

Eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf, Inc.

Board of Directors' Meeting

**Currier Hall (Gymnasium)
New York School for the Deaf
555 Knollwood Road
White Plains, NY 10603**

Friday Afternoon, March 7, 2014

Meeting started at 3:00pm.

Roll call:

Stewart Gerlis; *President*

John Perry; *Vice President*

Paul Mitchell; *Tournament Director*

Danny Gabel; *Public Relation/Hall of Fame Director*

Correction from previous minute of the meeting on March 15, 2013, as follows:

John Perry and Robert Jones were not present during meeting.

Vote: All in favor of minute of the meeting. PASSED.

Treasurer Report: (Stewart Gerlis)

I regretted to inform that Michael Shiffer could not make it to attend this meeting. I had Bank of America statement. The balance dated as of January 31, 2014 was \$7,452.22.

President Reports (Stewart Gerlis):

(1) Welcome to EAAD Board of Directors Meeting! In despite of miserable weather, we still survive! I regret that we do not have our meeting due to the conflicting of interests. I hope to keep our words that we must have our meeting in the late spring or early summer.

(2) Honestly, I am so disappointing for not having our Basketball Invitational Tournament due to insufficient number of teams. It is possibly hurt our fundraising. Please understand that EAAD will not able to provide the teams more privileges such as awards, hospitalities and transportations for this time being.

(3) I spoke with Mr. Bruce Beston, President of New England Association of the Deaf throughout the videophone. He suggested that the EAAD championship and NEAAD championship would play each other after EAAD and NEAAD Basketball Regional Tournaments and before USADB Basketball Tournament. The games will play in the third or fourth week of March. The tournament will rotate to EAAD and NEAAD every year and the funds will split to EAAD and NEAAD. This matter will table to NEW BUSINESS.

(4) I ran out of my patience with all the teams. It was so childish thing to complain about the hosts' drawings for Basketball Invitational Tournament. I really disgust about this matter and I swear myself to work the better and strong guidelines for Basketball Invitational Tournament with Mr. John Perry; Vice President, EAAD. This new guidelines will bring up to EAAD Board of Directors Meeting to get their full approvals. Then, this matter will go to Delegates Meeting for their final approvals. I want to assure that the other teams to prevent the future cancellations must respect the hosts' drawings. (Explaining them about many hosts will back off the tournaments and will hurt other teams including EAAD if they complain about the drawings. We must respect every host's drawings when they want to have the invitational tournaments.) This incident already hurt EAAD Basketball Invitational Tournament on February 22, 2014 due to insufficient teams because of drawings issue. The new guidelines of Basketball Invitational Tournament will release in the fall 2014.

(5) For the Delegates Meeting, it will possibly conflict the interest to ask my son, Sean Gerlis to become the parliamentarian while I am President of EAAD. Do all of you approve it? If so, I will bring up this issue to all delegates for their approvals preceding the Delegates Meeting.

(6) For EAAD Website, Ms. Daniela Farkas really works very hard to make the possible best of it. She put the information of our basketball history from 1946 to 1985. But, the job is not done yet. She will work on the history from 1986 to present in the near future date. I notice that she has been working so hard. May I suggest all of you about her salary due to her expenses of timing, utilities, ink cartridges, papers, software, etc. Shall EAAD pay her the amount of One Hundred Dollars and No Cent (\$100.00) per month? This matter will go to NEW BUSINESS.

(7) I have a question for all of you. Shall Webmaster become the member of EAAD Board of Directors? This matter will go to NEW BUSINESS.

(8) Please remember that EAAD paid \$25.00 for each EAAD basketball teams to USADB Tournament in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania last year. Now, all of you know that EAAD has own liability insurance. If EAAD basketball teams wish to participate USADB tournament in Concord, North Carolina next month, then I can notify our insurance to cover them. No need to pay \$25.00 for each team.

(9) For your information regarding the liability insurance, I believe that our liability insurance under United States Fire Insurance Company has cheap premium than USSAA. Therefore, EAAD will not affiliate with USADB's liability insurance due to high premium payment.

(10) I learned that USADB financial statements did not look so good. USADB needed some donations from each region. May I ask you if EAAD considers donating the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cent (\$250.00) to USADB? This matter will table to NEW BUSINESS.

(11) Ms. Daniela Farkas worked our new letterheads. Please choose the best quality of letterhead. I will show the sample of letterheads during the NEW BUSINESS. She will send her invoice for her service.

(12) I ask all of you if it is a good idea to waive \$10.00 (registration fee) for EAAD Board of Directors? This issue will table to NEW BUSINESS.

(13) I regret to inform all of you that Mr. Michael Shiffer had a tragic accident. He had a major surgery last Tuesday. I hope that he will get a speed recovery. May I suggest all of you that EAAD will send a basket of fruit to him for his recovery? The price of the basket of fruit shall be between \$50.00 and \$75.00. This matter will table to NEW BUSINESS.

Vice President Report: (John Perry)

Hello, this is my first time to assume Vice President since I had coached basketball season at Gallaudet University. I studied EAAD by-laws and had noticed some needs to be changed. Michael Shiffer said that he would take over, but he apparently did not. I added to the by-laws what it needed to be revised. I have a lot of comments for new business. If you have any questions regarding my reports, please let me know now. Past Vice President did great job to do by-laws. I took over some duties of Michael Shiffer while he was absent.

Stewart Gerlis: Thank you, John.

Secretary Report: None

Tournament Director Report: (Paul Mitchell)

I have a new baby. I have not been focused into EAAD business. I was so luckily that my wife agreed to let me having some my time to focus into EAAD. I have 7 issues to share with all of you. Maybe, some issues are not important, but I hope you can support me.

1. Seeding for drawing. It might cause more confusion on drawing without the guideline. We need to establish the guideline; therefore, we can follow up the rules.
2. I just wondered if Michael Shiffer already informed Danny Gabel about liability insurance during basketball tournament in Maryland. I knew two teams had not paid liability insurance. Danny Gabel verified that two teams already paid the liability insurance.
3. EAAD Officers will not pay the admission fee as stated in guidelines.
4. I need to clarify the date of deadline for renewal memberships. John Thomas complained that EAAD did not follow up the specific date. Was the date of December 1st for \$25 renewal date?
5. I motioned that EAAD would have old timers basketball game during EAAD Regional Basketball Tournament on the new business.
6. Many new teams tend to discuss with me. I do not mind to help Michael Shiffer. Stewart Gerlis encouraged me to inform the new teams must be corresponded with Michael Shiffer.
7. I appreciated that EAAD must keep in touch with me about official scorekeepers.

Public Relation/Hall of Fame Report: (Danny Gabel)

I want to work close with database. I need Stewart Gerlis giving all statistics, scores, teams, etc., and then I could to feed into Google drive system.

I need team rosters from Michael Shiffer after February 1st; so that I would insert them into twitter account.

I also have instagram account to keep up to date with our followers, EAAD is recognized. I believe that it is very important for Facebook accounts need to add all officers as administrator in order to control the account rather than one person. Stewart Gerlis said, WONDERFUL!!

Criteria?? I do not have any information about how to recognize players, teams and retired players.

Website, out of all 8 teams we have the worst design. We need to discuss how to live up EAAD website and improving the public information.

I concerned about COMMUNICATIONS between officers are very weak. It seems to be very direct and not as group. Please use cc. everyone in all emails; so that we are on the same page.

Guidelines should be focused on how brackets should work due to many issues from the past.

Concerned about the better financial proposition between host and EAAD during the event including profiting money and registration.

Committee Report:

2013 EAAD Basketball Regional Tournament: (Robert Jones): Not present.

2014 EAAD Basketball Regional Tournament: (Roxanna Aguilo): This is my first time to become the chairperson of this tournament. What is enriching experience!

3 PM to 5 PM--Board Meeting.

6 PM--Light refreshments will be served.

7 PM to 9 PM--Delegates Meeting.

Tomorrow night, all players can enjoy at Porterhouse Bar.

The rooms for EAAD officers are ready at the hotel.

Registrations are also ready and we must all wear our ID badge at all times. Security will be monitoring around campus to ensure safety of all and no drugs are prohibited in the case it may happen action will be taken.

Tomorrow morning we will provide badges to all players and coaches.

Stewart Gerlis: Thank you Roxanna.

Law Committee Report: (John Perry)

ESDAA HS All Star players were proposed by Paul Mitchell was declined due to budget plan.

1. Danny Gabel motioned that EAAD will host only one-day event for fundraising of High School All-Star players. EAAD will provide funds for t-shirts and referees. We will create formal letter to parents/families to invite High Schoolboys and girls' players from ESDAA Divisions 1, 2 and mainstreamed schools. Parents assume their responsibilities to bring their sons/daughters to the event. PASSED.
2. 35 Second Shot Clocks: EAAD declined because of high cost. If the school or gymnasium is willing to provide it, then we will accept.

Unfinished Business:

1. Financial Committee: Done
2. Affiliation with NDBO: Done
3. Thipgen: Hold

4. 35 Second Shot Clock: Danny Gabel requested if we could find used equipment. PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. EAAD/NEAAD Tournament: Paul Mitchell seconded. Vote: EAAD does not interest to participate. PASSED.
2. Old Timers: DG seconded. Vote: FAILED.
3. Website Salary: Danny Gabel seconded. Stewart Gerlis motioned that EAAD pays Daniela Farkas \$100 monthly until further notice. Vote: PASSED.
4. Webmaster for EAAD Board of Directors: Vote: FAILED.
5. Insurance Liability: Stewart Gerlis seconded. President Stewart Gerlis needs to create a VLOG to clarify about insurance liability. Vote: PASSED.
6. Donation to USADB: John Perry seconded. Stewart Gerlis proposed \$250. Danny Gabel amends that EAAD donates full-page of EAAD information into USADB program book. Vote: PASSED.
7. Consolidation Championship: Danny Gabel seconded. Stewart Gerlis amends that EAAD evaluates difficulties to find spare time, but bring up this issue to delegate meeting if they want to have consolidation championship. If delegates accept, then case is closed. If not, Stewart Gerlis will ask host chairperson to get referee schedule and add 7 AM games. Vote: PASSED.
8. New Letterhead: Board approved new letterhead and will bring up to delegates meeting for their final approval.
9. Waive \$10.00 Registration Fee: Danny Gabel seconded. Vote: FAILED.
10. Donate Fruit Basket to Michael Shiffer: John Perry seconded. Vote: PASSED.
11. Sean Gerlis was selected to become Parliamentarian during delegates meeting: Vote: PASSED.

Stewart Gerlis proposed to close NEW BUSINESS. Danny Gabel seconded.

Announcements:

Paul Mitchell brings first aid kit.

Adjournment:

Meeting closed at 5:49 PM. John Perry seconded.

Submitted by:

Vanessa Scarna, *Voluntarily Recording Secretary*