



**USA Softball Board of Directors Meeting  
Cox Convention Center – Rooms 9-10  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Sunday, October 28, 2018 @ 12:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President John Gouveia called the meeting to order 12:15 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Board of Directors (BOD) members present were John Gouveia, Warren Jones, Rodney Cobb, Beverly Wiley, John McPhail, Carlton Benton, ET Colvin, Drew Wells, Darrin Duistermars, Joe Patterson, Dick Gulmon, Bill Parks, Sam Ducato, Dave Devine, Kasey Cooper, and Nick Mullins.

Absent: Valerie Arioto, Michelle Moultrie, and Janie Reed

The Executive Director declared that a quorum had been established.

Staff: Craig Cress, Mark Loehrs, John Miller, Savannah Edwards, Codi Warren, Andrea McKee, Rich Cress, Jay Hedrick, and Shirley Adkins.

3. **APPROVAL OF PROXIES**

Kasey Cooper, Proxy for Valerie Arioto, Elite Athlete Rep.

***M/S/C – Motion to approve Kasey Cooper as Proxy for Valerie Arioto, Elite Athlete Rep.***

4. **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

5. **REMARKS**

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

6. **APPROVAL OF PROXIES FOR COUNCIL MEETING**

***M/S/C – Motion to approve the 2018 General Council Proxy List as submitted.***

7. **DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

- a. Chief Financial Officer Report – Mark Loehrs, Director  
Mark Loehrs, Chief Financial Officer presented his financial report on the 2019 USA Softball Balance Sheet and Budget for the BOD to review and will be discussed at the next board meeting on Friday, Nov. 2, 2018. He also informed the BOD that the ASA Properties divided to the USA Softball budget will increase an additional \$30,000.00 for 2019.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Update on Nomination of Elected Officers

The BOD was informed of the candidates for the Regional Vice-President positions:

<u>Region 1</u>	<u>Region 3</u>	<u>Region 7</u>	<u>Region 8</u>	<u>Region 9</u>
Bev Wiley	Carlton Benton	Joe Patterson	Dick Gulmon	Rick Hansen
Michael Warner				Bill Parks
				Roger Garcia

- b. Construction Update  
Craig Cress updated the board on the status of the stadium construction. The City of Oklahoma City and Construction team is fully aware of where we are and where we need to be. The stadium should be available for use by the 2019 Women's College World Series (WCWS). We will continue to keep everyone updated and provide a live stream to watch the construction progress.
- c. Council Meeting Update  
John Miller announced that Andrea (Dre) McKee has taken over the responsibilities of running the 2018 USA Softball Annual Council Meeting. He also gave an update on the Governance Site and how it continues to be an asset in understanding how our council will vote on proposed code, rules and procedures prior to the annual meeting.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. 2019 NCAA WCWS  
Craig Cress spoke on the impending dissolution (by Jan. 31, 2019) of Oklahoma City All-Sports and how this will create new partnership opportunities with the City of Oklahoma City as it pertains to the Women's College World Series and other potential events.

For 2019, USA Softball feels that we can host the WCWS and that the Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) will take care of or make arrangements for the banquet, hospitality, and merchandise. Craig Cress will look at the long form agreement from the NCAA and see how all of this will be facilitated.

- b. WBSC Updates  
Craig Cress provided an update on the current state of the WBSC and changes that continue to be made in regards to naming, divisions, events, etc. He will attend the WBSC BOD meeting in Nov. 2018 and Jan. 2019.
- c. USOC Assembly  
John Gouveia spoke about his experience at the Sept. 2018 USOC Olympic Assembly. This was a great opportunity to talk with other National Governing Bodies (NGB) about their programs. We are also currently working with the USOC on the USA Softball By-Laws in order to be recognized as an Olympic Sport.

SafeSport allocations will be increased to all NGBs for 2019.

During the USOC Olympic Assembly, USA Softball received the Diversity and Inclusive Award for having the largest increase in the diversity of our program among all NGB'S.

- d. Logo  
Codi Warren presented the BOD with three (3) examples of the proposed, standardized National Championship logos for 2019. These standardized logos will be made available at no cost. She also addressed that local customizations would be possible at an additional fee. The BOD requested some additional changes to be made and brought back to the BOD for review.

11. **ADJOURN**

***M/S/C to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 pm.***

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**2018 Proxies**

Proxy Name	Council Member
Adorno, Ludie	Jeff Mielke / AM - Lee County Sports Authority
Austin, Patrick	Jeff Davis / JOC - Connecticut
Borovac, Casey	Traci Mayberry / AM - National Sports Clinics
Cohen, Rebekah	Matt Dunbar / ALPR - Florida
Cole, James	Dee Webster / ALPR - Northern California
Cooper, Kasey	Valerie Arioto / Elite Athlete Rep.
DeJarnette, Steve	Joe Walker / RPR - Region 2
Dubchansky, Sonja	Cassi Ponzio / JOC - Sacramento
Gulmon, Nick	Brian Neuhardt / JOC - North Dakota
Hassenstab, Jeff	Kevin Stuhr / AM - Nebraska Softball Foundation
Hathaway, Tom	Michelle Fletcher / JOC - Cincinnati
Hayes, Greta	Joe Huff / AM - Tennessee Parks & Rec
Hill, Dakota	Bill Skinner / C - Louisiana
Hoyt, Rex	Mike Wells / C - Oregon
Jackson, Jazmyn	Michelle Moultrie / Elite Athlete Rep.
LaCorbiniere, Daniel	Dr. Chris Parker / AM - NJCAA
Light, Greg	Dawn Mayse / AM - BC Sports Foundation
Nagy, Dave	Terri Warren / JOC - New Hampshire
Osborn, Eddie	Ron Boley / C - Portland
Pavone, Joe	Paul Rowan / ALPR - Chicago
Ream, Robert	Guy Demaio / ALPR - Pennsylvania
Shaner, John	Jim Stutts / AM - Virginia Recreation & Park Society
Shiek, Phil	Allan Kibbler / RPR - Region 8
Stone, Scott	Richard Crocker / Regional UIC - Southwest
Swafford, Doug	Greta Hayes / AM - Play Big Shine Bright SB Foundation
Taylor, Ron	Mel Pinkley / C - St Louis
Ussery, Tommy	John Kelly / ALPR - Florida
Vest, Terry	Natalie Norman / C - Alabama
Walters, Barb	Dale Ferron / JOC - Wisconsin
Zawierucha, Steve	Frank Kolarek / AM - League of Dreams
Zifchock, Kathy	Mike McCrobie / ALPR - New York