

USA Baseball Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Location	Date	Time	Format
Zoom	Wednesday, December 2, 2020	11:00 AM ET	Videoconference

In Attendance

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Board Members Present		
Mike Gaski	President/At-Large	Present
Jason Dobis	Treasurer/At-Large	Present
Elliot Hopkins	Secretary General	Present
Willie Bloomquist	Recent Athlete	Present
Steve Cloud	NMO Representative/American Legion	Present
John Gall	Recent Athlete	Present
George Grande	At-Large Member	Present
Chris Marinak	MLB Representative	Present
John McHale Jr.	MLB Representative	Present
Richard Neely	NMO Representative/AABC	Present
Wes Skelton	NMO Representative/Dixie Youth Baseball	Present
Others Present		
Paul Seiler	USA Baseball CEO	Present
Ray Darwin	USA Baseball CFO	Present
David Perkins	USA Baseball COO	Present
Karen Gaunt	Outside Legal Counsel	Present
Allison Gupton	USA Baseball Staff Liaison	Present
Steve Keener	Incoming Board Member/Little League	Present
Board Member Absent		
Veronica Alvarez	Recent Athlete	Absent

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mike Gaski called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM Eastern Time. At that time, a quorum was confirmed.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Mike Gaski asked members and observers if anyone had a conflict to declare or had a conflict concern in relation to any of the items on the agenda. None were noted.

MOTION	Board of Directors	2020	04
To approve the agenda as presented.			
Moved	Steve Cloud	Seconded	George Grande
CARRIED			







3. Items for Board Consideration

I. Previous Meeting Minutes

Mike Gaski asked members if anyone had corrections to the previous Board of Directors meeting minutes. None were noted.

MOTION	Board of Directors	2020	05	
To approve the previous Board of Directors meeting minutes (October 5, 2020).				
Moved	John McHale	Seconded	George Grande	
CARRIED				

II. Audit Committee/Financial Report

MOTION	Board of Directors	2020	06	
To increase Baseball America Foundation (BAF) Youth Grants to a total of \$100,000 for 2021,				
distributed evenly across five organizations – AABC, American Legion, Dixie, NABF & PONY. Moved Chris Marinak Seconded John McHale				
CARRIED				

Steve Cloud, Richard Neely and Wes Skelton recused themselves from this vote.

*On December 3, 2020, the day following the Board of Directors meeting, the BAF Trustees unanimously approved the suggested distribution of \$100,000 for National Member Organization grants by way of an electronic vote. This is a singular consideration and future years/disbursements will be considered as such.

MOTION	Board of Directors	2020	07	
To approve the 2021 Budget.				
Moved	Jason Dobis	Seconded	Steve Cloud	
CARRIED				

III. U.S. Center for SafeSport Update/Legal Update

Board members will need to complete another background check along with a refresher SafeSport course. After the Board meeting, you will receive information to complete a background check and a refresher SafeSport course.

- IV. USOPC Audit/Certification/Athlete Advisory Committee
- V. Updated USA Baseball Bylaws
- VI. Ethics Committee





OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALISTS 1988 | 2000 WORLD CUP GOLD MEDALISTS 1973 | 1974 | 2007 | 2009 WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC CHAMPIONS 2017

VII. Staff Updates/Phase II Update/Office Status

VIII. 2021 Strategic Priorities/Strategic Plan

IX. Board Member Rotation

MOTION	Board of Directors	2020	08	
To rotate Richard Neely off and Steve Keener on to the USA Baseball Board of Directors.				
Moved	Elliot Hopkins	Seconded	George Grande	
CARRIED				

Richard Neely recused himself from this vote.

X. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be virtual on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

5. Adjournment

MOTION	Board of Directors	2020	09
To Adjourn.			
Moved	George Grande	Seconded	John McHale
CARRIED			

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 PM Eastern Time.

