



## USA Softball Board of Directors

Video Meeting

April 23, 2020

### MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Cobb called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. CT

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Board of Directors (BOD) members present were Rodney Cobb; John Gouveia; Joe Patterson; Beverly Wiley; John McPhail (left meeting at 2 p.m. CT); Carlton Benton; Walker Clark; Drew Wells; Darrin Duistermars; Mary Mahoney; Dick Gulmon; Roger Garcia; Anna Louie; Donn Addante; Sandy Searcy (joined meeting at 1:50 p.m. CT); Valerie Arioto; Michelle Moultrie and Janie Reed.

Absent: Nick Mullins

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

Staff: Craig Cress, Mark Loehrs, Chris Sebren, John Miller, Rich Cress, Savannah Edwards, Jay Hedrick, Devin Loehrs, Destinee Martinez, Dre McKee, and Codi Warren.

#### 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Rich Cress – 2020 National Championship Surveys – New Business

Craig Cress – COVID-19 Updates – New Business

#### 4. 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. Motion to approve the continued athlete support of the Women's National Team through July 31, 2020.***

***B. Motion to approve the Women's National Team Budget Report as presented.***

**Directive:** The BOD approved the request of the National Office Staff to send Local Association Commissioners Zip Codes to review for new registration system purposes.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. 2020 National Championship COVID-19 Feedback Surveys

Rich Cress provided an update to the BOD on a recent survey that was distributed to Commissioners, JO Commissioners, 2020 National Championship Tournament Directors and 2020 GOLD Qualifier Tournament Directors. The purpose of the survey was to get a general feel for how COVID-19 has impacted their respective areas and each host's comfort level with hosting a 2020 National Championship or GOLD Qualifier. Questions ranged from how a host felt at the time of the survey and what their comfort level would be with certain

ease of restriction deadlines at future dates. Feedback is still being accepted for the surveys, and the National Office will provide more information to the BOD as more results are available.

B. COVID-19 Updates

CEO Craig Cress updated the BOD on recent updates for the easing of restrictions due to COVID-19 across the country and how that affects different area's and their return to play dates. At this point, USA Softball has been recommending that each association follow the recommendations, restrictions and guidelines that are enacted by local, city and state officials and are requesting that as associations receive updates from their government entities to please send those in to the National Office so we can be prepared should any questions be sent to the National Office. BOD members discussed current guidelines for returning to play that associations might already have in place, with Mary Mahoney informing the BOD that USA Softball of Kansas City has developed an initial set of guidelines that are currently being reviewed and revised by their local administrators. Once the guidelines have been finalized, Ms. Mahoney would be happy to share them with the National Office. President Cobb recommended that any association who develops guidelines for returning to play to submit them to the National Office so that they can be compiled and sent out to all associations. The National Office has looked into establishing a nation-wide guidelines and procedures while keeping USA Softball Playing Rules in mind.

6. **ADJOURN**

***The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m. CT on Thursday, April 23, 2020.***