



USA Softball Board of Directors
Telephonic Conference Call
January 23, 2019

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Gouveia called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Board of Directors (BOD) members present were John Gouveia; Warren Jones; Rodney Cobb; Beverly Wiley; John McPhail; Carlton Benton; ET Colvin; Joe Patterson; Dick Gulmon; Roger Garcia; Sam Ducato; Donn Addante; Kasey Cooper, proxy for Valerie Arioto; Nick Mullins, Michelle Moultrie and Janie Reed.

Absent: Drew Wells and Darrin Duistermars

The CEO declared that a quorum had been established.

Staff: Craig Cress, Mark Loehrs, John Miller, Chris Sebren, Rich Cress, Savannah Edwards, Andrea McKee, Codi Warren, Megan Schallom, Kevin Ryan and Shirley Adkins.

M/S/C – Motion to approve Kasey Cooper as Proxy for Valerie Arioto, Elite Athlete Representative.

3. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a. Equipment Testing and Certification Committee – Kevin Ryan, Director of Umpires

Certification Marks

M/S/C - Motion to approve the Equipment Testing and Certification Committee recommendations to allow the Bat and Ball Manufacturers to incorporate the new USA Softball Bat and Ball Certification Marks.

b. National Teams – Chris Sebren, Director

i. Women's National Teams

M/S/C – Motion to approve the Women's National Team Selection Committee selections for the 2019 Women's National Team and to allow the committee to finalize the approval of the Pan American Games team to the USOC.

ii. Men's National Team

M/S/C – Motion to approve the Men's National Team Selection Committee selections for the 2019 Men's National Team and allow the committee to finalize the approval of the WBSC Men's World Championship and Pan American Games Teams.

iii. Junior Women's National Team

M/S/C – Motion to approve the Women's National Team Selection Committee selections for the 2019 Junior Women's Training Team and allow the committee to finalize the team for the WBSC U19 World Cup.

iv. National Team Schedules

Mr. Sebren informed the BOD on the current status of the National Team schedules for the 2019 season and spoke on the support USA Softball has received from individuals for the future of the MNT program, which includes providing more opportunities for younger athletes in the MNT athlete pool to continue playing. President Gouveia spoke about a men's fast pitch event to be held on February 8-10 in Southern California that USA Softball of NorCal is hosting and a Futures Team will be competing.

- v. World Baseball Softball Confederation Board Meeting (WBSC) Executive Board Meeting
Mr. Cress updated the Board on his trip to Rome, Italy, on January 17-21, 2019 to attend the WBSC Executive Board Meeting. A highlight of the meeting included USA Softball entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the French Federation with the goal of promoting baseball and softball for Tokyo 2020, Paris 2024 and LA 2028 Olympic Games. This MOU will allow USA Softball to work with France for the opportunity to send a team and/or coaches for grassroots development. USA Softball is looking into the possibility of sending our Junior Women's National Team to Paris, France.

c. Membership / Championships / USA HOF Complex – John Miller, Director

i. ABLE Commission

M/S/C – Motion to approve Craig Cress, Mark Loehrs, and Megan Schallom as the designated officers from the USA Softball National Office to apply for the beer and wine license with the ABLE Commission.

Directive: President Gouveia requested that Megan Schallom send the Board members the "Individual Personal History" applications form to be completed and returned.

ii. MTM Awards Package

M/S/C – Motion to approve Junior Olympic (JO) National Championship awards Class III and Class IV to medals/medallion on ribbons for all individual JO National Championship awards.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/S/C - Motion to enter into Executive Session.

The following staff members left the call during Executive Session: Rich Cress, Andrea McKee, Megan Schallom, and Kevin Ryan

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

a. *M/S/C - Motion to approve the Assistant Coaches for the Pan Am Games for the Women's National Team & the assistant coaches for the Pan Am Games and World Championship for the Men's National Teams.*

b. *M/S/C - Motion to approve the Assistant Coaches for the 2019 Junior Women's National Team.*

c. *M/S/C - Motion to approve USA Softball of Vermont as a viable association and to proceed forward with the search for a new commissioner.*

d. *M/S/C – Motion to approve the request of financial relief in the amount of \$313.01 for a local association.*

5. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23, 2019.