

Eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf, INC

Board of Directors' Meeting

At Marriott Headquarter Hotel

138 Pehle Avenue

Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Friday Afternoon, March 11, 2016

Meeting started at 4:44pm

Roll Call:

Danny Gabel, President

John Perry, Vice President

Alexandria Pucciarelli, Secretary/Treasurer

James Ginis, Tournament Director

Paul Mitchell, Hall of Fame/Public Relations

No corrections were made for the previous minute of the meeting on March 13, 2015 therefore Danny Gabel proposed to close the minute and all were in favor.

Treasurer's report: Alexandria Pucciarelli stated that the balance dated of March 11, 2016 was \$13,705. 27.

President's Report (Danny Gabel):

EAAD Community,

First of all, I want to thank you all for being huge part of this

organization. If it were not for all basketball and community

lovers, we wouldn't have something to look forward.

Second of all, I want to thank NJCCD for hosting this year basketball tournament. From my understanding, it's been a long and learning process for two organizations to work together. Again, thank you for making this happen. May this to be the kick off to the great tournament.

Third of all and lastly, I want to thank my board of directors. I can't imagine not working closely with them all year around since I got elected as President last year. My journey in life had changed over night during summer time when I got new job as Lexington School for the Deaf Athletic Director and had to relocate to New York once again after 7 years. I got to coach high school basketball boys' team this year which is my most prized experience working with inner city students at daily basis. I also was a chairperson for ESDAA 84th annual tournament that Fanwood won their title for the first time since 1964. Alexandria Pucciarelli and James Ginis always have left my countless of glides, emails, VP messages to keep me updated and getting my approvals.

My two years term had to come to midpoint right now, I can see the path we are heading to which is very healthy but a lot of little things that need to be modify. One thing is commutation with respect is majority issue that we are dealing with. I see a lot of backstabbing, hardnosed comments and assuming wrong things. This is not acceptable for an organization that had been running for many years. This is home of Eastern Deaf Basketball. We are here to work together and bring the best out of our community. Again, this is not war zone. I wanted to bring up the morale of the EAAD community by creating EAAD player of the

month, develop more relationships among the teams, and create

vlogs for the guidelines to be clear for the members.

My next projects will be mainly focus on new looks such as new logo, website, history archives by building a stronger Hall of Fame database and most of all, we need to work with the youth of deaf children out there.

To wrap up with this report, I want to show my appreciation for all of people's hardworking and we need to stay on one big ship chasing our vision instead of spilt up and travel on rowboats.

Best,
Danny Gabel

Vice President's Report (John Perry):

Hi everyone!

Welcome to EAAD 2016! My report as a Vice President of EAAD is that we finally made a progress with our Constitution By Laws on February 26th, 2016. We made a few changes and that is a good start for all of us. I'd like for us to continue to make the progress and make EAAD a better organization. Keep in mind, this Constitution By Laws is yours and yours only and this way, making the progress, make changes you know it will make us better will help us in the long run. Please send us any changes you want after May 1st of this year until 45 days before the 2017 EAAD tournament.

My next step is the Basketball and Hall of Fame guidelines. We have a lot of work to do. We, EAAD Board, would like to have another meeting like you all did on February 26th, 2016 to work on these guidelines.

This weekend, good luck to all teams in the tournament, play hard and have fun!

Thank you all.

Secretary s Report (Alexandria Pucciarelli):

- I love the change we made with the membership deadline because every team had submitted it in time! (December 1st to December 31st)
- The communication with the teams had improved dramatically in the last few months and I wanted to thank each one of you for your patience/time.
- We had discussed about separating the deadlines for the player registration and team entry fees due to support the team's finances.
- Many of you had expressed the frustrations you had with the player registration form, as such as filling out USADB and EAAD. We will discuss in the new business to see if we can merge it into one form instead.
- I have badges for the teams and please do see me to pick them up.

Tournament Director's Report (James Ginis):

- Developed a new form for the All Stars ballot.
- Created a time sheet for the referees to sign in order to ensure that they had worked during these hours.
- Organized the score sheet, statistics sheet, and timekeepers for the games.
- I apologize for walking out from my position and wanted to thank Danny Gabel and John Perry to create the bracket in time for the community.

-I went to the Staples to print out two brackets and I felt that we should create two blank brackets so we can use it again in the future.

-It is my first year as a Tournament Director and I hope to see a positive result.

-We had less invitational tournaments this year because of the money.

Hall of Fame/Public Relations' Report (Paul Mitchell):

-We had a few number of nominations and we had to cancel the event because there was insufficient number of the attendees.

-I do hope to keep those nominations for upcoming Hall of Fame banquet.

-We have \$1,000 in the fund and I want to use it to reserve the banquet. (Refer to new business)

-We had passed the motion to have media team last year and I need to find two or three photographers for the tournament.

-Wanted to bring up an idea of bringing high school basketball players to the EAAD for the All Stars tournament. (Refer to new business)

Committees' Report:

2015 EAAD Basketball Regional Tournament Chairperson-refer to the financial report

2016 EAAD Basketball Regional Tournament Chairperson- Not presented

Law Committee Report:

1. Mike Krieger motioned that time clock stops during Basketball Invitational Tournament. Frank Wells seconded.

Danny Gabel amended that if there are more than 8 teams; then the time clock runs continuously during Free Throw. If there are less than 8 teams; therefore the time clock stops during the Free Throws. Frank Wells seconded. This motion as referred to the

Law

Committee. **The Law Committee agreed that this would be placed in the Basketball Guidelines. PASSED**

2. Chuck Wallace made a motion that we should not pass the by-laws until we have enough time to review. **The Law Committee agreed that we should give the delegates a time frame prior to the meeting to review the revised bylaws. PASSED**

3. Roxanna Aguilo moves that the bidder must pay \$300.00 at the delegates meeting to reserve a spot for the tournament instead of waiting for more than thirty days. Seconded by Paul Mitchell. **The Law Committee disagrees with the motion because the guidelines specifically stated the club/team has 30 days to pay after bidding for the tournament. FAILED**

4. Roxanna Aguilo moves that the EAAD President should follow-up and informs the head coaches that he or she witnessed the drawing for the bracket at the invitational tournament. Mike Krieger seconded. **The Law Committee agrees that this system is very effective and shall be in writing in the guidelines. PASSED**

5. Robert Jones moves that the EAAD should help the host by covering half of the fees for the referees. Roxanna Aguilo seconded. **The Law Committee had reviewed the duties of the host and it is not possible for the EAAD to cover the referee fees every year. FAILED**

6. Robert Jones moves that the player registration fees shall go to the EAAD and the admission fees shall go to the host. Carl

Colon seconded. **The Law Committee had reviewed the financial revenues between the host and the EAAD, it is not possible to**

separate the funds, and the registration fee will always belong to the EAAD. **FAILED**

Unfinished Business:

1. John Perry made a motion that the EAAD should have ONE form for the registration forms in compliance with the USADB forms. Stewart Gerlis Seconded. **John Perry had discussed this with the USADB board that had disagreed with our decision of adding the EAAD logo on the registration forms to make it one. FAILED.**

New business:

1. Alexandria Pucciarelli wishes to separate the deadline dates for the team entry and players' fees. February 5th for the team entry fee to guarantee a spot at the EAAD tournament and March 3rd for the players fee. James Ginis seconded. **PASSED**

2. The Board wants to encourage the teams to host tournaments by reducing the price from \$125.00 to \$75.00 for the sanction fee. Danny Gabel seconded. **PASSED**

3. The Board feels that it is too much to pay the website designer \$100.00 monthly (\$1,200 a year!) and wants to bring the old motion in the past where it was one time fee per year, \$250.00 per year and we have not seen any changes on the website. Danny Gabel seconded **PASSED**

4. James Ginis moves to have the Hall of Fame banquet in the fall of 2016. Paul Mitchell seconded. **PASSED**

5. John Perry moves to suspend the subsection in the bylaws;
Article 5 Tournament Direction, subsection 7 because of the
vagueness in the wordings. Danny Gabel seconded. **PASSED**

6. John Perry moves to have an assistant tournament director to
ensure the smoothness of the tournament. James Ginis seconded.
PASSED

Announcements:

(NONE)

Adjournment:

Meeting closed at 5:59pm. John Perry seconded.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Alexandria Pucciarelli, Recording Secretary