



USA Softball Board of Directors  
Telephonic Conference Call  
February 11, 2020

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Cobb called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. CT.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Nick Mullins and Janie Reed.

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.

**3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Craig Cress – National Teams – Executive Session

Craig Cress – National Office Auditing Firm Update – New Business

**4. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

National Teams

Chris Sebren provided the BOD with a written report on the 2020 U18 Men's National Team (MNT) roster for the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) U18 Men's Softball World Cup. Following the team's qualifier last year in Guatemala City, Guatemala, there are a few members of the team who are now unavailable to attend, which will require the addition of replacement players: Brennan DuCharme, Braden DuCharme and Josh Perneti. Mr. Sebren provided a background on all three athletes to the BOD.

***M/S/C – Motion to approve the replacement players for the 2020 U18 Men's National Team roster.***

**5. 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. Motion to approve a two-year contract with Capital Distributing Co. for the USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium.***
- B. Motion to approve a three-year agreement with Dudley to be the Official Slow Pitch Ball of the USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium events.***
- C. Motion to approve a revenue split for merchandise between USA Softball and tour stop hosts for the "Stand Beside Her" tour, presented by MLB.***
- D. Motion to allow confidentiality agreements for National Team athletes so that Athlete Representatives on the BOD may share confidential information that is pertinent to their programs.***

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

U15 International Event in Takasaki City, Japan

Carlton Benton inquired about the status of a U15 roster that would represent USA Softball at a U-15 international event in Takasaki City, Japan. Mr. Benton asked if the winning team from the 2019 14-Under National Championship had been contacted to see if they would be able to represent USA Softball. Mr. Cress informed the BOD that the top six teams from the 2019 14-Under National Championship are no longer age-eligible to participate in the event and that USA Softball has been looking into the 12-Under National Champions as a possibility. The National Office is checking with their Local Association Commissioner to ensure the team is in good standing. The BOD commended selecting teams who competed at USA Softball National Championships to represent USA Softball at this event or events similar to it in the future.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

National Office Auditing Firms

Mr. Cress informed the BOD on the current companies that USA Softball uses for audits: RSM US LLP Consolidated Financial and KPMG Audit. RSM currently conducts USA Softball's annual audit while KPMG has been auditing USA Softball's tax returns. USA Softball has contacted RSM to request a bid for taking on both the annual audit and tax returns, which is fairly common for auditing groups to do. USA Softball is still awaiting a letter of engagement from RSM; however, their initial estimate would be less than the price paid for services at KPMG in the previous year. If the letter of engagement comes back reflecting the lesser price, USA Softball will be switching all their services to RSM.

8. **ADJOURN**

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. CT on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.*