



USA SOFTBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Sheraton Greensboro Hotel – Greensboro, NC
October 22, 2017

MINUTES

01. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Warren Jones called the meeting to order on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 12:20 p.m.

02. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Darrin Duistermars, Midwest Regional Vice-President, delivered the Invocation and Andy Dooley, Central Atlantic Vice-President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

03. **ROLL CALL**

Board Members present were Warren Jones, Phil Gutierrez, John Gouveia, Bev Wiley, Andy Dooley, Carlton Benton, ET Colvin, Rodney Cobb, Darrin Duistermars, Joe Patterson, Dick Gulmon, Bill Parks, Sam Ducato, Dave Devine, Tyron McKinney and Michelle Moultrie

Absent: Valerie Arioto and Janie Takeda, Elite Athlete Representatives

The Executive Director declared that a quorum had been established.

Guests present: Robert Thompson, Cheek & Falcone, Ken Eriksen, USA Softball Women's Head Coach, Koely Kempisty, MLB and several members of local associations of USA Softball.

Staff present: Craig Cress, Mark Loehrs, Steve Walker, John Miller, Chris Sebren, Codi Warren, Rich Cress, Kevin Ryan, Katie Willis, Megan Schalom, Andrea McKee, Destinee Martinez, Jay Hedrick and Shirley Adkins.

04. **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

- a. New Business: Board of Director Candidate (E. T. Colvin)
- b. New Business: Greater San Joaquin (John Gouveia)
- c. WBSC 16 Junior Women's National Championship

05. **REMARKS**

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

06. **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER BOARD MINUTES**

M/S/C - Motion to approve the Minutes of September 15-17, 2017 as submitted.

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

M/S/C - Motion to approve the Proxy list as submitted.

08. **DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

Chief Financial Officer Report – Mark Loehrs, Director

Mark Loehrs, Chief Financial Officer presented his report on the 2018 USA Softball Balance Sheet and Budget for their review to be discussed at their next Board Meeting on Friday, October 27, 2017.

09. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. MLB Update – Craig Cress

Craig Cress introduced special guest, MLB PLAY BALL Youth Programs Coordinator, Koely Kempisty. Craig Cress provided an update on the MLB working relationship between MLB and USA Softball for the remainder of the year and 2018 events. Ms. Kempisty added that their mission is to provide an opportunity for the youth in conjunction with USA Softball.

B. Special Programs – Andy Dooley

Andy Dooley, Chair of the Special Programs Committee provided an update on the Special Programs Committee and budget. This was an informative report which required no action by the Board. Mr. Dooley will submit a report at the end of the year.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Interim Commissioner running for Regional Vice-President

The Board discussed the matter of Interim Commissioners as candidates for the Regional Vice-Presidents position. The Code does not prevent an Interim Commissioner from running for the Regional Vice-President position.

B. Proposed Dissolution of USA Softball of Greater San Joaquin

USA Softball of Sacramento Commissioner Jeff Dubchansky was recognized to address the Board regarding the proposed dissolution of the Greater San Joaquin Association and its proposed merger with USA Softball of Central California. His concern was with the process, and that he was not involved in the preliminary discussions on the matter, but indicated that he will work with all parties involved to do what is in the best interests of softball in Region 10.

C. WBSC Congress

The WBSC is adding a 16-U WBSC Junior Women's World Championship in 2018, site is to be determined. USA Softball needs to be represented at the WBSC 16-U World Championship. The WBSC is evaluating a new competition format. Craig Cress was elected to the 2nd Vice Chairman for the WBSC Board at the WBSC Congress meeting in Botswana, Africa.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

M/S/C – Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

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

12. **ADJOURN**

M/S/C – Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:34 p.m.