



United States Association of Blind Athletes (USABA)

Board of Directors Meeting Tele-Conference Call

May 30, 2019

Directors present: Michael Bina, Gary Remensnyder, Matt Simpson, Amy Wasson, Paul Shields, Larry Dickerson, Brittany Wozny

Staff present: Mark Lucas, Kevin Brousard

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:02 a.m. MST via conference call by President (Chairman) Mike Bina. Roll call conducted by Secretary Matt Simpson.

The minutes of the February 26, 2019, board meeting were emailed in advance to directors. There being no objections, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairman's Report: Mike Bina

By invite from the United States Olympic Committee, Mike Bina stated that he attended the Governance Best Practice Seminar May 18-19 in Colorado Springs, Colo. Many of the National Governing Body board chairs and CEO's were in attendance including Mark Lucas. Presentations and discussion of major topics included SafeSport and proposed revisions to the Ted Stevens Act which included a higher degree of athlete representation within the act and further protection of athletes. Mike Bina also reported that he attended the 2019 USABA Goalball National Championships in Atlanta, Ga., May 24-25. He applauded the athlete performance of all the teams and commended Georgia Blind Sports for hosting the event, and particularly Hal Simpson for an outstanding tournament.

Executive Director's Report: Mark Lucas

Mark Lucas stated that we are four weeks out from hosting the 2019 IBSA International Goalball and Judo Championships to be held in Fort Wayne, Ind.; July 2-9. He discussed how Turnstone and USABA staff have been planning this prestigious event for more than a year. More than 400 athletes from over 40 countries will participate in the qualifying event. The tournament is an opportunity for our National Goalball Teams to qualify the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games

Other items reported on included:

- The 2020 Goalball High Performance Plan was submitted to the United States Olympic Committee.
- Conclusion and impact of the National Fitness Challenge ended in May.
- Staff are working on the 2019/2020 grant proposal update.
- Secured sponsorship from Vanda for \$30k.
- Launched Planned Giving Program.
- A \$90K grant proposal for 2019/2020 was submitted to the Veterans Administration.

Audit Committee Report: Gary Remensnyder

Gary Remensnyder provided the board a summary of the YTD budget as of March 31.

He reported that McMillen & Company are finalizing our annual audit.



He reported that the United States Olympic Endowment has seen a 12 percent return this year.

Strategic Direction Committee Report: Dr. Larry Dickerson

Larry Dickerson reported that the committee consisting of Brittany Wozny, Amy Wasson and himself met with Mark Lucas on May 16, 2019.

He reported that staff are making progress on programming and educational markers. He pointed out that progress on the financial markers are difficult to judge being that the organization is only in the first quarter of the year. He reported that USABA is behind on the infrastructure pillar with the pending Paralympic Sports Organization application to the USOC.

Larry Dickerson confirmed the cadence and process we are following including;

- Committee received 2019 1Q dashboard which measures progress toward 2019 Operation Plan.
- Committee receives quarterly reports on progress toward operational dashboard as it relates to goals and metrics associated with USABA's 5 pillars.
- During annual face-to-face full board meeting, the Executive Director will present the proposed 2020 Operational Plan in alignment with the proposed budget.

Governance and Nominating Committee Report: Matt Simpson

Matt Simpson reported that he made a few edits to proposed bylaws, specifically on how to structure elections and term limits. He stated that Brittany Wozny and he are working on the final edits to the bylaws and within a few weeks he will submit the revisions to the full board for consideration. Once a final draft is produced it will be sent to the USOC for review as part of USABA's application to become a Paralympic Sport Organization.

New Business

Mark will survey the board to schedule the August meeting.

The in-person board meeting will be October 31-November 1 in Colorado Springs Colo.

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn, seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m. MST.