted on the website for regional to develop goals).

Proposal #2:

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

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 described under Section 2.3.1. (PASSED)

Proposal # 5

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

Proposal # 6

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

Proposal #7

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

Proposal #8

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

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)

Proposal #10

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

Proposal #11

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

Proposal #12

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

Proposal #13

NSAD approves SSAD's motion to have two (2) women CODA's on per team. (PASSED)

Proposal #14

The Flip/Flop rule for NSAD Tournament games begins as a trail basis starting this year to year of 2008. (PASSED)

Proposal # 15

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

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)

Proposal #17

NSAD shall purchase a new laptop to be used by the Softball Information Director.

Proposal #18

NSAD shall remove 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)

Proposal # 19

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

Proposal #20

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

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)

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)

Proposal #23

Central: Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pittsburgh Association of the Deaf.

Eastern: New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania (except for Pittsburgh Association of the Deaf) Maryland, and District of Columbia. (PASSED)

Proposal #24

The 're-entry rules shall limit 3 players per game (one time re-entry and the sub will not be bale to re-entry starting this Tournament. (PASSED)

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #1

I, ESAD, move that 6 counties of North Virginia move to ESAD. (Counties included Loudoun County, Fairfax County, Prince William County, Stafford County, Spotsylvnna County, and Fauquier County).

REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE

Motion #2

I, SWFAD, move to add 1 CODA/SODA per team.

FAILED

Motion #3

I, SSAD, move that NSAD Softball Tournament follow all USSA rules (bats, balls, equipment, etc.) for future tournaments.

PASSED

5 minutes recess

Meeting resumes at 7:24 pm

Motion #4

I, FWSAD, move that NSAD allows resigned team use NSAD's 501 (6)(3) an misuse will result in serious suspension and fine as 2 times 1 year and fined 1,000 dollars plus penalty fees.

seconded by CAAD.

REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE

Motion #5

I, FWSAD, move that NSAD to honor regional organization's suspended list who misused regional organization's property.

Seconded by CAAD

FAILED

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Bat inspection will occur from 7:30am to 10am. Untested bats will be prohibited.

Motion #6

I, FWSAD, move that NSAD remove five years probation on CAAD.

Seconded by CAAD

FAILED

Motion #7

I, Rochester Men Team, move that we enforce all regional to follow NSAD Bylaws and Game guidelines.

CAAD amends to substitute the word from guideline to rules.

REFERRED TO REGIONAL

Motion #8

I, CAAD, move that NSAD to post all regional list of every player's age, city and state, in NSAD Website before all Regional Tournament.

Seconded by SWSAD

REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE

Motion #9

I, GMAD, move that NSAD remove and rescind the CAAD 5 years probation and the \$500 fine from violated NSAD Bylaws.

Seconded by MAAD

FAILED

Motion #10

I, WSAD, move that NSAD officers double check the 2007 registration forms together to make sure the team is following the guideline. PASSED

Seconded by CAAD

PASSED

Motion #11

I, American River, move that team is allowed to pick up player(s) from other team that is not going to NSAD. 12 players- up to 2 players still apply.

Seconded by SWSAD

REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE

Motion #12

I, FWSAD, move that bylaws need to be clarified between regional and NSAD's Bylaws.

OUT OF ORDER

Motion #13

I, SWSAD, move that NSAD to have a day care for the players during the tournament.

Seconded by CAAD

REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE

Motion #14

I, CAAD, move that NSAD to recognize COED.

Seconded by CCE

FAILED

Motion #15

I, ESAD, move to allow the following VA counties to become free counties with an understanding that those who resides in said counties is allowed to participate either ESAD OR SSAD, counties are as follows: Loudon, Fairfax, Arlington, Prince Williams, Farien, Stafford, and Spotsyvana.

Seconded by SFAD

REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE

Motion #16

I, SSAD, move to guarantee a 4 game minimum for men and women teams at NSAD using Pool Play and Double Elimination format.

Seconded by SWFAD

REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE

Motion #17

I, Denver SAC, move that the NSAD start exploring options of having our tournaments run by USSSA, thus creating “Deaf Worlds” Tournament.

Seconded by SWSAD

PASSED

Motion #18

I, American River) move that pitcher has up to five seconds to make the next pitch.

WITHDRAWN

Motion #19

I, Rochester Men Team, move that exhibition games (2) be played on Thursday, which is optional and at their own expense if the field is available.

Seconded by Southeast Fusion

REFERRED TO LAW COMMITTEE

Motion #20

I, CAAD, move to rescind SB 01-06.

Seconded by CEE

FAILED

Motion #21

I, ESAD, move to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by MD Eagles.

FAILED

Motion #22

I, MAAD, move to remove 500 dollars fine from the penalty on CAAD.

Seconded by MAAD

FAILED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:39pm.