



USA Softball Board of Directors
Telephonic Conference Call
July 3, 2019

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Gouveia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. CT

2. ROLL CALL

Board of Directors (BOD) members present were John Gouveia; Warren Jones; Rodney Cobb; Beverly Wiley; Carlton Benton; ET Colvin; Drew Wells; Darrin Duisternars; Joe Patterson; Roger Garcia; Sam Ducato; Valerie Arioto; Nick Mullins; Michelle Moultrie and Janie Reed.

Absent: John McPhail, Dick Gulmon and Donn Addante

The CEO declared that a quorum had been established.

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

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Craig Cress – Executive Session (one item)

4. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

A. Marketing – Dre McKee, Managing Director

United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Partnership Proposal

Dre McKee provided a written report to the BOD regarding a partnership opportunity with USSSA in which USA Softball and USSSA would co-host a girls' fast pitch tournament – The U.S. Games. CEO Craig Cress provided the BOD with background information on how this partnership proposal was created. National Office staff answered questions by the BOD on the event format, how this could increase participation at USA Softball National Championship Finals and addressed concerns from BOD members regarding their existing relationships with USSSA at the local level. President Gouveia and President Elect Cobb spoke on how this partnership could be the first step in bettering relationships at the local level between both organizations.

M/S/C – Motion to approve a partnership with USSSA for the creation of The U.S. Games.

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. Motion to approve a three-year agreement with Franklin Sports as the Official Batting Glove of USA Softball.***
- B. Motion to approve a concept for athlete fundraising for the Women's National Team program pending further review and finalization of the document's wording by a Committee comprised of the following: Valerie Arioto (AAC representative), Rodney Cobb (President-Elect) and National Office Staff representative.***

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2020 GOLD National Championship Finals Location

BOD member Carlton Benton inquired if the location for the 2020 GOLD National Championship Finals had been determined. Mr. Cress informed the BOD that the 2020 GOLD Nationals will be held in Oklahoma City and that a date is still being finalized but at this time will be scheduled per USA Softball Code requirements.

B. WBSC Men's Softball World Championship – Prague, Czech Republic

The USA Softball Men's National Team recently competed in the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Men's Softball World Championship in Prague, Czech Republic. The BOD members congratulated Nick Mullins and the Men's National Team for their performance and fifth-place finish at the event.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. CT on Wednesday, July 3.