



**ASA/USA Softball Board of Directors Meeting**  
**ASA/USA Softball AEP Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**  
**October 1 - 2, 2016**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Warren Jones called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Michelle Moultrie, Elite Athlete Representative delivered the Invocation; Darrin Duistermars, ASA/USA Softball of Michigan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Board members present were Warren Jones, Phil Gutierrez, John Gouveia, Dave Persing, Andy Dooley, Rodney Cobb, Tony Laws, Darrin Duistermars, Joe Patterson, Sam Ducato, Bill Parks, Bev Wiley, Jessica Moore (Proxy for Valerie Arioto - Elite Athlete), Michelle Moultrie, and Tryon McKinney, (Proxy Male Elite Athlete).

The Executive Director declared that a quorum had been established.

**Approval of Proxies:**

***M/S/C – Motion to approve Jessica Moore (Proxy for Valerie Arioto - Elite Athlete) and Tyron McKinney (Proxy Male Elite Athlete).***

Guests present: A.J. Morgan, RPS Bollinger Insurance; John Falcone and Robert Thompson, ASA/USA Softball Outside Legal Counsel; Dave Devine, ASA/USA Softball of Dallas/Ft. Worth Commissioner; E.T. Colvin, ASA/USA Softball of Mississippi Commissioner; Ray Gutierrez, ASA/USA Softball of Oklahoma.

Staff members present: Craig Cress, Mark Loehrs, Steve Walker, John Miller, Chris Sebren, Codi Warren, Savannah Edwards, Stacey Hepp, Kevin Ryan, Ronnie Isham, Jay Hedrick and Shirley Adkins.

**4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

a. Add under Old Business: New Office Building Update; Stadium Issues Update; NCAA Update and Regional Alignment update.

**5. REMARKS**

- a. President remarks
- b. Immediate Past President remarks
- c. President Elect remarks
- d. Executive Director remarks

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

***M/S/C – Motion to enter Executive Session to review Insurance, Legal and one of National Championship Finals Awards RFP's.***

***M/S/C – Motion to come out of Executive Session.***

7. WBSC Softball Division Meeting / WBSC Commission Meeting

E.T. Colvin provided an oral report on the WBSC Softball Division Board Meeting held in Monterrey, Mexico on September 16, 2016. The attendees from USA Softball were Craig Cress and E.T. Colvin. A few items that Mr. Colvin addressed were the development of an A & B World Championship, a proposal for a ranking and qualifying system for the 2020 Olympics which will be decided by the IOC. Work is being done to update the WBSC Constitution. The next WBSC Softball Division meeting will be held October 2017 in Botswana.

Mr. Cress attended a WBSC Commission Meeting on a newly formed Development Commission, consisting of nine members, which was held in conjunction with the WBSC Softball Board Meeting.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Chief Financial Officer – Mark Loehrs

Mr. Loehrs provided the Board with the financial reports and RSM 2015 Consolidated Audit Report pertaining to the ASA/USA Softball budget and also the ASA Properties budget. Mr. Loehrs reported on the Special Capital projects: LED Parking Lot Lights and Security Fence, with both projects being completed under budget. For the Board's viewing, he displayed the new USA Softball Umpire Apparel.

b. Operations - Steve Walker, Director

i. Communications – Codi Warren, Managing Director

Ms. Warren submitted a written report on the Communications department activities. This was an informational report which required no action by the Board.

ii. I.T. – Savannah Edwards, Managing Director

Ms. Edwards submitted a written report on the I.T. department activities and provided the Board with the most recent production reports dated August 31, 2016. This was an informational report which required no action by the Board.

Tournament ASA – The Board addressed a few issues that occurred at National Championship Finals involving the online brackets and whom to contact if this happens again in the future.

Mr. Walker provided an update on the new Governance Portal that will be used for submitting Code, Rule and Procedural Manual proposals. Consent Agenda voting will also take place on the Governance Portal beginning this year.

- iii. Marketing – Stacey Hepp, Managing Director  
Ms. Hepp submitted a written report on the Marketing department activities. This was an informational report which required no action by the Board.
  - c. Membership - John Miller, Director  
Mr. Miller submitted a written report on the Membership department and the 2016 Registration Fee Survey. This was an informational report which required no action by the Board.
  - d. Umpires - Kevin Ryan, Director  
Mr. Ryan submitted a written report on the Umpire department activities. This was an informational report which required no action by the Board.
  - e. National Teams - Ronnie Isham, Director  
Mr. Isham submitted a written report on 2016 USA Softball National Teams events and spoke on the following: upcoming 2017 events and selections for USA National Team Selection Committees; USA Softball National Coaching Schools; 2017 Junior Women’s National Team selection process and Junior Women’s Open Tryouts to be held in Florida. Mr. Isham updated the Board on the Female and Male Elite Athlete Representatives election to the USA Softball Board of Directors and USA Softball Council for the Term of 2017-2020. This was an informational report which required no action by the Board.
  - f. Championships – Chris Sebren, Director  
Financial Relief for National Championship Finals

***M/S/C – Motion to deny the financial relief request from the Broken Arrow Girls Softball League, Inc. for the 2016 Girls’ 16-Under Gold National Championship Finals.***

Mr. Sebren submitted the Championship Department report and answered questions from the Board. This was an informational report which required no action by the Board.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***M/S/C – Motion to enter Executive Session to review Local Associations.***

***M/S/C – Motion to come out of Executive Session.***

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. New Office Building Update  
Mr. Cress provided the Board with an oral report on the plans to move the Gift Shop and Museum to the stadium. The National Office Staff is working with Triad Design on the design and costs, and will report to the Board once more information is received.
- b. Stadium Issues Update  
Mr. Cress provided an update on the issues with the new AEP Building, locker rooms and ADA requirements. The National Office is working with the City of Oklahoma City to get these items identified and fixed as they are still under warranty.

c. NCAA Update

Mr. Cress updated the Board on their meetings with the NCAA regarding the 2016 NCAA Women's College World Series (WCWS), the pilot program for alcohol sales at the NCAA WCWS and other requests.

***M/S/C - Motion to move the money from the alcohol sales of \$32,148.51 into a restricted account to be used for capital improvements for the Stadium.***

d. Regional Alignment

Mr. Cress updated the Board on the new Regional Alignment, 10 Regions, and how the business of Regional Meetings will be conducted in Shreveport. The first order of business will be to elect the new Officers for each region, which will consist of Regional Director, Regional Umpire-in-Chief (UIC), Regional Player Rep and Regional Junior Olympic (JO) Commissioner. A letter will be sent out to all Council Members detailing the breakdown of the regions along with a copy of the new Regional Map.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

***M/S/C – Motion to enter Executive Session to review the second National Championship Finals Awards RFP.***

***M/S/C – Motion to come out of Executive Session.***

12. NEW BUSINESS

a. National Championship Awards RFP

***M/S/C – Motion to table this item until the Board of Directors meeting on November 18, 2016 in Shreveport, LA.***

b. Commissioner/Council Member Emeritus

i. Commissioner Emeritus

Jack Mowatt

***M/S/C – Motion to approve Jack Mowatt to the position of Commissioner Emeritus effective January 1, 2017.***

Ron Radigonda

***M/S/C – Motion to approve Ron Radigonda to the position of Commissioner Emeritus effective October 3, 2016.***

Robert Rowling

***M/S/C – Motion to approve Robert Rowling to the position of Commissioner Emeritus effective October 3, 2016.***

Steve Anthony

***M/S/C – Motion to approve Steve Anthony to the position of Commissioner Emeritus effective October 3, 2016.***

ii. Council Member Emeritus

Brenda Grubbs

***M/S/C – Motion to approve Brenda Grubbs to the position of Council Member Emeritus effective October 3, 2016.***

David Epperson

***M/S/C – Motion to approve David Epperson to the position of Council Member Emeritus effective January 1, 2017.***

- c. Appointment of the National Team Selection Committee “Selection Panel” per ASA/USA Softball Board of Directors Policy, International Play, Article 101.B

***M/S/C- Motion to appoint Ronnie Isham, Director of ASA/USA Softball National Teams to the National Team Selection Committee “Selection Panel”.***

- d. Amendment to the ASA/USA Softball Board of Directors Policy on International Play, Article 101 National Team/Coach Selection Committee, B. Committee Selection.

***M/S/C – Motion to approve the recommended amendment wording change in the ASA/USA Softball Board of Directors Policy on International Play: The Athlete representative member(s) of the respective Selection Committee shall be elected by a majority vote of “those members of the Board of Directors who are Elite Athlete Representatives”.***

13. **ADJOURN**

***M/S/C – Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. on Sunday, October 2, 2016.***