



**USA Softball Board of Directors
Video Meeting
March 24, 2021**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Cobb called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. CT.

2. ROLL CALL

Board of Directors (BOD) members present were Rodney Cobb; John Gouveia; Joe Patterson; Beverly Wiley; John McPhail; James Ellis; Walker Clark; Darrin Duistermars; Mary Mahoney; Dick Gulmon (left meeting at 5:25); Roger Garcia; Anna Louie; Donn Addante; David James; Sandy Searcy; Michelle Moultrie; and Cam Schiller.

Absent – Drew Wells; Valerie Arioto; and Nick Mullins.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Cress, declared that a quorum had been established.

Staff: Craig Cress, Cheryl Bond, Chris Sebren, Rich Cress, Savannah Edwards, Jay Hedrick, Devin Loehrs, Destinee Martinez, Andrea McKee, and Kevin Ryan.

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

No amendments were made to the agenda.

4. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

IT – Savannah Edwards, Managing Director

Ms. Edwards provided the latest production report numbers through February 28, 2021.

Sport Development/Performance – Chris Sebren, Chief of Sport Development/Performance Officer (CSDPO)

Mr. Sebren reported that the Women's team conducted a successful March camp in Tampa/Clearwater Florida and were undefeated in 3 games against Team Mexico, 3 games against USF and 1 game against the University of Florida in preparation for Tokyo 2020. April's camp will be in Vero Beach, Florida and sponsored by MLB, and the May camp will be held in Chula Vista, California. Mr. Sebren also reported on activities on the High Performance Program (HPP) outlining the success from the fall and how things were shaping up this winter and spring. Several identifiers are scheduled for the next couple of months and the program continues to generate interest. Mr. Sebren also provided an update of The Alliance statistics noting an increase in February to a total of 905 teams, 9,700 athletes and 200 support personnel.

Membership – Rich Cress – Director of Membership Services

Mr. Cress provided a verbal report on the 2021 New Commissioner Training for 9 new commissioners held over two days in March. Topics included information from all department directors and staff, and presentations from our insurance broker and outside legal counsel. Mr. Cress also presented the plan for the 2021 Border Battle scheduled for September 10-12, 2021 in Oklahoma City, OK. The goal is to also host a D&E/Rec Southern National Championship Finals at the same time if logistics can be finalized.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Branding, Naming and Usage – discussion related to the naming of tournaments and how they are presented on TournamentUSASoftball.com for the public when signing up. The use of “National Championship or National Tournament” are examples of restricted titles and adherence to the policy is a requirement on TournamentUSASoftball.com going forward.

6. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was addressed.

7. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

April 28, 2021 at 3:00pm CT regularly scheduled meeting.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/S/C – Motion to enter Executive Session.

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

A. Approved rejecting the MNTSC U-23 Assistant Coach nominee.

B. Approved Association Payments Policy, which was sent via email to the Commissioners by CFO Bond.

C. Approved the merger of USA Softball of Newark with USA Softball of New Jersey and association will operate as USA Softball of New Jersey.

D. Approved the report of the USA Softball Association Review Panel.

The Board was updated on a second MNTSC U-23 coaching candidate status, the search for new Commissioners in Northern California and Hawaii, the status of a new registration program and the availability of the rulebook in a pdf digital format.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m. CT on Wednesday, March 24, 2021.