2020 NWADB BASKETBALL MINUTES  
NWADB BASKETBALL BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, March 12, 2020  
Pocatello, Idaho

The proceedings of the 67th NWADB men and 30th women annual business meeting was held at Mountain Event Center (MEC). President Nathan Boyes called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

ROLL CALLS: Those in attendance were: Nathan Boyes-President, Craig Radford-Secretary/Treasurer, Brandon Dopf-Information Director, Justin Anderson – Public Relations, Plus Delegates at large below.

DELEGATES-AT-LARGE:

Men: Bandits-Nelson DosSantos, Dynasty-Bryon Jensen, Northwest-Wade Hester, Northwest Idaho-Matt Cerar, Oregon-Daniela Chavez, Sac Town-Irven Wade, Utah Rapids-Brad Crowther, Vancouver-Cristina Martinez-White,

Women: Idaho Gems-Jill Radford, Oregon-Maria De Leon, Utah Mountaineers-Whitney James and VAD-Tracey Tasselli-Boyes

PARLIAMENTARIAN: None

OPENING REMARKS: President Nathan Boyes reported that Not wonderful news since our arrival. We checked yesterday and unfortunately, things changed quickly. I pulled into the parking lot after a long day trip to find out the event has been canceled. Officers have been working together throughout the year. We have supported each other with their roles. I have enjoyed working with them, I asked Justin to run the meeting since I have been traveling over 10 hours to get here.

Justin: Thank you all for coming here. We decided to keep our delegates meeting. Our focus and priority are your safety and health. We are following the State of Idaho’s requirement to cancel the event. We will discuss about keeping the tournament this year or postpone to next year later on in the meeting.

CURRENT HOST TOURNAMENT REPORT: None since the tournament is suspended.

READING MINUTES: Approved 2019’s minutes as read. Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT: Number of men team and women team tends to average 8 and 4 each year. We look at trends and costs. Cost $5000 with officers trip $1500, how can we offset the costs. We have calculated formula to offset the costs. NWADB historically charge a number (ex: $45) and as result, we lose money, etc. We are trying to fix that and come up with a formula to determine the right fee for team and fans so that we can cover the costs of tournament. We looked into LV which would cost $4-5,000 for a tournament. Cheaper here
around $2000 We are trying to find the most reasonable cost. With team fees, we receive sometimes cashier check with team name or to Nathan, etc. Now we are doing everything online. Once you pay online, it’s documented and much easier. We want to continue that going forward. That started this tournament for the first time, not last year. When we review the financial report you will see data from 2019.

**OFFICERS’ REPORT:**

**President Nathan Boyes’ report:** Craig has been doing a wonderful job handling and setting up this tournament allowing less time and focus from me. I’ve been involved with bylaws, tournament. We discussed about affiliation with USADB and paying the fees. A big part of our expenses is travel to USADB to participate in meetings. Been in discussion with them and we will discuss further. We always try to send a team there including a rep from NWADB. Lot of my time was reaching out to men and women teams who have not been attending in the past like California, etc and finding who leaders are in the area so they can set up a team. I decided to step out my role and set up my own team. We need to come up with ideas and plans to get leaders in large city areas who can help us find leaders and players to involve with NWADB. Look into demographics such as age brackets, etc.

**Vice President Scott Walburg’s report:** I was so disappointed that I can’t make it for Craig’s and Bryan’s proud host this weekend.

I got a new job for USPS and still on the probation job trail.

I have been hard times to reach other regions and only able to reach to the CAAD and MAAD. You will see the delegate bylaws packet and review this bylaws. Hope you all included officers, players, and fans have good times! Please wash your hands frequently! Good luck to all men’s and women’s teams!

**Secretary/Treasurer Craig Radford’s report:**

1. We are trying to work on merging with FAAD. They have small number of teams and it would be good to merge to increase in numbers (from 8 to 12). Larger number of teams, fans, etc. Challenge is board and who runs. Proposed to merge and then open all officers position open and we can vote the board. We feel that NWADB financial situation is stronger than FAAD. We will propose for your approval to initiate dialogue for merger.

2. I claimed deafbasketball.com and would like to host invitational tournaments, youth basketball camps, etc. NWADB can work with deaf basketball as an independent organization to run tournaments for NWADB. We have noticed many local clubs are going away and NWADB is still going strong and able to host tournaments quickly.
Information Director: Brandon Dopf
1. Statistics – Many thanks to Jill Radford and Robert Belshe in working together and recruited 11 volunteers to help with statistics.

2. Website – We have been keeping the website updated with information via www.nwadb.org. If you have any issues or feedback, please let me know.

3. Hall of Fame – We are thrilled that one of our own, Craig Radford, received the most votes from our Hall of Fame electors to be inducted in the 2020 NWADB Men Hall of Fame. We will have a brief presentation during the awards ceremony after the men championship game. Congratulations Craig!

Public Relations Director: Justin Anderson
I have been working with all of the officers per Nathan’s request. Brandon and I worked a bunch on the website, getting the bugs ironed out. Glad to see the outcome of our hard work to get here of this tournament. Also, I asked Taylor to do some Vlogs for our organization, with a young spirit and great ASL skills. Would like to introduce her as our NWADB’s Reporter and Photographer.

Take a look at our NWADB’s T shirts, they are $20 each.

Old Business: 2020 NWAB Bylaws Law Committee: has 2 motions to consider.

1st Motion:
Motion #2 - All teams going forward will be allowed 2 hearing players per team who use ASL to communicate. Only 1 allowed on floor during game. Rationale – need more teams.

We should contact CAAD and MAAD for their experience and feedback. Refer to Law Committee for their review. Passed for Law Committee.

Law Committee Reported that: MAAD’s messages: MAAD is allowing female CODA only for first time this season - only one CODA per women team, understanding that the female CODA must reside in MAAD region - not count as FA. No CODAs for men team allowed.

CAAD’s messages: One CODA allows playing at CAAD. Only 1 CODA. It’s required to have the CODA player signs the roster form as well.

The Law Committee recommend to allow 2 Hearing Players per Men’s Team, 3 Hearing Players per Women’s team. Only one hearing Player on the floor will be allowed, starting next year.

Amendment to allow one SODA or CODA each for both men and women team for one year as a pilot. PASSED

2nd Amendment add up to 2 SODA or CODA for women team
Main motion PASSED as both amendments are amended.

2nd Motion:
Motion #4 – Byron Jensen proposed to decrease the team fees. Seconded by David Harvey.

Rationale – already receiving complaints from team players that the fees are too expensive for them. Refer to Law Committee to specify how much and do more due diligence research.
Tracy proposed to close this motion. Matt Cerar seconded.

The Law Committee recommend not to decrease the team fees due to our NWADB’s budget being spent for the tournament and National tournament expense.

PASSED with Law Committee’s recommendation Not to decrease the fees.

**New Business:**

Proposal #1:
Move to allow officers to propose a merge of NWADB & FAAD. They will put together a strategy and present to delegates for review.
**PASSED**

Proposal #2:
Focus on establishing local players for teams. Minimum of 7-8 local players and then can recruit outside local. Helpful for NWADB to grow.
**FAILED**

Proposal #3:
Proposed contract with Deaf Basketball Officials (DBO) for our tournaments. That way we can have Deaf officials.

Amendment to use local costs of referee as approved amount for DBO or certified Deaf referees as first opportunity to bid to accept NWADB’s proposal.
**PASSED as Amended.**

**2020 Tournament:** A discussion of Should we postpone until May or June or wait until 2021?
10 voted to postpone to May/June with 3 refund options while 4 voted to cancel.
1. Adjusted refund money back based on after the money spent on such as trophies, t-shirts to share the burden of Operating Costs.
2. Use money for May/June tournament
3. Use money for next year 2021 tournament.
Bid for 2021 Tournament: Pocatello, Idaho
Pocatello, Idaho bid for 2021. PASSED

2022 Tournament: Salem, Oregon
Irven Wade bid for Sacramento, California for 2022. 5 votes

Election: The Officers asked the delegates to do all 5 election offices this year and the delegates approved.

President: Justin won by Acclamation, ACL.
Craig nominate Justin Anderson-accepted.

Vice President: Matt Cerar won in private ballot.
Wade nominate Craig Radford - declined
Nathan nominate Scott Walburg - accepted
Byron nominated Nathan Boyes – declined
Matt nominated Tracey Tasselli-Boyes – declined
Wade nominated Jill Radford – declined
Brandon nominated Whitney James – declined
Byron nominated Matt Cerar – accepted

Secretary/Treasurer: Ben Daniel won by Acclamation, ACL.
Byron nominated Craig Radford – accepted then withdrew
Wade nominated Ben Daniel – accepted

Information Director: Brandon Dopf won by Acclamation, ACL.
Nathan Boyes nominated Brandon Dopf – accepted ACL
Wade nominated Robert Belshe – declined

Public Relations: Craig Radford won in private ballot.
Jill nominated Craig Radford – accepted
Tracey nominated Nathan Boyes – accepted
Brad Crowther nominated Jill Radford – declined
Charlita Jones nominated Maria De Leon – accepted
Nathan Boyes swore 5 new officers to oath.

Announcements:
Craig Radford: Sell shirts at $20 each, he thanked local volunteers for helping with this tournament. Appreciate Ricky Taylor for his work with the trophies.

Nathan Boyes announced and mentioned that he appreciated Justin’s involvement and all of his work and welcome him back as President. Enjoy Pocatello regardless of unfortunate circumstances outside of our control.

Adjournment at 8:20 pm