



Southwest Softball Association of the Deaf, Inc.

Executive Committee Meeting June 17, 2010

Holiday Inn Express – Parlor II

The SWSAD Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Brent Potter, Jr., Commissioner at 3:34 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2010.

Roll Call: Brent Potter, Jr., Commissioner, Chris Reagle, Deputy Commissioner, Robert Brannan, Secretary-Treasurer and Lanny Pickering, Information Director.

Delegate-at-Large (Observation): Thelma Covello & Joel Scott.

Executive Committee moved to accept the 2009 Executive Committee meeting minutes at Ardmore, OK as it read. **PASSED!**

Financial Report: Robert Brannan

Balance as of May 31, 2010

SWSAD General Fund	\$14,003.15
SWSAD Host Fund	\$ 1,287.59
Grand Total	\$15,290.74

- I have not received any 3 auditors to audit the 2009-10 SWSAD financial to be approved and signed.

Commissioner Report: Roger B. Potter, Jr.

- 2009 NSAD Report (3 Men's and 2 Women's teams from SWSAD Region went to NSAD in Fort Lauderdale, Florida last year. (Austin Toons, Houston Xtremes, and Tx Desperados, Keep Texas Weird and Texan Girlz)...AUSTIN TOONS FINISHED 3rd PLACE!!
- Total 18 teams (11 Men's and 7 Women's teams)
- Many Thanks to Little Rock Association of the Deaf for hosting 43rd Men's and 36th Women's SWSAD Regional Slo-Pitch Tournament here in Gulfport, MS.
- Development of Coach and Players' Code of Ethics
- JUST HAVE FUN AND PLAY BALL! STAY COOL!

Deputy Commissioner Report: Chris Reagle

- I started my duties as SWSAD Deputy Commissioner last October 1st, 2009; there was not much to do. Finally I started my part with the Gerald Fleming Jr case last February. Gerald was told that he had been suspended from SWSAD. So I attempted to contact Jimmy Mitchell who was coach for Tulsa Team at that time. But no responses from Jimmy, I decided to move on. So there was never a case since no one reports to us the SWSAD Board. Then again in May, Gerald insisted some answers from us about his suspension. I told him that it was never brought to our attention about it. I told him that he could play any teams in the SWSAD Region. If Tulsa Team suspends him then it is between him and the Tulsa but not SWSAD. Gerald understood.
- I had meeting with the SWSAD Board by instant message online few times relating to SWSAD Tournament in Mississippi.
- Brent wanted me to take care of the players from Tulsa Team. I contacted Jimmy Mitchell who is Coach for the team concerning about the numbers of players he has. I told him we would extend the deadline so he would have the time to find more players on his team. But Jimmy already made the final decision to play for other team. Jimmy did inform his players that the Tulsa team was folded but not all of the players were contacted by him. Jimmy did his best to find team for few players to play in SWSAD. All of a sudden Gerald Fleming Jr sent an email to me concerning about the 2 bats that he donated to Tulsa Team last year. So I attempted to contact Jimmy but he never response to me at all. So I contacted couple of Tulsa players and they confirmed that it was belong to Tulsa Team. Finally I got hold of Jimmy on videophone. Jimmy knew I told the Dawgs team not to use Jimmy's bats until I get some answers from Jimmy. Jimmy told me that it was his bats. I asked him if Gerald did give the bats to the Tulsa Team. Jimmy said no it was given to him. Then he acted up funny and told me to hold on and let him checked on his personal pager that Gerald mentioned about the bats. I was bit puzzled about it that he had information on his personal pager from Gerald Fleming a year ago. Jimmy sent the text messages to my personal pager from Gerald. I told Jimmy that there is no way I would know about it since there is no dates and times on the text messages. Told him to sent my SWSAD email. Jimmy didn't give me the specific dates anyway.
- After review on the bats issue with Gerald, Jimmy and couple of players, I omitted the issue between Gerald and Jimmy but still ongoing with the Tulsa Team and Jimmy because the Tulsa players didn't know till recently. There was going on between Jimmy and Tulsa Association of the Deaf. I had nothing to do with them. My main concern is the players.
- I appointed Tommy Varner and Angie Shelby on the SWSAD Law Committee to do the Bylaws.
- Suggest that we have the flip coins with the SWSAD Logo on them. Encourage NSAD to host in SWSAD Region for 2011 and would like to have Co-eD Team if NSAD will be in SWSAD Region for 2011.

Secretary-Treasurer Report: Robert Brannan

- Welcome to SWSAD tournament in Gulfport, Mississippi hosted by Little Rock Association of the Deaf and good to see you all again.
- I have paid \$700.00 to NSAD for Annual Affiliate, Region Sanction, Team Entry Fee (Early Bird) for SWSAD Men & Women Champion.
- I have filled IRS form 990 EZ for year of 2009 and reported to IRS.
- I have received 18 men & women team entries fee before the deadline date so, all teams are eligible to play tournament this weekend.

Information Director Report: Lanny Pickering

- No Hall of Fame Awards this year.
- Statistics are ready, in order and saved in the laptop.
- Need scorekeeper and will be paid at \$8.00 per game, if interest to be scorekeeper, please see me.

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

- Welcome to SWSAD in Gulfport, Mississippi hosted by Little Rock Deaf Community Center.
- All planning's for your stay has been arrangements.
- All Coaches who wish to bring any ice chest or cooler to softball field, it must be used TAG. It can be pick-up at registration site.
- If have any questions or concerns, please see me and I will be more helpful.
- Have a great week-end and have safe back to home.

2011 Host Chairperson Report: Brian Smithson – El Paso, TX

- Can not able to attend the meeting, due to his airplane was delayed from El Paso.

New Business:

SWSAD 10-01: Executive Committee motion that SWSAD Commissioner shall have an authorization to use SWSAD funds up to \$300.00 per year for any uses in SWSAD business. **PASSED!**

SWSAD 10-02: Executive Committee motion to purchase the coin toss with SWSAD logo on it for annual tournament to be use to flip the coin. **PASSED!**

SWSAD Executive Committee moved to close the new business. **PASSED!**

The SWSAD Executive Committee meeting was adjourned by Brent Potter, Jr., Commissioner at 4:56 p.m.

Submitted by Robert Brannan, Secretary-Treasurer