

2nd DIBF Americas Congress Board meeting

Delegates from 5 countries were represented at the 2nd DIBF Congress Board meeting today: Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Canada and the United States.

Among the items discussed in the meeting were, the official naming of the Pam Amdes, re-election of the officers and the status of future international competitions.

The general consensus was that the name of the competition, PANAMDES will be changed to DIBF Americas to be consistent with FIBA's Americas. Actually the idea of the name, DIBF Americas, was founded in San Paolo, Brazil on June 2012, but it was never made public until the delegates stamped their official approval of the new name.

Jack Lamberton, President of US Deaf Sports Federation, called on the delegates for public election of current DIBF Americas board. All voted unanimously by show of hands, for the re-election of every current board member. These following board members will serve 4 -year terms, from 2016 to 2020.

President:	Octavio Marcano, Venezuela
Secretary General:	James DeStefano, United States
Treasurer:	Gaston Buteler, Argentina
Members (2):	Tobias Valdano, Trinidad and Tobago Alan Jesurum, Dominican Republic

These future international competitions were brought to attention by President Octavio Marcano and confirmed by the delegates:

2017 U20 Americas Championships in Sucre, Bolivia
2018 U21 World Championships in Washington, D.C.
2018 DIBF Referee Clinic in Washington, D.C.

Canada 117 Brazil 32

Canada opened with 22 unanswered points until Brazil's Schroder broke the drought with a 2 pointer with 3:47 left in the 1st quarter. Canada closed the quarter with 30 points of their own to Brazil's 4.

By 2nd quarter, Canada coach Matos sent in his 2nd string and Brazil was able to add a few more to the board. Canada 52, Brazil 7 at halftime.

Brazil found a new life in 3rd quarter when the Brazilian bench replaced most of the starters and the pace finally picked up. Brazil scored 19 points, the most points ever in a quarter for the beleaguered squad since arriving on US soil five days ago. Canada 79, Brazil 26, at end of third quarter.

The game ended with Canada winning by the score of 117-32.

USA 94 Argentina 54

There was a buzz around campus that Argentina's sharp shooters would provide a much tighter competition for the USA squad than Venezuela could. Sure enough, fans flocked to this game to witness the match-ups between the two countries.

Argentina started the first half with in-your-face man defense and forced USA into numerous turnovers. USA made the mistake of playing to Argentina's pace and was obviously rattled. USA scored first, with a two pointer, but Argentina quickly responded with a trey to make it 3-2. Both teams switched leads throughout the first half and were plagued with

fouls calls. Argentina was the quicker team and snared more loose balls than the USA squad did. However, the blue and white squad shot only 9% from the three-point range, thus failing to capitalize on USA's 17 turnovers. USA took advantage of Argentina's shooting maladies by shooting 54% from the field with 40% from the 3-point line. Thus, the red, white and blue squad was able to close out the 1st half with a 44-34 score, despite turning the ball over 17 times.

2nd Half - Obviously made uncomfortable by Argentina's frenzied pace in the first half, USA purposefully slowed down the pace at the start of 3rd, by making extra passes and feeding the ball to McGriff and Jackson inside. Robert Haney and Preston Kelly controlled the tempo and USA was able to pull away with 70-52 at the end of third quarter.

Preston Kelly, Frank Jackson and Layton Seeber continued to step up for USA in fourth quarter as Argentina tried to resume its in-your-face defensive game. But every attempt by Argentina to force the tempo to turn their way, USA quickly shut it down. Argentina again lagged with their horrific shooting percentage, making only 6 out of 35, including 2 of 19 treys. USA finished strong with a 56% shooting from the field in the 2nd half and 55% for the game. The game became a no contest when USA reduced their 2nd half turnovers to 6 and clearly stamped their dominance with a 94-54 win. The shooting percentage spelled the difference between the two teams' shooting prowess.

	<u>1st Half</u>	<u>2nd Half</u>	<u>Overall</u>
USA	54%	56%	55%
Argentina	33%	17%	25%

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JURGEN ENDRESS!
(MUNCHING ON A BIRTHDAY CUPCAKE PRESENTED TO HIM BY A FAN)

