

**L.A.D. Board Meeting
November 14, 2009
Lafayette Athletic Association of the Deaf**

President Randy Pippins called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

All officers and members at large are present.
Alexandria Assoc. of the Deaf representative Thelma Covello is absent.

The minutes of June 6, 2009 conference is accepted without correction.

The minutes of August 15, 2009 board meeting is accepted without correction.

President Pippins' report:

- +La. School for the Deaf is in process of screening for the new director and hopefully hire one in the spring.
- +LAD officers met with Joe Fischgrund to express our concerns about the school and with others suggested what LSD really needs to make it a better school.
- +Pauline Wood and Randy Pippins met with the board of La. School Board Association (LSBA) in hopes that they would be able to help LSD.
- +Praised Kathy Stewart for her hard work for LAD.

Vice President Ed Wood's report:

- *We are in need of a new computer for Bingo.
- *Had difficulty with debit card with Kenny Davis' name on it. Must solve this problem.
- *The by-laws should be notarized.
- *Re: Article VII about co-signers. We need to fill out new authorization form because of the new officer, Vice President.

Secretary Pauline Wood's report:

- ^Met with symposium committee recently about Deaf Education Forum which will be held June 9 – 12, 2010. They are asking for LAD involvement by being on a panel with NAD to talk about LAD, Jr. NAD and deaf leadership. They may need some financial aid.
- ^Got a call from Holly Ketchum of Little Rock, Ark. regarding Deaf Self-Advocacy Training this February in Denver, Colorado. They are asking for 5 or 6 deaf people from La. to attend the training. With the board members' approval, the secretary will contact Sarah Tullier if she is interested to go there.
- ^Have been contacting Linda Hatrak Cundy of the Hatrak Sisters about the workshop this February. We have two flyers..one for LRID and one for the deaf

community. It will be held at Embassy Suites and a room for 150 people has been reserved.

=Pauline Wood (seconded) made a motion that we rent a workshop room at Embassy Suites instead of paying meals for the participants. Carried

^Marilyn Smith, CEO of Abused Deaf Women Advocacy Service (ADWAS) will be in town Dec. 3-5 to meet with some women.

=Ed Wood (seconded) moved that we let participants of ADWAS workshop use LAD office on Saturday, Dec. 5. Carried

^Kathy Stewart is due a pay raise.

=Ed Wood (seconded) that we raise Kathy Stewart's salary from \$14.76 to \$18.00 an hour. Carried

^Contacted NAD Region 3 representatives to discuss our case about \$5,000 NAD that is owed to LAD. It was carried last June that it would be waived with understanding that NAD cover our expenses for the next three conferences. They did not discuss it and we need to talk to Bobbie Beth Scoggins or Nancy Bloch.

Treasurer Kenny Davis' report:

\$-LAD and Wal-Mart Deaf Children's Golf Classic was held recently at Carter Plantation in Springfield, LA. Four students from La. School for the Deaf, Houston Moss, Dorothy Rodriguez and Walker Estes were involved in the annual event.
\$-Kathy Stewart and Kenny went to Capital One Bank to pay off the mortgage of LAD office. LAD office is officially ours to keep. However, the office is in need of repairs.

\$-We have Z340 from CSDVRS. Walker Estes will set it up for us.

\$- We are in process of hiring cleaning services to clean the office twice each month.

\$-Randy Pippins and Kenny interviewed Mike Mack as our webmaster. Now we are looking for web host. There are 3 feature packages by Cox Communication.

\$-LAD's balance is:

June 2009 - \$348,413.87

July 2009 - \$361,062.48

Aug. 2009 - \$357,250.78

Sept. 2009 - \$352,229.98

Members-at-Large's reports:

Bobbie Lefors - Wanted to ask about website but Kenny Davis already explained it.

Wanted more deaf leadership, more deaf advocates, more involvement with Deaf senior citizens

Need different golfers for the LAD/WalMart Golf Classic

Joseph Perrodin - Discussed with his two sisters about mainstreaming.

Chapter Representatives' reports:

Judith Perrodin of LADBC – New officers: President-Judith Perrodin

Vice President – Philomena Wolf

Secretary – Maria Garden

Lafayette Area – Melinda Granger

Baton Rouge Area – Jackie Broussard

Shirley Delahoussaye of LRID – There was a conference last Sept. and the new officers are: Darlene Austin, President; Monique Revader, Vice President; Cara Magee-Johnston, Secretary; Linda Ducotey, Treasurer and Kim White, CMP Coordinator.

Donna Cormier of LAAD – New Officers: Cleve Cormier, President, Cindy Robillard, Vice President; Linda Ducotey, Secretary and Mike Baudoin, Treasurer....

New Business:

=Ed Wood (seconded) that we purchase a new computer for LAD Bingo.

Kenny Davis (seconded) amended that we use Bingo account to purchase a laptop. LAD's Bingo account will be used to buy a new laptop for LAD Bingo. Carried

=Kenny Davis (seconded) moved that we hire a corporate attorney to review our by-laws before being notarized. Carried

Announcements:

Judith Perrodin: LADBC will be hosting a New Year Eve party. The admission to the party will be \$5.00 and \$5.00 for gumbo dinner.

Donna Cormier: LAAD will have Thanksgiving dinner the next day.

LAAD will host a movie "Gerald" on Feb. 6, 2010. They will host a New Year Party on Dec. 31.

Joseph Perrodin: New Orleans Deaf Black Association is hosting a gala that night in Metairie.

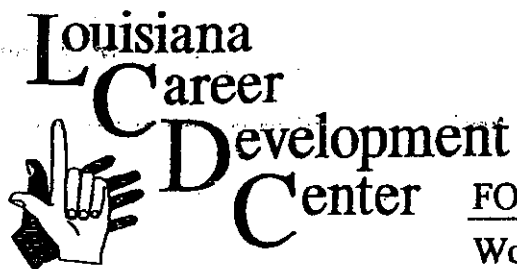
Cleve Cormier: He and Donna went to Florida for EXPO and expressed his wish that one be held in Louisiana.

Pauline Wood: Alan Hurwitz is Gallaudet University's new president. Nancy Bloch, Executive Director of NAD, is retiring and they are looking for a new one.

The next board meeting will be held on Feb. 27, 2010 at 9:00 am at LAD office in Baton Rouge.

Meeting is adjourned at 11:40 am.

Pauline Wood
Secretary



FOR THE DEAF AND DEAF-BLIND

Working 'Hand in Hand' To Build a Brighter Future

October 30, 2009

Randall Pippins, Sr., President
Louisiana Association of the Deaf, Inc.
3112 Valley Creek Drive Suite E
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Dear Mr. Pippins:

Re: Check #3165

This letter is to express my sincere thanks for the generous donation of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for the transportation to Deaf-Blind Camp. Due to your generous donation, Deaf-Blind people were able to attend camp once more and enjoy a long weekend of recreation and relaxation. Its individuals like you that make the world a better place for Deaf-Blind people.

Again, your donation was greatly appreciated. Thanks so much!

Sincerely yours,

Jackie Broussard
Deaf-Blind Camp Director

November 19, 2009

Hi Randall,

Enclosed please find another check in the amount of \$3,555.36 to replace the lost one from the 2008 tournament. We hope you had a good time at this year's tournament? What do you all think of Carter Plantation?

At the 2008 tournament we had 103 golfers and this year we had 96 golfers. The drop reflects a loss of approximately 12 players that couldn't make it because of the change of date. I'm satisfied, considering the state of the economy.

Hoping you all the best,


Earl