I. **Call to order** at 8:05 a.m. MDT

II. **Roll Call: Present:** Tracie Foster, Oral Miller, Kevin Szott, Trischa Zorn, Walter Dean, Bill Ramsey, Jeannie Derber, Jim Mastro, Dan Kelly, Tom Culliton, Elizabeth O’Brien

   **Staff:** Mark Lucas

   **Absent:** Tom Parrigin, Dan Parisi, and Jerry Donley

III. **President’s Welcome, Comments and Review of the Agenda**

    Szott informed the Board that the staff have worked diligently with the USABA coaches and the US Olympic Committee to prepare the Judo and Goalball Teams for success the in the Beijing Paralympic Games.

    Szott also reported that staff has secured matching funds from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Blind Rehabilitation to provide programs for military service members and veterans to attend the USABA Sports Festival. USABA also recently received a grant of $43,500 in’08 from the United States Olympic Committee for this initiative.

V. **Executive Director’s report:**

   **Programs: Grassroots Programs:**

   Through the support of the Gordon and Laura Gund gift, USABA is providing funding support to each of these camps Sports Education Camps in 10 cities.

   USABA Sports Festival is scheduled for July 22-28 to be held in Colorado Springs Colorado. 40 athletes are expected to attend including 15 military servicemen, servicewomen and vets with eye injuries. Eight-10 VA staff also will attend the festival as USABA staff with the purpose of training the trainers.

   USABA staff is planning a Development Cycling Camp to take place at the USOTC in September.

   Staff contracted the services of Bourbon Street film productions to begin filming footage of Sports Adaptation DVD. The USOC provided USABA $2,500 in funding support to produce the first sport; Judo which was filmed in April in conjunction
with a training camp at OTC. Staff is working on securing funds from additional sources to complete filming all sports.

**National:**
Hosted by the Utah Foundation for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the USABA Goalball Nationals Championships will be held June 19-21 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**International:**
USABA is hosting the 2008 IBSA World Powerlifting Championships to be held in Miami, FL; July 2-5. The event is being organized by Robert Keller of the International Powerlifting Federation and is projected to be the largest event of this type IBSA has sanctioned. Team USA which is sponsored by the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind, will consist of 10 USABA lifters.

USABA has submitted a bid to IBSA to host the 2009 IBSA World Youth and Student Games.

**Elite Sports Programs:**

**Judo:**
Coaches and staff have been working on long-range strategy and laying groundwork for the 09-12 Quad Plan and the 09 HPP. Both documents are slated for submission to US Paralympics prior to the 08 Paralympic Games.

Potts is working with Walter Dean to revise USABA coaching certification program.

**Goalball:**
The Men’s National Goalball team is presently in Lithuania and competes in Sweden in July.

Potts revised USABA Goalball Guidelines and is working with an athlete group to complete document for on-time implementation in Fall 08.

The Women’s National Goalball Team was nominated as USOC May Team of month, won the Gold in Sweden beating China in a 2-1 double overtime shoot-out. Women’s National Team will compete in an international four team tournament at the Lakeshore Foundation in Birmingham, AL in July.

**08 Beijing Paralympic Games:**
The Goalball and Judo coaches and athlete nominations have been submitted to the USOC for final approval.
The USOC 09-12Quad Plan and 09 HPP are currently under development and on track to be finalized prior to the 08 Paralympic Games.

**VI. FINANCES:** Lucas presented the Finance

The 2007 Audit was completed in May by Waugh and Association which was sent to all board members.

**Major Revenues as of May 31**
- Total Corporate Sponsors - $16,000
- Total Corporate Receivable - $25,000
- Total Budget - $50,000

- Total Foundation - $45,325
- Total Foundation Receivable - $43,500
- Total Budget - $110,000

- Paralympic Outreach - $17,500
- Total Budget - $10,000

- Total Contributions - $59,769
- Total Budget - $80,000

- Total Membership - $8,812
- Total Budget - $16,000

**Fundraising Initiatives:**
Mission Vision Program – Electronic and direct mail sent to USABA donors who have contributed in the last 5 years. This donor piece also will be sent to 3000 VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Posts across the US.

Ortiz attended fundraising event in Arkansas to create relationships with potential corporate sponsors including Wal-Mart their vendors.

Secured matching funds from the Department of Veterans Affairs to bring military to National Sports Festival

The USABA Annual Golf Tournament to take place August 27.
USABA/CSDB Common Sight Common Vision fundraiser set to be held in Colorado Springs, CO; November 21. USABA former board member Michael May is the keynote speaker.

As previously stated, staff secured funds from U.S. Paralympics and matching funds from the Department of Veteran Affairs to support sports programs with Military Servicemen and Women and Veterans with eye injuries.

VII. **Bylaws Committee Update: Miller**
Miller informed the Board that the Bylaws Committee consisting of Parrigin, Zorn, and Miller have met on a monthly basis. Each phone conference meeting consists of a ninety-minute period. Each Committee member has a section to concentrate on and inform the other members of any changes necessary in that particular section. The Committee is working toward providing the Full Board for their consideration the new recommendations to the Bylaws sixty days before the November 22, 2008 face-to-face meeting in Colorado Springs.

VIII. **New Business-08 Board elections-Foster**
Foster informed the Board of the expiring board terms for this year. Foster, Parrigin, Scott, and Szott terms will be completed. Foster introduced Dave Bushland’s name to the Board as a new potential board member. She will e-mail all Board members Mr. Bushland’s resume for review.

IX. **Hall of Fame Update: Szott**
The Hall of Fame update was tabled until the next board meeting.

VIII. **Next Board Meeting**
The next Board Meeting is a Tele-Conference Call schedule for Saturday, August 16, 2008 at 8:00am MDT.

IX. **Adjourn**
Mastro made a motion to close the meeting. Dean seconded the motion. Motion passed to adjourn meeting at 11:45am MDT.