

Eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf, INC

Delegates' Meeting

Lyndon B. Johnson Building 2S

Friday, March 22nd, 2019

Meeting started at 6:34pm

Roll Call:

President Danny Gabel
Secretary/Treasurer Alexandria Pucciarelli
Tournament Director Yarlenny Torres
Hall of Fame/Public Relations Peter Badavas
Vice President Saul Gevarter-Absent
Sergeant of Arms, Robert Jones
Fanwood Alumni Association, Roxanna Aguilo
Block G, Karl Gabel
Block G, Paul Gabel
NJ Thunder, Carl Colon
NY Skull, Glenroy Benjamin
DMV, Chi Ming Pun
DMV, Kristofer Saucedo
95ers, Mon Ching Ng
Lexington Lady Liberty, Victoria Foster
Delegate at Large, Chuck Wallace
Delegate at Large, Paul Mitchell
Rochester City Blazers- Sheldon Clarke
Rochester Rebels, Agron Deski
Rochester Venom, Matthew Thomas

Moment of Silence:

John C. Perry-EAAD Former Vice President, Coach of DC/MD/VA team for many years, numerous EAAD champion titles, and a devoted member of the EAAD community.

Approval of the previous minutes of the meeting: **NONE- PASSED**

Treasurer's report: Alexandria Pucciarelli-Miller stated that the balance dated of March 22nd, 2019 was \$11,254.54.

President Gabel's Report-

- Funded \$500 from the Super Bowl event.
- Will fund \$250 from the March Madness event.

- 4th year as a president and I see this as healthy organization where we grow. We have more passion to be involved with the community.
- 7 invitational tournaments that were sanctioned, but 1 tournament was not. This is a great number for the EAAD teams.
- We decided to set up a new plaque with John Perry's name next to Coach of the Tournament in the future, it will be now called John Perry's Coach of the Tournament.
- Worked closely with Peter on EAAD's Program Book.
- We don't have the best website, USADB does!
- Yarleney and Allie worked on guidelines and bylaws.
- Saul could not be here with us, I told him to rest up, and he told me that he wants to live a little longer to be part of EAAD's 75th anniversary. I will need to appoint a new chairperson for the 75th anniversary.
- I created a new letterhead for EAAD to make it look professional and use for the future donations. Our 75th anniversary is coming up!
- The live statistics on EAAD webpage might not be worth our money because it will cost \$100 every year, but only for one tournament.
- Next year, I hope to transfer every document (statistics/scores) into PDF in order to put everything online.
- Every organization needs to improve, our weakness is communication with each other.
- Some people reach out to wrong officer and shared wrong information to the public, if this is not in your area, refer to the right officer.
- Please keep everyone in the loop with the emails, we don't have to respond back, but to be aware of what is going on. We need to know who is communicating with who.
- I would like to develop a FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) for the teams to make our lives easier. They can read and find answers than to have all of us to repeat the same questions every year.
- 75th Anniversary is next year and I AM ALL IN!
- We need to bring Hall of Fame back for this special occasion and I believe that there should be sub committees to run different programs.
- We need to finish Hall of Fame guidelines so Peter's job is to focus on this and finalize before the basketball season starts.
- I have decided to pick Sheldon Clarke as our new interim Vice President to serve one year with the Board and I strongly believe that he will be a great asset to the organization.
- This is our 2nd time hosting in Rochester and let's make it a wonderful weekend!

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary Pucciarelli-Miller's Report:

Every year, I always face a same issue with the teams with their payment plans, and everyone has paid in the tournament entry fees at the last minute. I would like to move the entry fee in February for us to finalize the bracket instead of waiting on to see who has paid. I would prefer the teams to pay players and entry fee separately via cash app to make things easier for audit. We need to increase the player's fee to cover the referees for 75th anniversary if we are expecting the same number of the teams. I really want to set up online registration forms where

everyone can sign in instead of doing paperwork. It has been quiet between the board this year and I am not sure if it is because the Rochester City Blazers are hosting so we don't feel the need to communicate more often, but this should not be the case. We need to be transparency with everything, not just by each other, but with the community. USADB and EAAD are still two separate forms, please remember to submit in two forms if you are going to USADB. I have USADB's entry fee form and see me after the meeting. NDBO has submitted in their meeting reports and financial reports, if you are interested to read them, please see me.

Tournament Director Torres' Report:

Wow! We are here in Rochester! Last time, I was here in 2012. A lot of changes and it's beautiful town. Proud to be RIT/NTID Alumni. Anyways, of course, I really want to thank Roc City Blazers for hosting this year basketball tournament. It was really beautiful to work with RCB chairperson and their committees throughout the year as I promised that I will make sure to set up a checklist to organize the regional tournament. Let's applauding to Akiylas Yacob, the chairperson of Roc City Blazers and his committees for their hard working to make this event possibly success.

Please welcome 5 new teams; Rochester Venoms, Rochester Rebels, New Jersey Patriots, Block G and formerly Capital City Cardinals to new team name District City 95ers.

I have worked well with all board members and teams this year at certain duties, jobs and events. Unfortunately, I have noticed some of you took too personal or get upset with us regards to bylaws/guidelines that already have been passed. Hence why I encouraged you to read the "Constitution and By-Laws, Basketball guidelines" to bring your objects and/or concern at delegate meeting if need to modify at certain sections. Some of you decided not to befriend with me just because I enforced with bylaws and guidelines. It is really immature and unnecessary. We are here to work together and make this organization strong. Please cooperate and follow what has already been passed.

I want to thank Peter Badavas to accept his position as we appointed him last year. I was dumbfounded with his beautiful works throughout the year. Well done Peter!!

Charles Wallace, Carl Colon, Paul Mitchell, Roc City Blazers committees will work with me throughout the tournament to make sure the tournament goes smooth and effective tournament.

If you have any concerns or questions, please come see me. I have been working on basketball sanctioned invitational tournament guidelines with Alexandria that was already made by our John Perry. It was not that simple to create because of the troubles we went through from sanctioned tournaments. I hope this guidelines will help all of us in a healthy relationship between teams and board members with no confusion nor tension. Keep in mind, this is your bylaws and guidelines; yours only. You may feel free to make some motions to make everyone happy. We are here to work together.

All for one and one for all. Last, please cooperate with RCB chairperson and their committees. Keep the territory clean and respect. Good luck everyone! Just remember play hard and have fun!!

Hall of Fame/Public Relations Badavas' Report:

Thank you for trusting me to do what I need to do for the EAAD and your support means a lot to me. I was focused on EAAD's images through Social Media, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. We had a lot of hits more than ever. There are more followers and shares. I have posted a lot of old pictures on Facebook to reflect EAAD's history. Check it out if you can. The program book was a tough task and we need to complete it before 75th anniversary. because there are a lot of missing information. I hope to gather as much as I can before the 75th anniversary. I was focused on Social Media more than I did with Hall of Fame this year because of the guidelines. I want to fix the guidelines and I have few people on my mind to be on my committee. John Perry had passed away earlier this year, Gallaudet had asked me to do a PowerPoint of his history and I added EAAD to the PPT because it was a huge part of his basketball history. I made 2 pages in honor of John Perry on the program book, I also made a congratulatory page by the EAAD for the USADB's 75th anniversary AND John Perry page with the EAAD for the USADB's program book as well. Again, thank you and I look forward to work more with everyone for next year. It's our turn!

EAAD 2019 Tournament Chairperson Akilyas Yacob's Report:

I'd worked closely with Karyssa Martin and we worked together very well. I have gained a lot of experience in planning for a tournament and my girlfriend, Maddie also was a great help. Ryan Gregory, who was also on our team was focused on budget and he has a lot of experience in this area. I have a Point of Contact at the gym, we have been communicating through text/emails for months, and we are looking forward to make this tournament happen. Front entrance is the only way to get into the gym and please don't bring in drugs or alcohol or they will escort you off the property. Rochester cops are not same as what you have seen in other cities, they are very strict, and even if you have a small drug on you, you will be caught. Gym was so easy to find for the tournament, but the referees were not! It took us months and months to find a group of referees for this weekend. We wanted to thank NTID for their HUGE sponsorship, Wegman's, Hills, BJ's, Sorenson, and some of them will have a vendor booth at the gym. There are two locker rooms that are connected to the gym and no shower is available. We are not responsible if you have lost your property. Please don't park in front of the gym, it will be towed, and there is plenty of parking space. Good luck this weekend!

Law Committee's (Board) Report:

1. EAAD moves that Fanwood Alumni Association cannot host invitational tournament for the upcoming basketball season of 2018-2019. John Perry seconded. *Discussion:* Delegates amended to change the consequence, let the delegates decide i.e. fine or etc **FAA is waived from this issue and they will not receive a consequence. EAAD will write a letter to FAA about the whole situation.**

2. D.C. Elite Hoyas moves a new seeding proposal Andre McLean seconded. Shawn Harrington referred to the law committee, Jan Struhar seconded **Veto- New proposal/idea coming into our way.**

3. Fanwood Alumni Association moves to prohibit any EAAD members from running for an officer position without being a member of the organization for more than two years. Shawn Harrington seconded. **PASSED**

4. Capital City Cardinals move to allow a team to host more than two invitational tournaments to ensure that there is a tournament each month. Arthur Everette II seconded. **PASSED**

5. Capital City Cardinal moves to suspend Dee Brown, a player from the Capital City Cardinals until he returns the uniform to the team or pays for the value of the uniform. John Perry seconded. **Mon Ching Ng apologized to the delegates about his comments at heat of the moment and he would like EAAD to reach out to Dee Brown about this. He hopes that after Dee Brown reads the email and he will return the uniform back to Mon Ching Ng.**

Grievance #1:

*NJ Thunder file a grievance against Mon Ching Ng about the referees at his invitational tournament. Few of the referees were high school students who wanted to be referee and NJ Thunder feels that Mon Ching Ng should have prevented this from happening. **DISMISSED***

Grievance #2:

*District City 95ers file a grievance against Mike Kent for not paying a team fee. **FAILED***

Old Business: (NONE!)

New Business:

1. EAAD moves to adopt the new guideline for the sanctioned invitational tournament. Yarleney Torres seconded. Rationale: EAAD needs to set up a list of rules for every teams to follow. **PASSED**

2. 95ers moves to put this new points standing system in effect in order to be eligible for the EAAD regional tournament. Seconded by DMV **REFERRED TO THE BOARD**

3. NJ Thunder moves to enforce the hosting team to hire certified referees for the invitational tournament. *Rationale:* The players fee covers the referee expenses at the tournament therefore the quality of the referees should be provided. **WITHDRAWN (it was added to the guidelines)**

4. NJ Thunder moves to force the teams to pay in full before the deadline for the invitational tournament. *Rationale:* The team entry fees for the invitational tournament should be paid in full before the tournament date, no half-deposit to

hold the spots, and this will help to make the host to run the tournament smooth.

WITHDRAWN (it was added to the guidelines)

5. NJ Thunder moves to change the tournament games from Saturday/Sunday to Friday/Saturday. FAA seconded. *Rationale:* EAAD have more than ten teams and there is not enough time on the bracket, it would be ideal to start the games on Friday to give us some extra time during the weekend. **FAILED**
6. NJ Thunder moves to set up a book to collect information EVERY YEAR for player's statistics as such as rebounds, points, 3 points, and assists for history purpose. *Rationale:* EAAD have a rich history and a record keeping book will help us to collect accurate information about the player. **WITHDRAWN- Hall of Fame will take this responsibility.**
7. NJ Thunder moves to add cash prize for 5th place. FAA seconded. RCB **REFERRED TO THE LAW COMMITTEE.**
8. DMV moves to add a new award/trophy for the EAAD regional tournament, Sixth Man of the Tournament. RCB seconded. **PASSED**
9. NJDS moves that EAAD officers shall not be a coach. NY Skulls seconded. **FAILED**
10. Empire City moves EAAD seeding should be based on percentage of the whole season games in total to qualify. *Rationale:* Many teams participate in more than 3 invitational tournaments should be recognized or receives a higher seeding at the EAAD. EX: if there are 7 invitational tournaments, a team needs to play at least 3 games to qualify, and EAAD will place the seeding number to this team based on this. **REFERRED to MOTION #2**
11. EAAD moves to move the membership fee due from Dec 31st to Nov 3rd. Yarleney Torres seconded. *Rationale:* Team Membership/Insurance fees, teams play at the invitational tournament BEFORE the deadline (Dec 31st) they need to pay the insurance fee before they can participate into the invitational tournament. **PASSED**
12. EAAD moves to donate \$300.00 to John Perry's family. Peter Badavas seconded. *Rationale:* After what John did for our organization, John has been part of the organization for many years, as a player, a coach, and an officer- EAAD needs to return a favor for the family. **PASSED.**
13. EAAD moves to increase the player registration fee from \$20.00 to \$25.00. Yarleney Torres seconded. *Rationale:* The expenses for the gym and referees have increased in the last few years and we wanted to increase the fee for our 75th anniversary next year. **PASSED**
14. 95ers moves to make all of the EAAD forms available via electronic. RCB seconded. *Rationale:* We can keep the old fashion mails but we should make it available over electronic as another acceptable option **PASSED**
15. 95ers moves that the coaches who has been part of the EAAD for years regardless the team names or membership shall be eligible to run for Executive Board, (top three positions) effectively. FAA seconded. *Rationale:* We need more participants and leaders on the board.
16. 95ers moves to remove the jersey number strict size requirements "4 and allow the teams to be creative with their uniforms as long as it's readable similar to NBA. NY

Skulls seconded. *Rationale:* This is a club tournament and we need to be flexible with the uniform rules. **REFERRED TO THE LAW COMMITTEE.**

17. **95ers** moves to make a modification or remove the FT clock stop for all invitational tournaments and allow the host to decide whatever they want such as 16 mins per half or 18 mins or per half or 20 mins. *Rationale:* due to financial reasons.
WITHDRAWN
18. **FAA** moves that any players can play, transfer or jump for another team during invitational tournaments before December 31, 2019 unless they have signed up with the team. **WITHDRAWN**
19. **FAA** moves that EAAD must disaffiliate with the NDBO. DMV Seconded.
FAILED
20. **FAA** moves that EAAD hosts the 75th Anniversary in honor of John Perry. NJ Thunder seconded. *Rationale:* The tournament should be in honor of his name.
WITHDRAWN
21. **FAA** moves that we adjust the zebra rule about 40 minutes game clock with the 2 minutes stops for the second/fourth quarters. Paul Mitchell seconded. *Rationale:* To ensure that the game time sticks to the schedule. **REFERRED TO THE LAW COMMITTEE.**
22. **FAA** moves that FAA requests the EAAD to find the original receipt of \$300 from Mr. Wendell Forbes Jr for bidding of EAAD regional tournament in March of 2014. NY Skulls seconded. *Rationale:* FAA needs to find the original receipt in 2013 of Wendell Forbes' deposit of winning the tournament bidding before they can reimburse him. **WITHDRAWN**
23. **FAA** moves that EAAD must withdraw their case against FAA **OUT OF ORDER**
24. **FAA** moves that the Tournament Director cannot make a move against the FAA to not host an invitational tournament in the season of 2018-2019 **OUT OF ORDER**
25. **FAA** moves that Mr. Danny Gabel, EAAD President has failed to mail me a formal letter related to the invitational tournament violation. **OUT OF ORDER**
26. **Tournament Director** moves to change the deadline for the player's fee until the day of the delegates meeting. Chuck Wallace seconded. *Rationale:* Coaches will be at the meeting and the secretary can collect the player's fee at the meeting. This gives the team some more time to collect money for the tournament. **FAILED**
27. **Tournament Director** moves to add criteria for the Defensive Player of the Tournament, this person shall not be a participant of the championship game. *Rationale:* Championship and first runner-up will have awards, MOP, MVP, All Stars, etc **OUT OF ORDER**
28. **Tournament Director** moves to charge \$30.00 to replace a player on the form after the form has been submitted in by the deadline. NY Skulls seconded. *Rationale:* EAAD needs a time to prepare for the program book and logistics. **PASSED**
29. **Tournament Director** moves to lock the team registration form within 15 days prior to the delegates' meeting which includes the replacement player(s). Robert Jones Seconded. *Rationale:* EAAD needs a time to prepare for the program book and logistics. **PASSED**

30. **Tournament Director** moves to enforce the teams who forfeit pays \$40.00 to cover the referee expenses. NJ Thunder seconded. *Rationale:* We STILL pay the referees for those forfeit games. **PASSED**
31. **Tournament Director** moves to ensure that the teams pay insurance fee (\$25.00) if the tournament falls before the deadline. *Rationale:* Liability **WITHDRAWN**
32. **Tournament Director** moves to insert "alike" before the NCAA Rules and "with EAAD's basketball uniform policy" after NCAA Rules. FAA seconded. *Rationale:* EAAD wants the team to be comfortable with the tournament rules and this will enforce that we will create our uniform policy rather than to follow NCAA's uniform rules. **PASSED**
33. **Tournament Director** moves to change the deadline of the team registration form from Feb 3rd to Jan 15th. 95ers seconded. *Rationale:* Players stay on the team. **PASSED**
34. **Tournament Director** moves to add a team jersey designed to be worn inside the pants shall be tucked inside the pants and the pants shall be above the hips and worn properly. FAA seconded. *Rationale:* To look professional on the court. **PASSED**
35. **Tournament Director** moves to have all-inclusive team fee of \$500.00 for the EAAD Regional Tournament. *Rationale:* Instead of paying players fee/entry fee, the one-time fee will help the team to pay for everything at once. **WITHDRAWN**
36. **Tournament Director** moves to remove fifty dollars (\$50.00) once and insert subject to the Tournament Director's discretion. NY Skulls seconded. *Rationale:* Under Basketball Guidelines Part 3, \$50.00 is one-time fee for the entire violations, and if there are more than one, the Tournament Director shall make a decision to give numerous fines. **REFERRED TO THE LAW COMMITTEE.**
37. **Tournament Director** moves that any officers, chairperson, scorekeepers, referees and committees receive any verbal abuse, physical abuse, temper tantrums, bullying and outburst of rage from individual shall be asked to leave the premise for the rest of the tournament. NJ Thunder seconded. *Rationale:* we need this in writing of the guideline that if someone violates the conduct then they will be asked to leave. **PASSED**
38. **Tournament Director** moves that any club or team member that makes a formal grievance against another club or team member shall type the complaint through email directly to the Tournament Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and President. The person who makes the complaint also shall email a copy of the report to the club or team member that the person is filing a complaint against. RCB seconded. *Rationale:* Solve via emails, group chats, before going to the Board for the final decision. **PASSED**
39. **Tournament Director** moves to set up a lifetime pass committee. NJ Thunder seconded. *Rationale:* Need a committee to set up a system to grant those members a life time pass. **REFERRED TO THE LAW COMMITTEE.**
40. **Tournament Director** moves to enforce the organization to submit in proofs to justify that the organization is legit. FAA seconded *Rationale:*

Organization/Club should shall a proof that they are an organization to be a member of the EAAD. **FAILED**

41. **Tournament Director** moves that the teams that has not participated in the invitational tournaments prior to the deadline of the team registration form and participates into the invitational tournament after the deadline shall not be count into the seasonal standing. NJ Thunder seconded *Rationale:* After Feb 3rd, the player registration form is due, the team should have participated into the tournaments prior to the 3rd deadline, and this prevents the incoming team to nab the standing opportunity. **REFERRED TO THE LAW COMMITTEE.**

42. **Tournament Director** move to remove SUBSECTION 3(c). Each team is required to submit a team photo for the program book. FAA seconded. *Rationale:* Not everyone shows up to the tournaments, EAAD is the best time to gather team photos, and we cannot force the teams to submit in their team picture. **PASSED**

Bidding for the 2020 EAAD Regional Tournament Site- NONE EAAD will host due to 75th Anniversary.

Elections-

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

New-Elected Officers 2020-2022:

President- Danny Gabel

Tournament Director- Yarlenny Torres

Public Relations/Hall of Fame- Peter Badavas

Announcements-

-Social Night, please see the flyer for more information and see you at the gym!

President Gabel adjourned at 11:06 pm and Rochester City Blazers seconded.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Alexandria Pucciarelli, Recording Secretary