



USA Softball Board of Directors
Telephonic Conference Call
January 20, 2020

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Cobb called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. CT

2. ROLL CALL

Board of Directors (BOD) members present were Rodney Cobb; John Gouveia; Joe Patterson; Beverly Wiley; Carlton Benton; Walker Clark; Drew Wells; Darrin Duistermars; Mary Mahoney; Dick Gulmon; Roger Garcia; Anna Louie; Donn Addante; Sandy Searcy; Nick Mullins; Valerie Arioto; Michelle Moultrie and Janie Reed.

Absent: John McPhail

The CEO declared that a quorum had been established.

Staff – Craig Cress, Mark Loehrs, Chris Sebren, John Miller, Shirley Adkins, Rich Cress, Savannah Edwards, Dre McKee, and Codi Warren.

Mr. Cobb welcomed and thanked the newest additions to the BOD who began their respective terms: Walker Clark, Mary Mahoney, Anna Louie and Sandy Searcy.

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chris Sebren – National Teams – Executive Session
Craig Cress – National Office Staff Updates – New Business
Joe Patterson – All American Games update – Executive Session
Rodney Cobb – Bylaws and Procedural Code – Old Business

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/S/C – Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Executive Session Agenda items.

M/S/C – Motion to exit out of Executive Session with the following motions made:

- A. Approve a one-year contract with Major League Baseball as the presenting sponsor of the "Stand Beside Her" tour.*
- B. Proceed with inviting the 2019 Girls' Class A 14U National Champions to represent USA Softball at a U-15 international event in Takasaki City, Japan. If the team is unable to attend, the National Office would look into the remaining teams who participated at the National Championship to invite. The majority of expenses will be covered by the host while any remaining monies would be covered by the team who will represent USA Softball.*
- C. Proceed with selling Vanguard mutual funds and return the funds to the operating cash account.*
- D. Allow co-Tournament Directors for the 2020 USA Softball All American Games (AAG), which would consist of an AAG Committee member, appointed by the AAG Committee, and a National Office staff member, appointed by the CEO. The responsibilities for each co-Tournament Director would be assigned by the National Office.*

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

USA Softball Bylaws and Procedural Code

The BOD received updated Bylaws and the Procedural Code for their review and feedback. Donn Addante requested that BOD members review these documents and to contact him with any questions or feedback. These documents will be sent to Commissioners and then Council Members within the week.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. National Office staff updates

John Miller updated the BOD on recent additions to the National Office as full-time staff, Independent Contractors and interns. Jake Hill has been hired in Facility Maintenance and Justin McGregor has been hired as the new Event Coordinator. Mr. Cress also updated the BOD on three interns who will be joining the National Office for the 2020 season: Aaron Wintermote and Morgan Palmer in Communications and Halley Randolph in Events/Membership. Additionally, three Independent Contractors will join the "Stand Beside Her" tour: Samantha Carter as the athletic trainer, Haley Hall as a Marketing intern and Jade Hewitt for digital media.

B. USA Softball of Michigan state meeting

Darrin Duisternars thanked Mr. Cress for writing a thoughtful letter to Jerry Hanson following his retirement as Commissioner of USA Softball of Michigan. The letter was read during the USA Softball of Michigan state meeting.

7. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m. CT on Monday, January 20, 2020.