

Eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf, INC

Delegates' Meeting

West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind
301 E Main Street
Romney, WV 26757

Friday, March 31st, 2017

Meeting started at 7:15pm

Roll Call:

Todd Reynolds, Maryland Blue Crabs
Jan Struhar, Maryland Blue Crabs
Charles Priscopo, New Jersey Thunder
Bryan Reichard, New Jersey Thunder
Arthur Everette II, D.C. Elite
Roxanna Aguilo, New York Tornados
Sheldon Clarke, Rochester City Blazers
Nicholas Pucciarelli, Lexington Alumni Association
Saul Gevarter, Showstoppers
Ernie Roszhowski, Monroe County Snipers
Carl Colon, Lexington Alumni Association
Yarleney Torres, Lady Liberty
Ronnie Zuchegno Jr, Monroe County Snipers
Robert Jones, Sergeant of Arms/Greater Philadelphia
Karyssa Martin, Rochester City Blazers
Tim Lavelle, Parliamentarian

Danny Gabel, President
John Perry, Vice President
James Ginis, Tournament Director
Alexandria Pucciarelli, Secretary/Treasurer
Paul Mitchell, Public Relation/Hall of Fame

Approval of the Parliamentarian, **PASSED**

Approval of the previous minutes of the meeting (March 2016):

Corrections were:

1. Misspelling of the word- "communication" under the President's report.
2. Law Committee Report- it was an officer who made the motion, not Wallace.
3. Move the Unfinished Business in the right order

4. Change the person's name to the team names in the report.
5. Motions made by Roxanna Aguilo should be changed to the team's names (New York Tornado)
6. Change \$ into donation for the Women's 25th Anniversary
7. Misspelling of the former women basketball player, Sara Wumer.

President Gabel proposed that we approve the changes to the minutes. James Ginis seconded.
PASSED

Treasurer's report: Alexandria Pucciarelli stated that the balance dated of March 31, 2017 was \$10,261.13.

President's Report-

- Please start using social media to gather the pictures by using this hashtag- #EAAD2017.
- No alcohol or drugs are permitted on the campus and respect the school's property.
- We had only 4 invitational tournaments this year.
- James Ginis went to the SEAAD's regional tournament and set up a great relationship with their board. Thank you for representing EAAD.
- Good luck to every teams and let's have a great weekend!

Vice President's Report-

Hello, everyone! Welcome to Romney, West Virginia and I know you may ask why EAAD is hosting in West Virginia. We, the board, have discussed where we should host and since there wasn't a club who was willingly to host, West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind has offered its gym in their beautiful location to us and we decided to take theirs. Since I'm the Vice President of EAAD, we are willingly to take this chance and explore outside of our EAAD region for once.

During my Vice President tenure, I would like to give my gratitude to those who showed up at the February, 26th 2016 EAAD delegate meeting at Lexington to discuss and make changes on the by-laws and guideline. Thank you. I have updated our current by-laws and guideline and I have few copies to give but I promise you this will be put up on our EAAD site.

I have been working on other guidelines- Hall of Fame, Invitational Tournament and Host Tournament. I realized this takes more than just one person to make this happen. I need your help, your cooperation and your guidance to make this happen. This will be my next task to complete. I can't guarantee all will be completed by next year but I can assure you there will be a progress before we can accomplish.

Thank you.
John Perry, EAAD Vice President.

Secretary's Report-

The problem is ongoing, especially about the player's fees, and the coaches feel that they are having a hard time collecting the fees from the players. I will make a new motion in the delegates meeting to see if this new system will work. I was nice enough to give the teams two separate deadlines for the team-entry fee and player's fee, but the problem remains the same.

USADB is no longer signing up with the USSSA insurance, this means that we will STILL have to pay for the teams participating into the USADB tournament with whatever insurance plan they comes up with. This is the only reason why we cannot have one form for the EAAD region's team registration form.

Tournament Director's Report- The bracket is set for the weekend, please cooperate with the referees, we will have scorekeeping AND statistics.

Public Relations/Hall of Fame's Report-

I have been working on Hall of Fame for the last two years, we were supposed to have it at the tournament last year, but it was cancelled. I did not receive any boxes from the previous Hall of Fame, and I could not do the work. I need the information to do my job, to set up ideas/guidelines, and I had a meeting with Vice-President to develop a guideline for the Hall of Fame. Please send me pictures throughout the weekend through Facebook Messenger and I will post them to the EAAD Facebook page. This is my last term with the EAAD and thank you for the experience.

Law Committee's Report

1. Apple City moves to set the deadline for the players registration form From Feb 1st to Dec 31st- **FAILED**
2. New York Tornadoes move that there should not be cash prizes on the flyers. **PASSED.**
3. Lady Liberty moves that the EAAD should change the prizes from cash to traveling or lodging expenses to the national tournament. **FAILED**
4. Lady Liberty moves that the EAAD should provide catering food at the delegates meeting if it is more than two hours. **FAILED**
5. Survivors move to not have a late fee for the delegates meeting. **FAILED**

Unfinished Business

1. ESAD (Eastern Softball Association of the Deaf)- They want to merge with the EAAD, but they demands that we pay them back with the amount that they had left with the EAAD. James Ginis, Tournament Director was at their delegates meeting in July and explained that this was not possible because we had to fund our money from the scratch.

2. LOGO- Danny has a new EAAD logo and the Delegates will need to vote before we can use it.
 - a. Alexandria Pucciarelli moves to refer the logo back to the Board for further discussion/feedback from the delegates. Yarlenny Torres seconded. (More options need, transparency of the letters, and state boundary lines need to be fixed.) **REFERRED BACK TO THE BOARD**

New Business

Changes to the Guidelines:

1. **Removed** Basketball Guidelines Part 3 Section 6a (i) *“First through third places and consolation champion”* **Added** *“First through fifth places”* **PASSED**
2. **Removed** Basketball Guidelines Part 3 Section 6 a (ii) *“Ten All-Star Players”* and **Added** Each team in order to recognize each team to receive at least one All-Star Players **PASSED**
3. **Added** Basketball Guidelines Part 3 Section 6a (VII) **Rookie of the Year** **PASSED**
4. **Removed** Basketball Guidelines Part 3 Section 6 c- *Awards prizes shall be equal for both men and women teams.* **PASSED**
5. **Removed** Basketball Guidelines Part 3 Section 7 *“If there are 5-6 teams, the prizes will go to the first 2 teams.* **Added** *“If there are 4-6 teams, the prize will go to the first 2 teams.”* **PASSED**
6. **Removed** Basketball Guidelines Part 3 Section 7 *“If there are 4 and less teams, the winner takes all.* **Added** *“If there are 3 and less teams, the winner takes all.”* **PASSED**
7. **Removed** Basketball Guidelines Article 11 Subsection 1 *“All games shall consist of twenty (20) halves”* **Added** *“All games shall abide by NCAA rules”* **PASSED**
8. **Removed** *“Basketball Guidelines Article 3 Section 1 b Team Franchise shall not hold invitational tournament two (2) prior to the date of the Basketball Championship Tournament”* **PASSED**
9. John Perry moves that we create a new guideline for the invitational tournament sanctioned by the EAAD. Danny Gabel seconded. **PASSED**
10. Danny Gabel moves to remove the entire Section 2 and Section 3 from the Basketball Guidelines in order to have the EAAD to host the regional tournament infinite. James Ginis seconded. **REFERRED TO THE LAW COMMITTEE**
11. Tournament Director moves that we get two traveling trophies for the regional championship teams. Yarlenny Torres seconded. **PASSED**
12. Alexandria Pucciarelli moves to provide a light refreshment at the delegates meeting. Yarlenny Torres seconded. **PASSED**
13. James Ginis moves to have a head referee presented at the meeting. John Perry seconded. **REFERRED TO THE LAW COMMITTEE**

14. Danny Gabel moves to enforce a representative from each team/organization to be presented at the delegates meeting otherwise a \$20.00 fine will be in effective if they do not. Saul Gevarter seconded. **PASSED**
15. Danny Gabel moves to remove Daniela Farkas as the webmaster for the EAAD website. Roxanna Aguilo seconded. **PASSED**
16. John Perry moves that Ronnie Zuchegno, JR is no longer suspended from the EAAD ~~with one condition, he cannot run for any officer's positions.~~ Jan Struhar seconded. Jan Struhar moves to remove the condition part, Sheldon Clarke seconded. **PASSED Main motion: PASSED**
17. New York Tornado moves that there shall be no CODA players at the EAAD sanctioned invitational tournaments and this need to be added to the basketball invitational tournament guidelines. Jan Struhar seconded. **PASSED**
18. New York Tornado moves that we allow the fees to be paid through electronically Arthur Everette II seconded **PASSED**
19. New York Tornado moves that the EAAD discusses with the 2016 EAAD regional chairperson about the All-Star Trophies. Sheldon Clarke seconded. **OUT OF ORDER**
20. Lady Liberty moves that we must have a national certified referees for the regional tournament. **WITHDRAWN**
21. Lady Liberty moves to remove Article 5 Section 7 "shall not be permitted to be active in any events during basketball championship tournament" Carl Colon Seconded **REFERRED TO THE LAW COMMITTEE**
22. Lady Liberty moves that the EAAD regional tournament must be hosted under the EAAD regions. Todd Reynolds seconded. **PASSED**
23. Empire City moves that we affiliate with the National Deaf Basketball Organization. Todd Reynolds seconded. **REFERRED TO THE LAW COMMITTEE**
24. Lady Liberty moves to remove the deadline of the player's registration form from Feb 1st to the day of the regional tournament. **WITHDRAWN**
25. Empire City moves that the \$20.00 player's fees deadline to be taken at the regional tournament. Arthur Everette II Seconded. **REFERRED TO THE LAW COMMITTEE**

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26. Lady Liberty moves to have EAAD to host at least two invitational tournaments per basketball season. Carl Colon seconded. **REFERRED TO THE LAW COMMITTEE**
27. Lady Liberty moves to keep the date for the regional tournament on the 2nd or 3rd weekend of the March month. **WITHDRAWN**
28. New York Tornado moves to remove Greg Thipgen from the suspension list. John Perry seconded. **PASSED**
29. Alexandria Pucciarelli moved to put the players on the suspension list after signing the form and not paying for the \$20.00 registration fee. Yarlenny Torres seconded. **REFERRED TO THE LAW COMMITTEE**

Bidding for the 2018 EAAD Regional Tournament Site

New Jersey Sports Deaf Club (NJSC) won the bid! Congratulations. We will see you in New Jersey next year!

Elections:

Vote for President, Tournament Director, and Hall of Fame/Public Relations.

New-Elected Officers 2017-2019:

President- Danny Gabel

Tournament Director Yarleney Torres

Hall of Fame/Public Relations Saul Gevarter

Announcements - NONE

President Gabel adjourned at 12:28 am and Rochester City Blazers seconded.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Alexandria Pucciarelli, Recording Secretary