



USA SOFTBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Sheraton Greensboro, Greensboro, N.C.
Friday, October 27, 2017

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Gouveia called the meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

E. T. Colvin, South Regional Vice-President, delivered the Invocation and Warren Jones, Immediate Past President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT / CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

The Confidentiality Agreement and Conflict of Interest Agreements were signed by each Board member and Proxy present for this meeting.

4. ROLL CALL

Board Members present were John Gouveia, Warren Jones, Rodney Cobb, Bev Wiley, Andy Dooley, Carlton Benton, E. T. Colvin, Darrin Duistermars, Joe Patterson, Dick Gulmon, Bill Parks, Sam Ducato, Dave Devine, Valerie Arioto, Tyron McKinney, Michelle Moultrie and Jaclyn Traina, Proxy for Janie Takeda and Drew Wells, Proxy for Region 5 Vice-President.

The Executive Director declared that a quorum had been established.

Guests: Steve Nelson, Southern Territory Deputy Director on the National Umpire Staff, Larry Montgomery, Southern Territory Deputy Director on the National Umpire Staff, Nikki Meler, USA Softball of Washington JO Commissioner, John McPhail, JO Commissioner of USA Softball of Piedmont, and Brian Craig, Chris Grimm and Caleb Peterson with the St. Petersburg/Clearwater, FL CVB.

Staff: Craig Cress, Mark Loehrs, Steve Walker, John Miller, Chris Sebren, Codi Warren, Kevin Ryan, Jay Hedrick and Shirley Adkins.

Approval of Proxies

M/S/C – Motion to approve Jaclyn Traina as the Proxy for Janie Takeda

M/S/C – Motion to approve Drew Wells as the Proxy for Region 5 Vice-President Rodney Cobb.

5. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

- A. Old Business: Insurance (Dick Gulmon)
- B. New Business: Tournament Placement (Warren Jones)
- C. Executive Session: Association Reviews (Bev Wiley)

6. REMARKS

- A. President remarks
- B. Immediate Past-President remarks
- C. President-Elect remarks
- D. Executive Director remarks

7. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 22, 2017 BOARD MINUTES

M/S/C – Motion to approve the Minutes of October 22, 2017.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Long Range Planning Committee

Craig Cress, Executive Director provided the report on the Long Range Planning Committee. This required no action by the Board.

- B. Membership Committee Report**
John Miller, Director of Membership Services provided a report on the Membership Committee and discussed items from the Open Forum Meeting. This required no action by the Board.
- C. ASA Properties**
Mark Loehrs provided a report on the ASA Properties Board of Directors meeting. This required no action by the Board.
- D. Equipment Testing & Certification Committee**
Dick Gulmon, Chair of the Equipment Testing & Certification Committee provided his report with the following motion by the Board.
- M/S/C – Motion to approve USA Softball Composite Bat Protocol Mark(s) and to initiate a new contract with the Bat Manufacturers that would require barrel composition minimum threshold placed on all bats by January 1, 2020. Establish a new USA Softball mark(s) for bats by 2020. Final design(s) of marks shall be approved by the Executive Director.*
- E. Commissioner Committee**
Joe Patterson, Chair of the Commissioner Committee provided his report on the two Commissioner Meetings.

9. DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. Membership / Championships / USA HOF Complex - John Miller, Director

i. 2018 and 2019 National Championship Bids

The Executive Director was provided below with the list for 2018 and 2019 Tournaments for his approval.

2018 Tournaments

Girls' B 10-Under Eastern
Glenville, WV August 1-5, 2018 \$600 Entry Fee

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Men's Masters 40-Over Fast Pitch
Ashland, OH July 18-22, 2018 \$450 Entry Fee

COED Open Slow Pitch
Hagerstown, MD Sept 8-9, 2018 \$450 Entry Fee

COED Class E Slow Pitch
Brick, NJ August 24-26, 2018 \$475 Entry Fee

Women's Masters 35-Over Slow Pitch
Mandan, ND August 24-26, 2018 \$450 Entry Fee

Men's 16 Inch Class A
Yuma, AZ TBD TBD

2019 Tournaments

COED Class E Slow Pitch
Brick, NJ August 23-25, 2019 \$475 Entry Fee

ii. Paper Registrations Fee Increase

M/S/C - Motion to increase the fee for paper registrations from \$0.50 to \$1.00 per registration effective January 1, 2018 and become paperless by January 1, 2019.

Directive: President Gouveia directed the National Office to contact the four associations who are still submitting paper registrations directly to inform them of the Board's motion regarding the 2018 Paper Registrations Fee Increase and to become paperless by January 1, 2019.

- iii. Unbid National Championships
There are several Unbid National Championships for 2018 and 2019 available for bid. If anyone is interest in placing a bid, they are to contact John Miller, Director of Membership Services for further information.
- iv. 2017 Hall of Fame Complex Event Summary
John Miller spoke on the 2017 Hall of Fame Complex Events including staff, labor and expenses held at the Hall of Fame Stadium Complex. No action required by the Board.

B. Umpires – Kevin Ryan, Director
Kevin provided a report on the National Umpire Staff. No action required by the Board.

C. National Teams - Chris Sebren, Director

i. NFCA Contract

M/S/C – Motion to approve the National Fast Pitch Coaches Association Sponsor Agreement effective August 1, 2017.

ii. Pan Am/World Qualifier

Chris Sebren updated the Board on the 2017 Men's Pan American Games Qualifier in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic which was held September 15 - 24, 2017. The USA Softball Men's National Team claimed the Bronze Medal.

iii. National Team Selection Committee Vacancies

Lauren Gibson, Elite Athlete Representative on the Women's National Team Selection Committee (WNTSC) submitted her resignation due to a new job she accepted.

Dan Highland, Chair of the Men's National Team Selection Committee (MNTSC) submitted his resignation letter to President Gouveia.

Directive: President Gouveia asked that the National Office send a letter to Dan Highland thanking him for his many years of service on the Men's National Team Selection Committee (MNTSC).

Chris Sebren, Director of National Teams will begin the process to fill the two vacancies on the two National Team Selection Committees.

iv. Appoint Board Member to the Selection Panel

M/S/C – Motion to appoint E. T. Colvin to the Selection Panel to fill the vacancy on the Men's National Team Selection Committee (MNTSC).

D. Chief Financial Officer Report - Mark Loehrs, Director

i. ASA Properties

M/S/C – Motion to approve Sandy Searcy (NFHS) for a four year term through 2021 to the ASA Properties Board of Directors.

ii. 2018 USA Softball Budget

M/S/C – Motion by the Board to accept the 2018 Budget as amended.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. M/S/C – Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss associations, Commissioner Appointment Committee recommendations and pending contracts.

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

C. M/S/C – Motion to accept the recommendations of the Commissioner Appointment Committee.

D. M/S/C – Motion to accept the resignation letter from USA Softball of Greater San Joaquin Commissioner Matt Pfeifer.

E. M/S/C – Motion that Greater San Joaquin is not a viable association.

F. M/S/C - Motion to merge Greater San Joaquin into USA Softball of Central California.

G. *M/S/C – Motion to rescind the previous action made in April 2017 that increased Adult Team registrations fees by \$10.00 per team in 2018.*

H. *M/S/C – Motion to increase in 2018 Adult Team registration fees \$5.00 per team to \$14.00 and JO Teams registration fees \$2.00 per team to \$10.00 to take effect January 1, 2018. In 2019 Individual registration fees will increase \$1.00 per individual to \$2.00 to take effect for the 2019 registration year that begins September 1, 2018.*

11. OLD BUSINESS

USA Softball Legacy Club – Endowment

Mark Loehrs updated the Board on Legacy Club pledges made during the General Council session. These donations support the National Team program budget. Approximately \$17,800 annually was pledged covering the next 4 years of 2017-2020.

USA Softball has received a separate donation that was directed to support the Women's National Team program. An endowment fund will be established at the Oklahoma Community Foundation to fulfill the donor's wishes.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2017 USA Softball General Council Housing Reimbursement - \$100.00 per night

M/S/C – Motion to approve the General Council housing reimbursement of \$100.00 up to six nights for all eligible Council Members and up to eight nights for designated committee members and Board of Directors.

B. 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

- Spring Board Meeting – April 20 - 22, 2018
- Fall Board Meeting – September 21 - 23, 2018

C. 2018 USA Softball Annual Council Meeting (Hotel and Date)

Hotel: Renaissance Convention Center Hotel & Spa, Oklahoma City
Dates: October 27 - November 1, 2018

D. At-Large Representative to the USA Softball Board of Directors

An announcement will be sent to the General Council by November 15th to begin accepting nominations for the At-Large Representative position to the Board of Directors. The At-Large Representative position carries a one year term and any eligible USA Softball Council Member may submit their information for consideration. The At-Large Representative will be elected by December 15, 2017.

E. Tournament Placement (Warren Jones)

M/S/C – Motion to move the 2018 Men's Masters 50-Over Fast Pitch National Championship Finals from Ashland, Ohio to USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex in Oklahoma City, OK - June 22 - 24, 2018.

M/S/C – Motion to move the 2018 Men's Senior 60-Over Fast Pitch National Championship Finals from Ashland, Ohio to Colorado Springs, CO to be held at Memorial Park, - September 27 - 30, 2018.

13. ADJOURN

M/S/C – Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:31 p.m.