



USA Softball Board of Directors  
Telephonic Conference Call  
February 7, 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; Drew Wells; Darrin Duisternars; Joe Patterson; Dick Gulmon; Roger Garcia; Donn Addante; Valerie Arioto; Michelle Moultrie and Janie Reed.

Absent: ET Colvin, Sam Ducato, Nick Mullins

The CEO declared that a quorum had been established.

Guests present: John Falcone with Cheek & Falcone, PLLC

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

3. **NEW AMENDMENTS**

Craig Cress - Senior Slow Pitch National Championship date change  
Craig Cress – Executive Session (5 items)

4. **DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

a. Marketing Department – Dre McKee, Managing Director

Junior Women's National Training Team (JWNT) Paris Fundraiser

Dre McKee provided the BOD with information on a fundraising event by JWNT member Kathryn Sandercock's mother, Trish Sandercock. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for the JWNT for a trip to Paris, France this June. The fundraiser will be held March 10 in McLean, Va. This was informational, which required no action by the BOD.

b. Membership – Craig Cress, CEO

Senior Slow Pitch National Championship Date Change

**M/S/C to approve a date change for the 2019 Senior Slow Pitch National Championship from August 30–September 2, 2019 to July 17-21, 2019.**

Biennial Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) Clinic Update

Mr. Cress spoke provided the BOD with a recap of the 2019 Biennial UIC Clinic, which was held January 31-February 2, 2019 in Oklahoma City, Okla. There were over 400 attendees and Mr. Cress commended Director of Umpires, Kevin Ryan, and the National Umpire Staff for putting on a successful event.

NCAA Women's College World Series (WCWS) Update

Mr. Cress spoke on recent meetings with Sharon Cessna, the liaison for the NCAA Women's College World Series, to discuss event operations and the state of renovations to USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex – OGE Energy Field. There will be a follow up meeting on March 4, 2019 that will also include ESPN that will focus on safety requirements to ensure that all requirements are met post-renovations for broadcast and production. The final pre-event meeting will be held on April 22, 2019.

#### National Office Email Update

Mr. Cress spoke on an issue regarding Council Members not receiving emails from the National Office staff. This is due to certain email providers blocking or causing a delay in incoming correspondence from the National Office that results in emails being flagged as spam. The National Office staff has looked into solutions and Codi Warren, Managing Director of Communications, will be sending out communication to the Council about the solution to this issue. The National Office is requesting that the Regional Vice-Presidents forward the email on to the Commissioners within their region to ensure everyone receives the latest information.

#### SafeSport Website Updates

Mr. Cress informed the BOD that the National Office has been reviewing information on USASoftball.com regarding USA Softball's SafeSport policy and information on the U.S. Center for SafeSport. Savannah Edwards, Managing Director of I.T., and staff have and will continue to work with the U.S. Center for SafeSport and legal for the updates.

#### United States Olympic Committee (USOC) Updates

i. 2018 NGB Compliance Checklist

Mr. Cress, Ms. Edwards, Chris Sebren, Director of National Teams, and Mark Loehrs, Chief Financial Officer, have been working with the USOC on addressing five items that USA Softball did not meet on the 2018 Compliance Checklist. USA Softball has 90 days from the receipt of the report to address the items, one of which has already been addressed. The National Office staff will put together a plan to address these items and will submit a report to the BOD for final approval. USA Softball has until May 6, 2019 to submit the corrections to the USOC.

ii. USOC Athlete Safety Session

The National Office will be sending staff to the USOC Athlete Safety Session that will be held February 25-26, 2019 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

iii. USOC Audit

The USOC will conduct an audit at the USA Softball National Headquarters March 25-29, 2019 with Mr. Cress, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Loehrs.

iv. 2019 Pan American Games Site Visit

Mr. Sebren will be conducting a site visit March 27-30, 2019 in Lima, Peru, host of the 2019 Pan American Games. Ray Gutierrez will be joining Mr. Sebren as a translator during the facility and housing inspection.

## 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

*a. M/S/C - Motion to approve a one-year agreement between True North Management Group and USA Softball.*

*b. M/S/C - Motion to approve a seven-year agreement with Commerce Bank for a Visa credit reward program.*

*c. M/S/C - Motion to approve a one-year agreement with Enterprise and National car rental.*

*d. M/S/C - Motion to approve a two-year agreement with Major League Baseball (MLB) for a free, co-branded educational Amateur Resource Center website.*

## 6. ADJOURN

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2019.*