



**USA Softball Board of Directors
Video Meeting
May 26, 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; James Ellis; Walker Clark; Drew Wells; Darrin Duistermars; Mary Mahoney; Dick Gulmon; Roger Garcia; Anna Louie; Donn Addante; David James; Sandy Searcy; Valerie Arioto; Michelle Moultrie; Nick Mullins (joined at 3:17 p.m.); and Cam Schiller.

Absent: John McPhail.

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

New National Office staff member Emily Moore, Marketing Coordinator was introduced by Dre McKee.

Guest: Steve Wolter attended from 3:28 p.m.-3:48 p.m.

Staff: Craig Cress, Cheryl Bond, Chris Sebren, Rich Cress, Savannah Edwards, Jay Hedrick, Devin Loehrs, Destinee Martinez, Andrea McKee, Emily Moore (left at 3:20 p.m.), Julie Whiteaker and Independent Contractor Kevin Ryan.

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Regular Agenda – 2022 National Championship Finals.

4. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

IT – Savannah Edwards, Managing Director

Ms. Edwards provided the latest production report numbers through April 30, 2021.

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

Mr. Sebren reported the Women's team had a successful May camp in Chula Vista and has been able to secure 4 games in Oklahoma during the WCWS, with 3 in Stillwater at Oklahoma State University and 1 in Oklahoma City. An update on the U-18 WNT selections scheduled for June 22-25 in Oklahoma City was provided. The team will be coached by Kyla Holas, Suzy Brazney and Lisa Navas and is scheduled to compete in the Junior Pan Am games this fall. Due to COVID, the event was essentially categorized as a U-19 event which allows college age players to participate. He also reported that High Performance Program (HPP) cycle completed

last week with 2,704 participants. Mr. Sebren also provided an update of The Alliance statistics noting an increase in April of 37 teams, 370 athletes and 79 support personnel bringing the total number of registrations to over 13,000.

Events – Julie Whiteaker – Event Manager

Ms. Whiteaker provided an update of events held at the Hall of Fame Complex in April. Weather played a factor in adverse financial results due to cancellation of a large fastpitch event.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Steve Wolter presented a summary of the last strategic plan for USA Softball and a timeline and strategy for development for the 2021 Strategic Plan with a completion date scheduled for October 2021.

6. NEW BUSINESS

CEO Cress shared an update on the 2021 18U National Tournament in Southern California that will now be allowed to proceed as COVID restrictions have been lifted. In addition, the 2022 16U Class A National will be placed in Polk County Florida as this tournament was previously unbid.

7. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. CT.

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:

Approved Tom Crouch as an Assistant Coach for the U-23 Men's National Team.

The Board was notified that Dan Opperman of Napa, California has been selected as the new Northern California Commissioner as of September 1, 2021. In addition, David Copeland of New York and Ron Boley of Portland have notified the National Office of their retirements in 2021, and their replacement process will begin immediately. The Board was updated regarding the status of compliance related items due from Local Associations. The Finance Committee updated the Board on the status of the search for a new registration program. An update was provided regarding the WCWS which begins June 3rd and will now be held at 100% capacity. Staff is currently working on the logistics of the increased attendance parameters and coordinating with event partners and local officials.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m. CT on Wednesday, May 26, 2021.