



ASA/USA Softball Board of Directors Meeting
Shreveport Convention Center, Shreveport, LA
November 18, 2016

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Michelle Moultrie delivered the Invocation and Darrin Duistermars led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT/CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

All members of the Board of Directors have signed the Confidentiality Agreement and Conflict of Interest Policy; copies are retained at the National Office.

4. 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, Valerie Arioto, Michelle Moultrie and Tyron McKinney (*Proxy for Elite Male Athlete*).

The Executive Director declared that a quorum had been established.

Approval of Proxies

M/S/C – Motion to approve Tyron McKinney as Proxy for Elite Male Athlete.

Executive Director Craig Cress announced to the Board that Valerie Arioto, Michelle Moultrie and Tyron McKinney have been elected by their peers to serve as the Elite Athlete Representatives to the Board in 2017.

Guests present: A.J. Morgan, RPS Bollinger; E.T. Colvin, Mississippi ASA Commissioner; Dick Gulmon, North Dakota ASA Commissioner; Drew Wells, Texas ASA At-Large Player Rep; Nathan Devine, Elite Male Athlete; and Nick Mullins, Elite Male Athlete.

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

5. REMARKS

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

6. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 13, 2016 BOARD MINUTES

M/S/C – Motion to approve the November 13, 2016 Board minutes with corrections noted.

7. INSURANCE REVIEW – A.J. Morgan, RPS Bollinger Insurance

M/S/C- Motion to enter into Executive Session.

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

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Membership Committee Report

M/S/C – Motion to approve the report given by Membership Committee Member Bill Parks as submitted.

B. ASA Properties Report

M/S/C – Motion to approve the ASA Properties Board Report given by Mark Loehrs as submitted.

9. DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. Operations – Steve Walker, Director

i. USA Softball Certified Training Academy Agreement Update

Mr. Walker provided an update on the USA Softball Certified Training Academy agreement. The updated agreement provides a stipulation for academy owners when they have facilities located under multiple associations.

ii. Production Reports (Team and Umpire reports as of October 31, 2016)

Production Reports were distributed to the Board for their information.

B. National Teams – Ronnie Isham, Director

Mr. Isham informed the Board that the National Team Selection Committee Panel has selected the 2017-2020 Men's and Women's National Team Selection Committees which will be announced next week. A letter will be sent to the applicants informing them on whether or not they were selected. He thanked the National Team Selection Committee Panel for their hard work in the selection process.

C. Championships Department – Chris Sebren, Director

i. 2017 National Championship Finals

Men's Open Fast Pitch Eastern

M/S/C – Motion to award Elkhart, IN the Men's Open Fast Pitch Eastern National Championship with competition dates of August 25 – 27, 2017 with Entry Fee of \$399.00.

Men's Open Fast Pitch NIT

M/S/C – Motion to award Salem, VA the Men's Open Fast Pitch NIT with competition dates to be determined with Entry Fee of \$350.00.

Men's 60-Over Fast Pitch

M/S/C – Motion to award Houston, TX the Men's 60-Over Fast Pitch National Championship with competition dates of September 29 – October 01, 2017 with Entry Fee of \$450.00.

Men's 35-Over Slow Pitch

M/S/C – Motion to award Fargo, ND the Men's 35-Over Slow Pitch National Championship with competition dates of August 25 – 27, 2017 with Entry Fee of \$400.00.

Girls' 14-Under Class A Fast Pitch Southern

M/S/C – Motion to award Longwood, FL, the Girls' 14-Under Class A Fast Pitch Southern National Championship with competition dates of July 26-30, 2017 with Entry Fee of \$400.00.

Girls' 16-Under Class B Fast Pitch Southern

M/S/C – Motion to award Broken Arrow, OK the Girls' 16-Under Class B Fast Pitch Southern National Championship with competition dates of July 26 – 30, 2017 with Entry Fee of \$475.00.

ii. 2018 National Championship Finals

Men's Major Fast Pitch

M/S/C – Motion to award South Bend, IN the Men's Major Fast Pitch National Championship with competition dates of August 02 – 05, 2018 with Entry Fee of \$500.00.

Men's Open Fast Pitch Eastern

M/S/C – Motion to award Elkhart, IN the Men's Open Fast Pitch Eastern National Championship with competition dates of August 25 – 27, 2018 with Entry Fee of \$399.00.

Men's Open West Fast Pitch

M/S/C – Motion to award Salem, OR the Men's Open Fast Pitch Western National Championship with competition dates of August 31 – September 03, 2018 with Entry Fee of \$450.00.

Men's 40-Over Fast Pitch

M/S/C – Motion to award Salem, OR the Men's 40-Over Fast Pitch National Championship with competition dates of September 01 - 03, 2018 with Entry Fee of \$450.00.

Coed Class C & Class D Slow Pitch

M/S/C – Motion to award Rolla, MO the Coed Class C & Class D Slow Pitch National Championship with competition dates of August 25 – 26, 2018 with Entry Fee of \$400.00.

D. Chief Financial Officer – Mark Loehrs

Mr. Loehrs presented and answered questions concerning the 2017 USA Softball budget. Approval of the budget was deferred until the end of the Board Meeting and the discussions were completed.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/S/C – Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss reports from Compliance/Ethics, Commissioner Appointment Committees and National Championship RFP.

M/S/C – Motion to exit Executive Session with following motions made.

M/S/C – Motion to approve the 2016 Commissioner Appointment Committee report given by Chair Rodney Cobb.

M/S/C – Motion to approve the National Championship Finals Awards contract to MTM Recognition with a four year agreement.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Commissioner / Local Association Agreements

Executive Director Cress provided an update on the Commissioner / Local Association Agreements, as these documents were discussed in the Commissioners Meeting. The Commissioners were asked to send their comments on the two agreements to the Executive Director by December 1, 2016. These comments will be discussed with legal and updated drafts will be distributed to the Commissioners.

B. Update on Office Building

Executive Director Cress provided an update to the Board on the feasibility of moving the Museum and Gift Shop to the Hall of Fame Stadium during the Phase Three of construction. He informed the Board that it would take a substantial amount of money to construct a new building, which from a staff perspective would not be feasible at this time. After discussion and questions, the Board thanked Mr. Cress and staff for conducting the research needed on this matter.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2016 ASA General Council Housing Reimbursement

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

B. ASA Properties Board of Directors Election

M/S/C – Motion to approve Sandy Searcy, NFHS, for a one year term through 2017 and Chris Drumm, USA Softball of Southern California, for a four year term through 2020 to the ASA Properties Board of Directors.

C. 2017 USA Softball Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

- Spring Board Meeting – April 22-23, 2017
- Fall Board Meeting - September 16-17, 2017

D. USA Softball Annual Council Meeting Request for Proposals (RFPs)

Executive Director Cress informed the Board of Directors that the Council Meeting RFP for the 2019 and 2020 meetings would be completed and available to the Local Association Commissioners, staff and interested bidding parties by February 15, 2017.

E. At-Large Representative to the Board of Directors

An announcement will be sent to the General Council by the first week of December 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 USA Softball Council Member may submit their information for consideration.

F. Name change for USA Softball of Southern New York

M/S/C – Motion to approve Southern New York ASA's request to change their name to USA Softball of New York City.

G. Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team (Allied Member)

M/S/C – Motion to waive their Affiliation fee each year.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/S/C – Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss finalizing the Budget and Personnel.

M/S/C – Motion to exit Executive Session.

M/S/C – Motion to approve the 2017 USA Softball budget.

14. ADJOURN

M/S/C - Motion to adjourn the meeting.