



Southwest Softball Association of the Deaf, Inc.

General Business Meeting Minutes July 9, 2015

Dallas Association of the Deaf – Clubhouse

The SWSAD general business meeting was called to order by Commissioner, Thelma Covello at 2:05 p.m. on July 9, 2015.

Roll Call:

Executive Committee: Commissioner, Thelma Covello, Deputy Commissioner, Chad Savoy, Secretary–Treasurer, Robert Brannan, Information Director, Lanny Pickering and Interim Tournament Director, Dustin Cutrer

Auditor Committees: Dustin Cutrer (3 years), Billy Koch (2 years) and Cindy Robillard (1 year) - Absent

Team Representatives: Jose Amador – ATX Bombers (W), Jacob Leher – Austin Shock (M), Mauro Alanis – Dallas Indians (M), Rene Ibarra – El Paso Mafia (Co–Ed), Raymond Serrano, Jr. – El Paso X-Force (M), Matt West – Houston Xtremes (M), Brannon Brown – I’d Hit That (Co–Ed), Dustin Cutrer – Louisiana Cajuns (Co–Ed), Billy Koch – Louisiana Cajuns (M), Victoria Massie – Louisiana Lady Cajuns (W), Jimmy Mitchell – Oklahoma Outlaws (M), John Shriver – Pensacola Angels (Co–Ed), Calvin Anderson – Screwballs (Co–Ed), Jesse J. Bailey – SMTX (M), Chad Bishop – Super Heros In Training (Co–Ed), David Gunsauls - Tejas Fire (Co–Ed), Amanda Richards – Tejas Warriors (M), Brian Hensley – Tejas Warriors (Co–Ed), Cy Young – Texas Bullseye (Co–Ed), Kevin Sowards – Texas Stampede (M) and Andy Will – Tigers Ladies (W)

Delegate-at-Large: Allan F. Bubeck, Jr., Raymond Massie, Pamela Brannan and Chris Reagle

General Chairperson: Jesse Carrizales

Tardy Meeting – Fine \$10.00:

1. Calvin Anderson – Screwballs
2. Cy Young – Texas Bullseye
3. Jacob Lehr – Austin Shock

SWSAD General Meeting Minutes:

Billy Koch (Jesse J. Bailey) moved to accept the SWSAD general meeting minutes at Lafayette, LA as it read, except the new business **SWSAD: 14–02** shall be referred to Law Committee. **PASSED!**

Financial Report: Robert Brannan

Dustin Cutrer (Raymond Massie) moved to accept the SWSAD financial report from July 2014 thru June 2015 as it read. **PASSED!**

Commissioner Report: Thelma Covello

- **PLEASE DON'T USE CELL PHONE DURING MEETING OR LEAVE MEETING TO READ YOUR TEXT. WANT OUR MEETING TO BE SHORT AND SWEET!**
- Website - Need to Facelift the looks
- Contacted Secretary of State about our updates
 - Needs to change the name on the registered agent.
 - Billy Koch will be glad to be our registered agent.
- Congratulations to Jesse Carrizales and his committees to do their jobs.
- Chadwick Savoy did a great job on SWSAD by-laws proposals and SWSAD Vlog
- Dustin Cutrer did a great job by doing brackets set up.
- Robert Brannan keeps up on team registrations, roster, and team insurance.
- Lanny Pickering keeps up the points and records for Hall of Fame. We need more people from 1970-1990 if you knew anyone and please contact SWSAD Boards
- NSAD reports
- It was out of order and waived the article - Unaffiliated until 2015.
- New officers' election
- Change uniform rules
- Free agents
- Minutes on website that you can read it.
- 6 regionals showed up except CAAD and MAAD.
- We had several meeting on Zoom Videophone to save our transportation and lodging costs. **SUCCESSFULLY!!**
 - ZOOM is free to use.
- SWSAD hosts 2017 in Texas City tentative. It is my suggestion.
- I wanted to thank DAD (Dallas Association of the Deaf, Inc) for T-shirts and MVP awards.

Deputy Commissioner Report: Chad Savoy

- Welcome 22 teams to participate SWSAD tournament this week-end
- 10 Men, 3 Women and 9 Co-Ed
- Want to say to the host of Dallas Association of the Deaf for their good job and working well with SWSAD Board. Give them a BIG clap!
- Want to say Thanks to Dustin Cutrer for his wonderful working on tournament schedules and brackets for this tournament
- Want to Thanks to Chad Bishop for feedback on game/bracket schedules to make everyone enjoyed and satisfied.
- Looking forward for 2016 SWSAD tournament in Lafayette, LA and the host committee has been working with Deputy Commissioner to make sure everything arrangement for you in 2016.

Secretary-Treasurer Report: Robert Brannan

- This will be my 10th year as Secretary-Treasurer (2006-2015)
- I have sent e-mail to three (3) auditors at every 3 months and it is much better and easier for auditors and me.
- I reported IRS via e-file (electronic file) for year of 2013 and received e-mail from IRS that report was approval by e-file report.
- SWSAD paid \$108.00 on Accident/Liability for 21 teams during SWSAD tournament on July 11-12, 2015.

Information Director Report: Lanny Pickering

- Five Hall of Fame Inductees: David Howell, Mark Phillips, LuAnn Burkhalter-Mills, Bobbie Beth Bridges-Scoggins, Jesse Carrizales
- Awards will be at softball field or Dallas Association of the Deaf
- Need scorekeeper, see Lanny and SWSAD will pay \$8.00 per game and Official Batting Order please full name, position and number all the times
- I am serving the Information Director since 1999-2001 for SWAAD and 2002-2015 for SWSAD. I am enjoying the working team as different officers

Tournament Director Report: Dustin Cutrer (Interim)

- No Report at this time

2015 Chairperson Report: Jesse Carrizales – Dallas, TX

- Concession will be sold at the park
- There will be water cooler available at the dugout. The maintenance person will keep up checking and fill up the water cooler
- No cooler and or ice chest are allowed to bring in the park
- DAD clubhouse will be open today thru Saturday night
- Admission for all 3 days at \$3.00

2016 Chairperson Report: Dustin Cutrer – Lafayette, LA

- Hotel headquarter was not announced until after this meeting
- Field set up looks wonderful and maintaining contact with Youngsville Sports Complex
- Fences 280’ and 8’ High
- Infield turf and outfield grass on 5 fields in a star
- Will post you tube video of SWSAD 2016 about Youngsville Sports Complex, HQ hotel and LAAD clubhouse
- Social media will be the primary method of keeping up with news for SWSAD 2016
- SWSAD 2016 has a new e-mail – swsad2016@gmail.com

Unfinished Business: None

SWSAD Constitution, By-Laws & Softball Rules/Regulations Proposals:

Amendment & Revised – **BOLD** Delete – UNDERLINE

CONSTITUTION:

Proposal #1 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: David Gunsauls

Article Two – Objectives

2.1.4 To maintain affiliation with the National Softball Association of the Deaf (NSAD) in order to participate in its national tournament and world deaf softball competitions.

X Passed _____ Failed _____ Referred to Law Committee

- Robert Brannan (Raymond Massie) amended to add the missing United States America Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF).

X Passed _____ Failed _____ Referred to Law Committee

BY-LAWS:

Proposal #2 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: Chris Reagle

Article Four – Financial Policy

4.4.3 The tournament shall provide the total number(s) of fan and player registrations for the teams that who attends the NSAD SWSAD tournament.

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

Proposal #3 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: Thelma Covello

Article Four – Financial Policy

4.4.3 The tournament shall provide the total number(s) of fan and player registrations for the teams that who attends the NSAD SWSAD tournament. The cash prize breakdown for men and women are 1st Place: 70% and 2nd Place: 30%. **The cash prizes breakdowns for men and women are 1st place: 40%, 2nd place: 30%, 3rd place: 20% and 4th place: 10%.**

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

- Chris Reagle (Billy Koch) amended to replace all the words “NSAD” to “SWSAD”

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

ALL-TOURNAMENT BALLOT SYSTEM:

Proposal #4 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: Thelma Covello

Article One – Method

1.1 METHOD

1.1.1 The Deputy Commissioner and Information Director SWSAD Officers shall be co-chairpersons of all tournament balloting. They shall work with SWSAD Commissioner Officers.

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

- Chris Reagle (Raymond Massie) amended to add “Statistics Helper”.

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

- Billy Koch (Calvin Anderson) amended to add “delegate at large”

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

BY-LAWS:

Proposal #5 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: Raymond Massie

Article Two – Officers and Management

2.8 Duties of the Executive Committee

6) Deputy Commissioner and Information Director cannot play and/or coach/manager or as a team statistician during the tournament. (2013)

7) **Deputy Commissioner can't play as player but, allowed be coach/manager when person on field. We will have assistant from our officer. If problem or something. Deputy Commissioner must leave from field to follow the tournament.**

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

- Chadwick Savoy (Jacob Lehr) amended to add word "Tournament Director" on #6 with underline and add word "**Tournament Director**" on #7 with bold.

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

Proposal #6 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: Dead – No Seconded!

Article Two – Officers and Management

2.3 Duties of Commissioner

2.3.4 Shall distribute meeting minutes and/or reports to all team representatives and Executive Committee ASAP upon receipt of the NSAD reports. **Shall post in the SWSAD web site with the updates.**

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

Proposal #7 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: Billy Koch

Article Two – Officers and Management

2.3 Duties of Secretary–Treasurer

2.5.6 Shall be paid an honorarium two hundred dollars (\$200.00) annually at the end of the month of September include post the general meeting. **Fail to do so, shall not receive any honorarium money.**

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

Proposal #8 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: Chris Reagle

Article Two – Officers and Management

2.4 Duties of Deputy Commissioner

2.4.2 Shall also serve as Chairperson of the Law Committee and shall be responsive **responsive** for keeping up to date of the Constitution, By-laws, Softball Rules–Regulations, All–Tournament Ballot System and Hall of Fame Policies.

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

Proposal #9 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: Chris Reagle

Article Four – Financial Policy

4.4 SWSAD Tournament Monetary Awards (2013)

4.4.1 The team champion entering the NSAD national tournament shall receive financial assistance from SWSAD registration fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) collected at the tournament.

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

Proposal #10 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: Jimmy Mitchell

Article Five – Eligibility

5.1 Eligibility

5.1.1 A new player, who is deaf or hard of hearing shall be require4d **required** to submit a certified audiogram showing a fifty–five (55) db or greater loss to the Secretary–Treasurer and is attached to the registration form.

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

Proposal #11 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: Chris Reagle

Article Eight – Minutes and Reports

8.1 Minutes and Reports

8.1.2 The meeting minutes and reports shall be inserted in the web site within 45 days. **at the end of September.**

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

Proposal #12 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: Dead – No Seconded!

I want proposal two things need to add soda or coda on the roster I know it limit one but want add limit two soda and soda or coda and coda or soda and coda either. Other proposal need add one eh on the roster if team have few players on bench allow have more eh to use play not bench that mean I want two EH on roster.

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

Proposal #13 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: Pamela Brannan

Article Four – Financial Policy

4.8 **NSAD SWSAD** Liability and Medical Insurance

The SWSAD shall **purchase liability & medical insurance coverage** issue a check of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) payable to NSAD Treasurer for the liability insurance coverage for the SWSAD regional tournament.

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

Proposal #14 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: Pamela Brannan

Article Two – Officers and Management

2.3 Duties of Commissioner

2.3.8 The office of Commissioner shall be limited to three (3) successive terms.

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

Proposal #15 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: David Gunsauls

Article Five – Eligibility

5.1 Eligibility

5.1.3 The player shall be a member of the NSAD that is entering its team in the SWSAD tournament.

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

Proposal #16 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: Raymond Massie

Article Five – Eligibility

5.1 Eligibility

5.1.5 When the player has met all of the above eligibility rules, shall register, sign name and enter the date signed on the official NSAD SWSAD registration form used by the team.

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

Proposal #17 – Amend/Delete – Seconded by: David Gunsauls

Article Two – Officers and Management

2.4 Duties of Deputy Commissioner

13) Drawing of Team Parings

Passed Failed Referred to Law Committee

Appeal – Fine – Protest: None

New Business:

SWSAD 15–01: Billy Koch (Chad Bishop) motion that Executive Board appoint interim Tournament Director for the 2015 tournament. **PASSED!**

SWSAD 15–02: Jesse Carrizales (Kevin Sowards) motion that SWSAD will provide host by collect \$5.00 from players to defray their host expenses. **PASSED!**

SWSAD 15–03: Jesse J. Bailey (Calvin Anderson) motion to change from 2 – 5 team pools to 3 – 3 team pools for men only on Friday and Saturday. **PASSED as main motion!**

- Billy Koch (Raymond Massie) amend that vote on this motion shall be apply to Men team coaches only. **PASSED as amendment!**

SWSAD 15–04: Lanny E. Pickering (Dustin Cutrer) motion that whoever works with Information Director, shall be paid at \$30.00 a day – effective this tournament. **PASSED as main motion!**

- Jesse J. Bailey (Billy Koch) amend that the person shall be called assist to the Information Director. **PASSED as amendment!**

SWSAD 15–05: Billy Koch (Jesse J. Bailey) motion that to hold “Special Election” since election was not held last year 2014 as indicated and term will be for one (1) year with election resume at next year as scheduled. **PASSED as main motion!**

- Jimmy Mitchell (Raymond Massie) amend that _____
_____. **PASSED as amendment!**

SWSAD 15–06: David W. Gunsauls (Chad Savoy) motion that SWSAD shall use the rating system that he create and development. **FAILED!**

SWSAD 15–07: David W. Gunsauls (Chad Savoy) motion to send all men teams to World Champion Tournament after SWSAD tournament. **Withdraw motion!**

SWSAD 15–08: Raymond Massie (Robert Brannan) motion to allow women to join and play on men’s team roster. **PASSED as main motion!**

- Jacob Lehr (Pamela Brannan) amend that the SWSAD Executive Board shall review the woman player to see if eligible to participate in men division tournament. **FAILED as 1st amendment!**
- Jimmy Mitchell (Chad Bishop) amend that any women from other states on men team shall be count as Free Agent. **FAILED as 2nd amendment!**

SWSAD 15–09: Chad Bishop (Jimmy Mitchell) motion that SWSAD shall be allow to replace Chad Savoy’s spot on Men and/or Co–Ed team. **Withdraw motion!**

Raymond Massie (Chris Reagle) motion to close the new business. **PASSED!**

Bid for Future Tournament Sites:

- 2017 – West Region: Oklahoma & Texas – (MEN’S 50th ANNIVERSARY)
 1. SWSAD will host and site TBA
- 2018 – East Region: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi & Memphis, Tennessee
 1. Greater New Orleans Association of the Deaf
 - ✓ Letter from President of GNOAD with check of \$400.00
 - ✓ Letter from headquarter hotel – Wyndham Garden
 - ✓ Reservation form from Dept. of Parks & Rec. – LaSalle Park (Softball field)

Pamela Brannan (Rene Ibarra) motion to accept that GNOAD to be host SWSAD in 2018 by accl. **PASSED!**

Election for 2015 – 2016 Officers and Special Committee:

- **COMMISSIONER:**

- ✓ Billy Koch – Nominated by Jimmy Mitchell
- ✓ Chadwick Savoy – Nominated by Raymond Massie
- ✓ The vote and winner goes to Billy Koch as Commissioner.

- **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:**

- ✓ Paige Thompson – Nominated by Billy Koch
- ✓ Thelma Covello – Nominated by Jimmy Mitchell
- ✓ Chris Reagle – Nominated by Pamela Brannan
- ✓ Chadwick Savoy – Nominated by Raymond Massie
- ✓ The vote and winner goes to Paige Thompson as Deputy Commissioner.

- **SECRETARY–TREASURER:**

- ✓ Chad Bishop – Nominated by Chadwick Savoy
- ✓ Jesse J. Bailey (Raymond Massie) motion to close with vote by Accl. **PASSED!**

- **INFORMATION DIRECTOR**

- ✓ Chadwick Savoy – Nominated by Raymond Massie
- ✓ Lanny E. Pickering – Nominated by Chad Bishop
- ✓ The vote and winner goes to Chadwick Savoy as Information Director.

- **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

- ✓ Dustin Cutrer – Nominated by Billy Koch
- ✓ Billy Koch (Jose Amador) motion to close with vote by Accl. **PASSED!**

- **AUDITOR – 3 Years:**

- ✓ Robert Brannan – Nominated by Billy Koch
- ✓ Raymond Massie – Nominated by Victoria Massie
- ✓ The vote and winner goes to Raymond Massie as Auditor.

- **AUDITOR – 2 Years:**

- ✓ Robert Brannan – Nominated by Dustin Cutrer
- ✓ Cindy Robillard – Nominated by Thelma Covello
- ✓ Jimmy Mitchell – Nominated by Billy Koch
- ✓ The vote and winner goes to Jimmy Mitchell as Auditor.

- **AUDITOR – 1 Year:**

- ✓ Terrell Brittain – Nominated by Billy Koch
- ✓ Cindy Robillard – Nominated by Thelma Covello
- ✓ The vote and winner goes to Terrell Brittain as Auditor.

Drawing of Team Pairings:

- Women Division: The women will play Round Robin games to be determined the seeding on double elimination bracket for Saturday tournament.
- Men Division: The men will play Round Robin. There are 3 team each 3 pools on Friday to be determined the seeding on double elimination bracket for Friday (1st Round on Winner & Loser bracket) and Saturday tournament.

Pool – A

#1 – Louisiana Cajuns
#2 – Tejas Warriors
#3 – Texas Stampede

Pool – B

#1 – Dallas Indians
#2 – El Paso X-Force
#3 – Austin Shock

Pool – C

#1 – SMTX
#2 – Houston Xtremes
#3 – Oklahoma Outlaws

Announcements: None

Billy Koch (Jesse Bailey) motion to adjourn the SWSAD General Business meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Robert Brannan, SWSAD Secretary-Treasurer