



**USA Softball Board of Directors
Video Meeting
November 17, 2020**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Cobb called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. CT

2. ROLL CALL

Board of Directors (BOD) members present were Rodney Cobb; John Gouveia; Joe Patterson; Beverly Wiley; John McPhail; Carlton Benton (Future Southeast Region Vice President James Ellis in attendance during transition); Walker Clark; Drew Wells; Darrin Duistermars; Mary Mahoney; Dick Gulmon; Roger Garcia; Anna Louie; Donn Addante; Sandy Searcy; Valerie Arioto; Michelle Moultrie; Janie Reed; and Cam Schiller (Proxy for Nick Mullins).

Absent: Kim Ng

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

M/S/C to approve Cam Schiller as a proxy for Nick Mullins.

Staff: Craig Cress, Mark Loehrs, Cheryl Bond, Chris Sebren, John Miller, Rich Cress, Savannah Edwards, Jay Hedrick, Devin Loehrs, Destinee Martinez, Andrea McKee, Kevin Ryan and Katie Willis.

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

New Business Item: Insurance – South Region Vice President, Walker Clark

4. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Marketing – Andrea McKee, Managing Director

Ms. McKee provided a verbal report on the virtual Annual Council Meeting and indicated the largest attended session was the General Session with 174 attendees including National Office Staff. There were 17 meetings in total. President Cobb and CEO Cress commended the National Office Staff on working to make sure all meetings ran smoothly.

IT – Savannah Edwards, Managing Director

Ms. Edwards provided the latest production report numbers through October 31, 2020.

Membership – John Miller, Chief Operating Officer (COO)

USA Softball Commissioner Openings

COO Miller provided a verbal report on Commissioner updates. He reported that the USA Softball of Kentucky Commissioner role is now vacant, and the National Office will begin reviewing the Local Association. With the recent retirement announcement of Henry Pollard, the

Central Virginia Commissioner, the National Organization is currently in the process of scheduling interviews with those candidates who have applied.

2021-2022 USA Softball National Championships – Rich Cress, Managing Director of Membership

CEO Cress briefly commented that there is a need to approve single-bid locations as that is usually voted on at the Annual Council Meeting.

Mr. Rich Cress presented 2021 and 2022 National Championship information. The 2022 Girls' 14-Under Class A Fast Pitch National Championship was bid on and narrowed down to Evansville, Indiana, while the 2022 Girls' 18-Under Class A Fast Pitch National Championship was bid on and narrowed down to Richmond, Virginia.

M/S/C to approve Evansville, Indiana and Richmond, Virginia as hosts of the 2022 Girls' 14-Under Class A Fast Pitch National Championship and 2022 Girls' 18-Under Class A Fast Pitch National Championship, respectively.

5. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was addressed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Equipment Committee – Dick Gulmon, Northern Region Vice President

Mr. Gulmon provided a brief update stating many projects were pushed back to 2021. USA Softball worked with the NFHS and NCAA in determining common ball specs, which will be submitted as a USA Softball rule change next Fall.

Insurance Discussion – Walker Clark, South Region Vice President

Mr. Clark began a discussion regarding insurance providers and the impact recent changes have had on other organizations around the country. CFO Loehrs commented that it is important to remember the history and potential impact it could have on claims. At-Large Member Donn Addante proposed that USA Softball compile a packet of benefits describing what the organization offers to be distributed to USA Softball teams. Immediate Past President John Gouveia and President Cobb agreed with Mr. Addante and suggested working with RPS Bollinger. CEO Cress echoed the same sentiments and the need for it to be shared in a positive light.

7. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

President Cobb and CEO Cress are working to finalize the details for the next virtual Board of Directors meeting, which is scheduled to take place December 15, 2020.

8. 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. The Audit Committee Report was approved.
- B. The recommendations of the Commissioner Appointment Panel were approved.
- C. The proposed budget for the 2021 year was approved.
- D. USA Softball of Central Virginia was approved as a viable association.

Director of National Teams Chris Sebren provided an informational report, which included:

- A. Dave Devine, Tommy Gray, Warren Jones, Chris Miljavac, Bruce Sidel, and Derrick Zechman were chosen by the Selection Committee Panel to serve on the Men's National Team Selection Committee for the 2021-2024 quad.
- B. Dave Devine, Warren Jones, Paul Lynch, Chris Miljavac, Bruce Sidel, and Derrick Zechman were chosen by the Selection Committee Panel to serve on the Junior Men's National Team Selection Committee for the 2021-2024 quad.
- C. Carol Bruggeman, Avon Meacham, Jenae Leles, Jami Lobpries, Cat Osterman, and Beverly Wiley were chosen by the Selection Committee Panel to serve on the Women's National Team Selection Committee for the 2021-2024 quad.
- D. Carol Bruggeman, Avon Meacham, Jenae Leles, Cat Osterman, and Beverly Wiley were chosen by the Selection Committee Panel to serve on the Junior Women's National Team Selection Committee for the 2021-2024 quad.
- E. Michelle Moultrie was selected by her athlete peers to serve as the Athlete Advisory Council Representative.
- F. Nick Mullins was selected by his athlete peers to serve as the Athlete Advisory Council Alternate.
- G. Valerie Arioto and Cam Schiller were selected to the USA Softball Board of Directors by their athlete peers to serve as Elite Athlete Representatives.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m. CT on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.