



USA Softball Board of Directors
Telephonic Conference Call
March 5, 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; ET Colvin; Drew Wells; Darrin Duistermars; Dick Gulmon; Roger Garcia; Sam Ducato; Donn Addante; Valerie Arioto; Michelle Moultrie and Janie Reed.

Absent: Carlton Benton, Joe Patterson and Nick Mullins

The CEO declared that a quorum had been established.

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

3. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

John Gouveia – Commissioner’s Meeting Request – New Business
Craig Cress – Executive Session (1 item)

4. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

a. National Teams – Chris Sebren, Director

2019 and 2020 Women’s National Team (WNT) Training Camp in Iwakuni, Japan

Chris Sebren provided the BOD with a report on a request from the City of Iwakuni, Japan to host the WNT in 2019 and 2020 to train for the Japan Cup and Olympic Games, respectively. Iwakuni has previous experience hosting as the 2018 WNT held a training camp there prior to the WBSC Women’s World Championship. Iwakuni would assist USA Softball with costs associated with the training camp while the training camp would allow the athletes and staff to get acclimated to the climate and time change. President Gouveia and Mr. Sebren will be attending a ceremony in April at the Marine Corp Air Station to show USA Softball’s and Iwakuni’s commitment to these pre-event training opportunities.

b. Marketing – Dre McKee, Managing Director

Gold Ball Gala Fundraiser

Dre McKee provided the BOD with a report on a fundraising opportunity for the National Team Programs. Ms. McKee is organizing a Gold Ball Gala to be held on May 29, 2019 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Okla. where fans and supporters of the National Team Programs can purchase tables and/or tickets to attend. Ms. McKee and staff answered questions by the BOD on where proceeds will be distributed and what athletes would be attending. Current and former National Team athletes will be invited to attend and the office staff will determine how the proceeds will be divided for the Endowment Fund and Legacy Club.

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 two-year agreement with Norma Tec.*

b. *M/S/C – Motion to approve Bob Piddock, head coach; Tony Aresco, Mike Armitage and Jerry Zimmerman as assistant coaches for the 2019-2020 U-18 Men’s National Team Coaching Staff.*

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Membership – Commissioner's Meeting Request

President Gouveia informed the BOD of a request he received following the Region 2 meeting that was held in Charleston, W.V. the last weekend in February. Warren Jones spoke on behalf of the request, which is to hold a Commissioner's Meeting in the near future to discuss issues in the organization, specifically with regard to membership and participation. President Gouveia will be hosting a conference call with the Commissioner's currently on the BOD to discuss this request.

7. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.