

EAAD Delegates Meeting

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

Friday Evening, March 7, 2014

President Stewart Gerlis started to call the meeting order at 7:24PM.

President Stewart Gerlis introduced Sean Gerlis as Parliamentarian for this meeting.

Roll Calls:

Stewart Gerlis; *President, EAAD*
John Perry; *Vice President, EAAD*
Paul Mitchell; *Tournament Director, EAAD*
Danny Gabel; *Public Relation/Hall of Fame, EAAD*
Chuck Wallace, Delegate at Large
Mike Kreiger, NJ Wild Ones
Robert Jones, Greater Philadelphia
Alexandria Pucciarelli, Showstoppers Stars
James Ginis, Lexington Alumni Association (Men)
Frank Wells, Lexington Alumni Association (Women)
Carl Colon, NJ Warriors
Wendell Forbes, Jr., Fanwood Alumni Association
George Rios, Harlem Wolves

Late Arrival: Chad Duhon, Northern Virginia

Minutes of the Meeting dated as of March 15, 2013--APPROVED.

Treasurer Report: (Stewart Gerlis)

Michael Shiffer was not present. Stewart Gerlis showed Bank of America banking statement, dated as of February 28, 2014, the amount was \$13,054.40.

President Report: (Stewart Gerlis)

(1) Welcome to EAAD Delegates Meeting! In despite of miserable weather, we still survive! Welcome to 69th Annual Men and 23rd Annual Women eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf, (EAAD) Basketball Regional Tournament. Please allow me applauding to Ms. Roxanna Aguilo, Chairperson of FAA and her super committees for their hard working to make this event possibly success.

(2) I regret that we do not have EAAD Board of Directors 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. We will roll up our sleeves to catch up the homework with our constitutions, by-laws and guidelines.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.**

(5) 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.

(7) 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.**

(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.

(11) 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.**

(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: (John Perry)

My first time as VP this year so I am making time aside from my role as Assistant Head Coach for the men's basketball team at Gallaudet University. I have also studied the by-laws and I will do my best to review it all by this summer. No proposal as far as the by-laws. See me if you plan to go to USADB in April 2014 at North Carolina. I am taking over ½ of MS duties. So please follow the by laws and not the board. We are being strict from here on out by following deadlines.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: (None.)

Law Committee Report: (None.)

Tournament Director: (Paul Mitchell)

Many rivals this year so I am pretty excited about this weekend and who will win championship. Anything related to bracket please see me. Any issues with referee please also see me. Respect the referees to do their job. Dress code must wear same shirt and pants.

1. EAAD approved that we should provide T-shirts to High School All Star players.

2. 35 Second Shot Clock: EAAD checked Amazon that it almost costs over 2K and that is obviously too expensive. All schools and gyms shall provide it only, if they have the equipment. Bottom line is the high cost does not fit EAAD tight budget.

Public Relation Director: (Danny Gabel)

My role last year was that I have been feeding information from the past up to current into Google drive. I have set up new forms for hall of fame as well. I want to bring back and recognize our former players. Instagram will launch starting tomorrow morning. We will add social media on all program books starting now. Any concerns or idea this weekend please feel free to share with me. Good luck this weekend!

Chairperson of 2013 EAAD: (Robert Jones)

Finally a great tournament and this year tie host 13 – 13 to NJ. Now this year Fanwood hosts so good luck to all and see you all tomorrow.

Chairperson of 2014: (Roxanna Aguilo)

I am excited and I also look forward to tomorrow and seeing the crowd. We also have good rivals competing against each other. Please tell all players and coaches to cooperate. No smoking and drugs on campus. Thanks Fanwood for the opportunity to host for free. Thank you! Tomorrow night's event will take place at Porterhouse Bar after the tournament.

Schedule:

9-9:30 coaches meeting then everyone out off campus.

Campus opens 7:00 AM tomorrow (Saturday) and ends at 9:30 PM.

Unfinished Business: (Stewart Gerlis)

1. *Financial Committee:* Timothy Frelich did not show up: therefore, his proposition was considered dead.
2. *Affiliation with NDBO:* EAAD did not affiliate with NDBO.
3. *Thipgen:* Mr. Thipgen was not allowed to get involving with EAAD's tournaments till he must pay his debt of \$75.00.
4. *Stop Clock During Free Throw:* Based on the number of teams would be clarified specifically in the guideline.

New Business Report: (Stewart Gerlis)

Stewart Gerlis announced that Michael Shiffer was not here. Stewart Gerlis tried to do his best to run the new business.

1. James Ginis proposed that EAAD affiliated with NDBO. Mike Krieger seconded. Vote: FAILED
2. Robert Jones proposed that EAAD would sponsor Kid's Basketball Camp. Mike Kreiger seconded.
Chuck Wallace motioned that this case would refer to Law Committee. PASSED.
3. Mike Kreiger motioned that time clock stop based on 8 teams during Free Throw. Frank Wells seconded. Danny Gabel amended that if there were more than 8 teams and the time clock ran continuously during Free Throw. If there were less than 8 teams; the time clock stopped during Free Throw. Frank Wells seconded. This case must refer to Law Committee. PASSED.
4. Chuck motioned that EAAD must join USSA Liability Insurance. Robert Jones seconded. Vote: FAILED.
5. John Perry motioned that EAAD should suspend Chris Shannon from NJ Wild Ones. Carl Colon seconded. Vote: PASSED.
6. Carl Colon motioned that EAAD suspend Adam Pagan from Rochester Blazers. Mike Kreiger seconded. Vote: PASSED.
7. James Ginis motioned that EAAD must improve the bracket structure for 5th and 6th place including time. President Gerlis referred to Law Committee. Robert Jones seconded. PASSED.
8. Stewart Gerlis motioned that EAAD should send fruit basket to Michael Shiffer. Carl seconded. Vote: PASSED.
9. Stewart Gerlis motioned that EAAD should donate one full-page EAAD advertisement on USADB program book. Frank Wells seconded. Vote: PASSED.
10. Danny Gabel motioned that EAAD shall donate \$200.00 to Deaf Sports Academic Basketball Camp. Mike Kreiger seconded. Vote: PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS closed.

Election Ballot: (Stewart Gerlis)

Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer: The election ballot were suspend due to by-laws. Chuck Wallace seconded. Vote: PASSED.

Announcement: (Roxanna Aguilo)

Fans could find park in the front campus. Committees and volunteers could park in the back of gymnasium. The security would inform the fans where to park.

Adjournment: Robert Jones motioned that the meeting was adjourned. Alexandria Pucciarelli seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:49PM.

Submitted by:

Vanessa Scarna
Voluntarily Recording Secretary