



United States Association of Blind Athletes

Board of Directors Meeting; Tele-conference Call

August 10, 2018

Directors present: Larry Dickerson, Mike Bina, Matt Simpson, Peter Paulding, Gary Remensnyder, Timothy Vlach, Paul Shields, Ken Hannah

Directors absent: Brittany Wozny, Amy Wasson, Danelle Umstead

Staff present: Mark Lucas

The meeting of the Board of Directors for USABA was called to order at 11:05 a.m. via conference call by President Mike Bina. Roll call conducted by Secretary; Matt Simpson.

The minutes of the May 11, 2018 board meeting were e-mailed to directors. There being no objections, Ken Hannah moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Matt Simpson. Motion carried to approve.

Chairman's report: Mike Bina

Dr. Bina reports that he continues to work in tandem with the CEO and is pleased with the progress being made by staff on the 2018 Operation Plan.

Mike further explained that the process for USABA becoming a Paralympic Sport Organization (PSO) and progress is on track for completion.

Executive Director's report: Mark Lucas

Mark reports that USABA is prepared to launch inaugural National Blind Sports Day (NBSD) in October. Excitement is building with collaboration between more than 20 agencies across the U.S.

Mark stated that as a direct result of our National Goalball Teams training in Ft. Wayne, Turnstone has been confirmed by the United States Olympic Committee as a designated Paralympic Training site.

Mark also mentioned that he is in the final recruiting phase of hiring a development director.

Audit Committee report: Larry Dickerson moved to accept the audit committee report from the previous meeting. Matt Simpson seconded. There being no objections, motion passed.

Strategic Direction Committee report: Larry Dickerson

Larry reports staff are doing good work with implementing the plan and he recommends adding "activities" to the strategic direction plan for better tracking of progress.

Governance and Nominating Committee report: Peter Paulding

Peter stated that all board members have completed or are in the process of completing SafeSport certification.

Regarding board vacancies, Peter discussed that our bylaws state that we are required to vote on board vacancies at the next meeting as currently there are three vacancies including two athlete



vacancies. During the May board meeting, the board agreed not to fill the board vacancies until we finalized the PSO status for membership with the USOC. The board again agreed not fill the vacancies until the process and bylaw revisions are complete.

Adjournment

Larry Dickerson moved to adjourn. Ken Hannah seconded. The motion passed, and President Bina adjourned the meeting.