

Southwest Softball Association of the Deaf, Inc.
Softball Business Meeting
Houston, Texas
Thursday, July 10, 2003

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Commissioner Patty Henderson.

Roll Call

Officers:

Commissioner Patty Henderson, Deputy Commissioner Thelma Covella, Secretary-Treasurer Robert Stevens, Information Director Lanny Pickering.

Team Delegates:

Todd Litchford, Little Rock Association of Deaf; Darcy Lazauskas, Houston, Texas; Billy Koch, Jr, Houston, Texas; Tony Costa, Austin Deaf Softball Club; Charles Cooper, Tulsa Association of the Deaf; Ricky Hernandez, Texas Deaf Softball Club; Debra Scott, Little Rock Silent; Rowdy Meche, Jackson Association of the Deaf; Lori Rojas, Mississippi Coastal Association of the Deaf; Raul Gonzales, Alamo; Pammy Singleton, Dallas Extremes; Sheri Mize, Austin.

Officers' Report:

Commissioner's Report:

- Report on NSAD 2003 trip to Chicago
- Select Robert Stevens to be Interim Secretary-Treasurer
- Received complains about USADSF.
- Working on 501c3 and in process with Internal Revenue Service. No 501c3 at this event.
- Report on players' complains on player fee.
- New SWSAD By-laws is now unofficial. Need to work on it to be clarify.
- Will send 4 champions to Sheri Mize before NSAD 2003.

Deputy Commissioner's Report:

- Announced the By-Law committee. They are Max Rae and Pauline Woods
- Report on hotel and field inspection in Houston.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report:

- Gave financial report from October 2002 to Present.
- Will pass out financial report to each officers and team representatives.
- 501c3 is still on process.
- Received 11 men and 4 women registration to play at SWSAD 2003.
- Audio logy reports on some players were clarified.

Sheri Mize accepted as it read. Rowdy Meche seconded. No opposition.

Information Director's Report:

- Report on Hall of Fame Inductees-Wayne Carter, Rick Boutte, and Rita Reneau Wayne Carter and Rick Boutte responded and will be present to receive the Awards. Rita Reneau did not respond.
- Will mail statistics only to the coaches and request for their addresses.
- Report the need for scorekeepers at the games.
- Emphasize that managers must be accurate in filling out the official batting order form.

NACH Chairperson's Report:

- Report three (3) fields will be use for this event.
- T-shirts will be given to team champion, 2nd place team champion, and 1st and 2nd place All Tourney teams.
- Two deaf umpires and 9 hearing umpires.
- Refreshments onsite
- Security on premise
- Any concerns or issues, contact Billy Koch, Jr, Thomas Koch, Cynthia Stevens and Georgia Roberts
- BYOB-Respect nature (pick up after yourself, don't litter)
- Deers on premise

Lori Rojas-Mississippi Coastal Association of the Deaf Chairperson

- SWSAD 2004—July 1-3, 2004
- Held in Bixli, Mississippi
- Hotel--\$77.00 a night with 7% tax
- \$30.00 combo this weekend/\$40.00 at the door

SWSAD By-Law Proposals:

Deputy Commissioner Thelma Covello leads the proposals.

Proposal #1—Add a new subsection under the Duties of Secretary/Treasurer.

New Article—2.4.10-Shall be paid an honorarium sum of \$200.00 annually at the end of the month of September. Sheri Mize accepted. Lori Rojas seconded. Amended as effective immediately. Sheri Mize proposed to tend it next year. **HOLD**

Proposal #2—Add a new section:

2.7- Duties of Tournament Director

2.7.1- Shall be responsible for running the tournament during the annual SWSAD softball tournament.

2.7.2- Shall make an arrangement to select competent scorekeepers for all games.

2.7.3- Shall make arrangements to inspect the official softball field, hotel and facilities.

PASSED

Proposal #3—New Proposal

Old Article—4.1.2 The club renewals shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year with the deadline of January 1st. Failure to remit renewal dues shall result in a twenty dollars (\$20.00) fine payable to SWSAD,.

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Scott Roberts accepted. Rowdy Meche seconded.
PASSED

Proposal #4—New Proposal

Old Article—4.2.1 Transportation expenses for the SWSAD Executive Committee to the Tournament City, equivalent to a round trip supersaver fare minimum one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and/or plus ground transportation (between headquarters hotel and airport) shall be paid out the host club on a one hundred percent (100%) basis, plus allowance of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day for meals shall be paid out of SWSAD treasury.

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Rowdy Meche accepted. Glen Cooper seconded. **PASSED**

Proposal #5—New Proposal

Old Article 4.3.1 The host club shall remit to the SWSAD a registration fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) plus NSAD registration fee/surcharge, if any for each person attending any event. The SWSAD Secretary/Treasurer shall be provided with registration forms at the end of the tournament. Willful failure on the part of the host to comply with this section shall result in action by the SWSAD Executive Committee.

New Article 4.3.1 The host club shall remit to the SWSAD a registration fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) plus NSAD registration fee/surcharge, if any for each spectator excluding players attending any event. The SWSAD Secretary/Treasurer shall be provided with registration forms at the end of the tournament. Willful failure on the part of the host to comply with this section shall result in action by the SWSAD Executive Committee.

Scott Robert accepted. Lori Rojas seconded. **PASSED**

Proposal #6—New Proposal

Old Article 4.9 The SWSAD financial fiscal policy shall be held once a year from January 1st to December 31st. The budget proposal shall be referred to Budget Committee for an approval. The budget policy shall be reported at the annual SWSAD softball tournament.

Underlined to be deleted.

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Todd accepted. Patty Henderson seconded. **PASSED**

Proposal #7—New Proposal

Old Article 5.1.9 All SWSAD member club may report to SWSAD Secretary/Treasurer to add or delete names of player(s) on the suspension list within sixty (60) days after each regional softball tournament between time to time periods.

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5.1.9(b) Any SWSAD member club who report to SWSAD Secretary/Treasurer to add or delete names of player(s) on the suspension list must provide the documents/evidence/written requests that the player being suspended owes one hundred dollars or more (\$100.00+); in turn when the SWSAD Secretary/Treasurer finds all in order and shall send them off to the NSAD Executive Board for their final decision.

5.1.9© Once suspended, the player(s) may be reinstated upon the payment of the debt in full to the former club, and or team provided that the copy of the receipt(s) are furnished to the SWSAD Secretary/Treasurer.

Rowdy Meche accepted. Lori Rojas seconded. **PASSED**

Proposal #8—New Proposal

Old Article 2.2 The tournament host chairperson shall decide on nominal pricing of the tournament events; however, the price of the combo ticket to all events and including registration shall be approved in advance at the SWSAD Executive Committee meeting at the softball tournament host meeting held the previous year.

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Scott Roberts accepted. Lori Rojas accepted. **PASSED**

Proposal #9—New Proposal

Old Article 2.9 The SWSAD host Chairperson shall make a final complete report of preparation for said tournament to the SWSAD Commissioner within two (2) weeks prior to the tournament.

Delete the section.

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Proposal #10—New Proposal

Old Article 2.17 The illustrations of types of bracketing for the softball tournaments as prescribed in the softball rules are provided by SWSAD Commissioner.

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Tony Crosta accepted. Sheri Mize seconded. **PASSED**

Proposal #11—New Proposal

Old Article 3.1 The host of the annual softball tournament to be held that year shall be a bona-fide club of the deaf in the Southwest and shall have paid all dues and fees, if any to the SWSAD/NSAD. The club shall be bona-fide for at least two (2) years and be a member of SWSAD/NSAD.

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Referred back to Law Committee

Proposal #12—New Proposal

Old Article 3.2 Only authorized managers are allowed to bid on behalf of interested clubs to host next tournament two (2) years hence. To make valid bids, they must be presented to the managers' meeting.

New Article 3.2 Only authorized managers are allowed to bid on behalf of interested clubs to host next tournament three (3) years hence.

Sheri Mize accepted. Scott Roberts seconded.

Referred back to Law Committee.

Proposal #13—New Proposal

Old Article 3.2.4 The bidding shall be done alternately on an East-West basis. The East comprises the clubs located in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and environs of Memphis, Tennessee. The West comprises the clubs located in Oklahoma and Texas. The eligible group is the one (1) in which SWSAD softball tournament is scheduled for other group. For example: SWSAD softball tournament is to be held in the West group and the East group is eligible to bid for softball tournament that year. The bidding may be done two (2) years in advance.

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Proposal #14—New Proposal

Old Article 3.5 The SWSAD Deputy Commissioner shall investigate the site of the official softball fields' complex, the hotel, and the facilities selected by the tournament host well in advance of the tournament and report same to the SWSAD Executive Committee for its decision/approval. Shall be reimbursed for transportation and lodging, if any, by the tournament host.

New Article 3.5 The Tournament Director shall investigate the site of the official softball fields' complex, the hotel, and the facilities selected by the tournament host well in advance of the tournament. Shall be reimbursed for transportation and lodging, if any by the tournament host.

Scott Roberts accepted. Lori Rojas seconded.
Amended to 30-45 days advance.

Referred back to Law Committee

Proposal #15—New Proposal

Old Article 3-Tabulation after the Tournament. Old Article—change the whole sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.

Change to Article 2-Tabulation after the tournament to awards based on statisticians.

Change from 3.1 to 2.1

2.2 Based on the statistics, ten (10) first (1st) team players who have the highest batting average with 12 or more at bat; shall go the first (1st) to third (3rd) team places.

2.3 Based on the statistics, ten (10) second (2nd) team players who have the highest batting average with 12 or more/less at bat in the descending order; shall go to all the teams.

2.4 The Most Valuable Player (MVP) shall not receive any All Tournament player award.

Referred to Law Committee

New Business

Proposal #1- Moved by Scott Robert; Lanny Pickering seconded.

Propose to make Tournament Director as part of SWSAD Executive Committee.

Sheri Mize closed with vote. Scott Roberts seconded. **PASSED**

Proposal #2- Moved by Lori Rojas; Tony Crosta seconded.

All participating teams shall reserve and pay for at least three (3) rooms for a minimum of one (1) night during SWSAD tournament.

Sheri Mize closed with vote. Rowdy Meche seconded. **PASSED**

Proposal #3- Moved by Scott Roberts; Rowdy Meche seconded.

SWSAD officers will be allowed to coach or play in SWSAD tournament.

Lanny Pickering closed with vote. Rowdy Meche seconded. **PASSED**

Amended by Scott Roberts; Tony Crosta seconded.

Tournament Director shall not be allowed to coach or play in tournament.

Rowdy Meche closed to vote. Scott Roberts seconded. **PASSED**

Proposal #4—Moved by Lori Rojas; Scott Roberts seconded.

If SWSAD officer(s) coach or play in tournament, host should not pay for SWSAD officers.

Sheri Mize closed to vote. Tony Crosta seconded. **FAILED**

Drawing of Teams

Men--

Division A: Austin, Little Rock, San Antonio Alamo

Division B: NACH Dammitman; Jackson; Tulsa

Division C: San Antonio Diamondback; Houston Panthers; MCAD

Women—

Little Rock; Austin; Dallas; Houston

Biddings

Rick Hernadenz bid for San Antonio for 2005. SWSAD Executive Committee will meet with Rick in meeting.

Rowdy Meche bid for Jackson, Mississippi for 2006.

Both are to provide letter with reserved fields and hotel with club letterhead to SWSAD officers within 60 days.

Commissioner's Finding

Commissioner Patty Henderson asked the members if they wish NSAD to affricated from USADF. All responded yes.

Announcements

JAD changed to JCCD.

NSAD will be held in Clearwater, Florida.

Billy Koch, Jr moved by 3 limited balls. Seconded by Lori Rojas. **Failed.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm.

Respectfully,



Robert F. Stevens
Secretary/Treasurer