



Southwest Softball Association of the Deaf, Inc.

Special General Business Meeting Minutes July 16, 2009

Ardmore Convention Center – Exhibit Hall - E

The SWSAD general business meeting was called to order by Commissioner, Roger B. Potter, Jr. at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2009.

Roll Call:

Executive Committee: Roger B. Potter, Jr., Commissioner, Chas Haney, Sr., Deputy Commissioner, Robert Brannan, Secretary-Treasurer and Lanny Pickering, Information Director.

Team Representatives: Charles McKeller – Austin Toons, David Jenkins – Dallas Indians, Kermit Calvin, Sr. – Houston Thunderz, Billy Koch – Houston Xtremes, Angela Campion – Keep Texas Weird, Chad Savoy – Lafayette Cajuns, Fallon Frederick – Lafayette Lady Cajuns, Jessica Trotter – Little Rock Lady Silents, Al Jordan – Little Rock Silents, Bonnie Stark – Oklahoma Playing Mad Softball, Julio Gil – Pleasant Grove Spartans, Chris Reagle – Sulphur Dawgs, Jimmy Mitchell – Tulsa Twisters, Orlando Vasquez (Keri Welch) – Texan Girlz, Kevin Sowards – Texas Desperados, Brian Smithson – West Texas Diablos.

Delegate-at-Large: Pat Kinast, Thelma Covello, Acey Holt, Joel Scott, Pamela Brannan, Sheri L. Mize and Raymond Massie.

Brian Smithson (Al Jordan) moved to accept the 2008 SWSAD general meeting minutes at Lafayette, LA as it read. **PASSED!**

Commissioner Report: Roger B. Potter, Jr.

2008 NSAD Report

- Men's, 3 Women's and 1 CO-ED teams from SWSAD Region went to NSAD in Colorado last year. (Austin Toons, Houston Xtremes, Lafayette Cajuns, Texas Desperados, Keep Texas Weird, MCAD Silent Hurricanes, Texan Girlz & Oklahoma CO-ED team)

- 2008 NSAD Board of Directors and Softball Council Meetings were the worst meeting I ever attended however I feel confident that Commissioners and NSAD will make this year meeting worth because of reduce representatives to limit only 3 per Regional (Commissioner, Men's Rep and Women's Rep) plus NSAD Officers. I confident it will be much improvement within NSAD.
- New NSAD Officer Elected, congrats to one of our SWSAD brother, Pat Kinast, is NSAD Treasurer/Secretary elected.
- If you want any changes with NSAD By-Laws & Rules, please let me know by make a new motion in New Business so, I will make motion at NSAD for you and SWSAD.
- Largest #'s of teams in Nation for 3rd straight years!!
- Total 18 teams (12 Men's and 6 Women's team)
- **Commissioner's Deal:** If over 25 teams next year SWSAD, each team will get \$50 rebate from Team Entry Fee.
- Many Thanks to Sulphur Community Association of the Deaf for hosting 42nd Men's and 35th Women's SWSAD Regional Slo-Pitch Tournament here in Ardmore, OK.
- I will re-run to be SWSAD Commissioner for new term because I have unfinished agendas for SWSAD and NSAD.

Deputy Commissioner Report: Chas Haney, Sr.

- There are 10 by-laws proposals at General meeting tonight.
- Big thanks to Brent and Robert for doing most of duties for Deputy Commissioner.

Secretary-Treasurer Report: Robert Brannan

- Welcome to SWSAD tournament in Ardmore, Oklahoma and good to see you all again.
- Notice to all teams, if any teams who already paid early bird team entry fee to NSAD and happen to be SWSAD champion team, SWSAD will not reimburse to the team. The team shall contact NSAD for refund.
- Players' audiologist? What best solution?
- SWSAD purchase the Strike Zone Pad, when tournament complete and will give to next host to be responsible with it.
- Thank you for your cooperation during my 3 years term as Secretary-Treasurer and I want to be continuing for another term. Vote me again! Thank you!

Financial Report: Balance as of June 30, 2009

SWSAD General Fund	\$10,722.05
SWSAD Host Fund	\$ 567.59
<i>Grand Total</i>	\$11,289.64

Information Director Report: Lanny Pickering

- Will have one inducted for Hall of Fame is Terry Newson of Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- Purchase one plaque for one inducts and other special awards that is required by SWSAD.
- Statistics are ready, in order and save in the laptop.

2009 Host Chairperson Report: Kyla Chebultz – Ardmore, OK

- All fans and players are required to wear waistbands to enter the softball complex.
- **NO** Alcohol or any kinds of drinks from outside of park are allowed to bring inside the softball complex.
- Teams are allowed to bring cooler – Host Committee will checked the cooler.
- At softball complex, there will be selling foods and drinks.
- Saturday night entertainment-awards will be held at Heritage Hall in downtown Ardmore – Map/directions will be on registration table at softball complex.
- Any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to see me. Have a great weekend. Thank You!

2010 Host Chairperson Report: Joel M. Scott – Little Rock, AR @ Gulfport, MS

- Welcome to 2010 SWSAD–SSAD Southern Bash Regional Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament in Gulfport, MS on June 17–19, 2010.
- Plan to attend Gulfport in September to meet with SSAD Commissioner-Darin Clausen, SWSAD Commissioner-Brent Potter & Ralph Vice – SSAD Representative.
- 2010 SWSAD–SSAD Southern Bash flyer are available, please see me.
- Any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to see me. Have a great weekend. Thank You!

Unfinished Business: None

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

Proposal # 1 – Delete – Seconded by Charles McKellar

Article One – Meetings – BY, page 1

1.1 ANNUAL MEETINGS

1.1.1 The annual Executive Committee meeting shall be held Thursday night at seven o'clock (7:00) p.m. during the tournament.

1.1.2 The team representatives meeting shall be held on Friday morning at eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. during the tournament.

☒ **PASSED** ☐ **FAILED** ☐ **REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE**

Proposal # 2 – Amendment – Seconded by Charles McKellar

Article One – Meetings – BY, page 1

1.1 ANNUAL MEETINGS

1.1.1 The date and time for annual Executive Committee and the team representatives meeting shall be determined by Commissioner with an approval by Executive Committee.

☒ **PASSED** ☐ **FAILED** ☐ **REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE**

Proposal # 3 – Revise – Seconded by Lanny Pickering

Article Four – Financial Policy – BY, page 4

4.4 TEAM CHAMPION FINANCE TO NATIONAL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF (NSAD) TOURNAMENT

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

☐ **PASSED** ☐ **FAILED** ☒ **REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE**

Proposal # 4 – Revise – Seconded by Chad Savoy

Article One – Softball Tournament Rules and Regulations – SB R/R, page 1

1.10 LIMIT OF PLAYERS ON TEAM

No teams entered in the tournament shall register more than seventeen (17) players per team. including Teams may additional three (3) non-player such alike manager, coach, scorekeeper, bat person and water person.

 X PASSED FAILED REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE

Proposal # 5 – Amendment – Seconded by Robert Brannan

Article Three – Bidding and Tournament Dates – SB R/R, page 3

3.1 BIDDING

3.1.6 The annual tournament shall be scheduled for **third (3rd) or fourth (4th) weekend of June and/or** first (1st) or second (2nd) or third (3rd) weekend of July, on Friday and Saturday.

 PASSED X FAILED REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE

Proposal # 6 – Revise – Seconded by Sheri L. Mize

Article Four – Tournament Host – SB R/R, page 5

4.12 GENERAL CHAIRPERSON

The host Chairperson shall have the right to voice **and vote** only in the meeting.

 X PASSED FAILED REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE

Proposal # 7 – Delete – No Seconded

Article Eight – Points System Tables – HOF, page 4

8.3 MANAGERS

8.3.2 Manager of team actually participating in SWSAD tournament

Play-offs, but eliminated from participation in the tournament 1 Point

 PASSED FAILED REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE

Proposal # 8 – Amendment – No Seconded

Article Eight – Points System Tables – HOF, page 4

8.4 PLAYERS

8.4.1 Active participant in SWSAD and NSAD tournament 2 Points

_____ PASSED _____ FAILED _____ REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE

Proposal # 9 – Delete – No Seconded

Article Eight – Points System Tables – HOF, page 4

8.4 PLAYERS

8.4.2 Active participant in NSAD tournament 2 Points

_____ PASSED _____ FAILED _____ REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE

Proposal # 10 – Delete – No Seconded

Article Eight – Points System Tables – HOF, page 4

8.4 PLAYERS

8.4.3 Active participant in SWSAD play-off but elimination from the tournament 2 Points

_____ PASSED _____ FAILED _____ REFER TO LAW COMMITTEE

Appeal/Fine/Protest Report: Roger B. Potter, Jr., Commissioner

APPEAL:

SWSAD 09-01: Jessica Trotter (Sheri L. Mize) motions to open discuss the suspension of player Rebbeca Greenwood of Little Rock Lady Silents. **FAILED!**

SWSAD 09-02: Rodney Mornes (Julio Gil) motions to appeal on suspension of player Rashad Ford of Pleasant Grove Spartans. **FAILED!**

Note: This motion is out of order because, Rodney Mornes is not on Roll-Call list which can not made any motions.

New Business:

SWSAD 09-01: Chadwick Savoy (Ken Seabolt) motions that SWSAD shall start enforcement on an audiogram after year of 2006 and beyond. **PASSED!**

SWSAD 09-02: Billy Koch (Chadwick Savoy) motions that all new players must show valid driver's license along with second proof of residency to be eligible to play in SWSAD, unless they are minor. **PASSED as main motion!**
Sheri L. Mize (Chris Reagle) amendment that state ID also accepted. **PASSED as amendment!**

SWSAD 09-03: Pamela Brannan (Joel M. Scott) motions that SWSAD shall waive the by-laws Article Three – Bidding, sub-section 3.1 for year of 2010 tournament in Gulfport, MS. **PASSED!**

SWSAD 09-04: Charles McKellar (Billy Koch) motions that SWSAD change the home run limit from five (5) to five (5), then add one (1) per team. **PASSED as main motion!**
Chadwick Savoy (Raymond Massie) amendment that the home run rule shall be effective at this tournament weekend. **PASSED as amendment!**

Pat Kinast (Billy Koch) motions to close the new business. **PASSED!**

2011 Tournament Bidding:

Houston, TX – did not meet SWSAD's four (4) requirements
_____ gave presentation.

El Paso, TX – has meet SWSAD's four (4) requirements
Brian Smithson gave presentation.

Sheri L. Mize (David Jenkins) motions to close bidding. **PASSED!**

Vote Results: El Paso – 14, Houston – 2. El Paso won the bidding for 2011.

2012 Tournament Bidding:

Note: SWSAD supposed to be host in 2011, but switched to 2012 to be co-host with Southern Softball Association of the Deaf (SSAD) and the tournament site will be announcement at later.

Election for SWSAD Officers (2009–2012):

COMMISSIONER:

Sheri L. Mize nominates Brent Potter, he accepted.

Sheri L. Mize (Fallon Frederick) motions to accept Brent as Commissioner by acclamation. **PASSED!**

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:

Sheri L. Mize nominates Billy Koch, he declined.

Jimmy Mitchell nominates Chris Reagle, he accepted.

Chas Haney nominates Thelma Covello, she accepted.

Pat Kinast motions to close with nominate.

Vote Results: Chris Reagle – 14, Thelma Covello – 7

SECRETARY–TREASURER:

Chas Haney nominates Robert Brannan, he accepted.

Pamela Brannan (Joel M. Scott) motions to accept Robert as Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation. **PASSED!**

INFORMATION DIRECTOR:

Sheri L. Mize nominates Lanny Pickering, he accepted.

Sheri L. Mize motions to accept Lanny as Information Director by acclamation. **PASSED!**

Drawing of Team Pairings:

Women Division:

Sheri L. Mize – Austin Wild Bats

Orlando Vasquez – Little Rock Lady Silents

A..... Champion – Lafayette Lady Cajuns

SWSAD – Oklahoma Playing Mad Softball

Men Division:

Charles McKellar – Pleasant Grove Spartans

Ken Seabolt – West Texas Diablos

Chad Savoy – C.C. Coastal Bend Riptide

Al Jordan – Houston Xtremes

Charles McKellar – Tulsa Twisters

Jimmy Mitchell – Houston Thunderz

Kermit Calvin, Sr. – Dallas Indians

SWSAD – Sulphur Dawgs

The SWSAD General Business meeting was adjourned by Commissioner, Roger B. Potter, Jr. at 10:20 p.m.

Submitted by Robert Brannan, SWSAD Secretary-Treasurer