

USA Baseball Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Location	Date	Time	Format
Cary, NC	Tuesday, December 14, 2021	9:00 AM ET	In-Person

In Attendance

Board Members Present				
Mike Gaski	President/At-Large	Present		
Jason Dobis	Treasurer/At-Large	Present		
Elliot Hopkins	Secretary	Present		
Veronica Alvarez	Recent Athlete	Present		
Willie Bloomquist	Recent Athlete	Joined via Zoom		
Steve Cloud	NMO Representative/American Legion	Present		
John Gall	Recent Athlete	Present		
George Grande	At-Large Member	Joined via Zoom		
Steve Keener	NMO Representative/Little League	Present		
Chris Marinak	MLB Representative	Joined via Zoom		
Tony Reagins	MLB Representative	Present		
Wes Skelton	NMO Representative/Dixie Youth Baseball	Joined via Zoom		
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		
Monica Garza	USA Baseball Staff	Present		
Ashley Bratcher	USA Baseball Staff	Present		
Incoming Board Members Present				
Jenny Dalton-Hill	Recent Athlete	Present		
Jacob May	Recent Athlete	Joined via Zoom		
Ernie Young	Recent Athlete	Present		
Derek Topik	NMO Representative/NABF	Joined via Zoom		

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mike Gaski called the meeting to order at 9:07 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 was noted.



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MOTION	Board of Directors	2021	10	
To approve the	To approve the agenda as presented.			
Moved	Steve Cloud	Seconded	Elliot Hopkins	
CARRIED				

- 3. Board of Directors Annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- 4. Moment of Silence In Memoriam (Bob Smith, Joe Cooper and JoAnne Grande)
- 5. 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	2021	11
To approve the previous Board of Directors meeting minutes (September 24, 2021).			
Moved Steve Cloud Seconded Steve Keener			
CARRIED			

II. Audit Committee/Financial Report

MOTION	Board of Directors	2021	12	
To approve \$60,000 of BAF grants to eligible youth organizations.				
Moved Steve Keener Seconded Steve Cloud				
CARRIED				

MOTION	Board of Directors	2021	13
To approve the 2022 budget as presented.			
Moved Jason Dobis Seconded John Gall			
CARRIED			

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

Karen Gaunt commented that USA Baseball passed both (in-person and administrative) comprehensive audits performed by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

- IV. Annual Board of Directors Background Checks and Athlete Safety Requirements
- V. USOPC Audit/Certification/Athlete Advisory Council

Paul Seiler commented that USA Baseball has been approved by the USOPC to be certified in good standing.

- VI. Updated USA Baseball Bylaws and Policies
- VII. USA Baseball Committees (Impacted by Bylaws and Policy Changes)



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- VIII. Staff Updates/National Training Complex Phase II Update/Development
- IX. 2021 Strategic Priorities
- X. Board Elections and Ratifications

Paul Seiler, David Perkins, Ray Darwin, Ashley Bratcher, and Allison Gupton left the meeting for the closed session.

MOTION	Board of Directors	2021	14	
To ratify Jenny Dalton-Hill and Ernie Young and John Gall to the USA Baseball Board of Directors as				
10+ year athletes per their election by the athlete pool.				
Moved Steve Cloud Seconded Steve Keener				
CARRIED				

John Gall recused himself from the vote.

MOTION	Board of Directors	2021	15	
To ratify NABF/Derek Topik as a USA Baseball Board of Director.				
Moved	Steve Keener	Seconded	Elliot Hopkins	
CARRIED				

MOTION	Board of Directors	2021	16		
To re-elect at-	To re-elect at-large members Jason Dobis, Mike Gaski and George Grande to the USA Baseball Board				
of Directors.					
Moved Elliot Hopkins Seconded Steve Cloud					
CARRIED			_		

Jason Dobis, Mike Gaski, and George Grande recused themselves from the vote.

MOTION	Board of Directors	2021	17
To re-elect officers – Mike Gaski (President), Elliot Hopkins (Secretary) and Jason Dobis (Treasurer).			
Moved Steve Keener Seconded Steve Cloud			
CARRIED			

Mike Gaski, Elliot Hopkins, and Jason Dobis recused themselves from the vote.

- XI. Closed Session
- XII. Next Meeting(s)/Q1 Zoom and Q2 in person in Cary

5. Adjournment

MOTION	Board of Directors	2021	18
To Adjourn.			
Moved	Steve Cloud	Seconded	John Gall
CARRIED			

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 PM Eastern Time.

