



**MINUTES**  
**USATT Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting**

Monday, August 13, 2018

Chair Anne Cribbs called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. EDT.

**1. Roll Call and Administrative Matters**

The following board members attended:

Anne Cribbs (Chair), Larry Hodges, Ed Hogshead, Tara Profitt, Carolyne Savini (7:23), Gary Schlager, Deepak Somarapu (7:26), Erica Wu.

Also attending:

Gordon Kaye (CEO), Dennis Taylor (General Counsel and Secretary), Mark Thompson (COO), Carl Danner (Representative of USTTA Foundation), Jörg Bitzigeio (High Performance Director), Lee Kondo (member).

A quorum was established. No conflicts were reported.

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes from the June meeting**

**MOTION 1. MOVED to approve the Minutes from June 9, 2018, as submitted.**

Movant: Larry Hodges

Second: Carolyne

**Motion passed unanimously by voice vote, 6-0-0.**

**3. High Performance Update**

- Mr. Bitzigeio presented the report.
- In the past month, USATT had two good training camps, in New Jersey and Colorado Springs ("COS").

- A highlight of the COS camp was joint physical training with USA Boxing.
- 22 junior athletes are competing abroad at the moment.

#### **4. September 21-23 In Person Board Meeting Logistics Update**

- The meeting will be held at the COS Olympic Training Center (“OTC”).
- Unfortunately, Ms. Profitt will not be able to attend.
- Members are to arrive on Friday, Sept. 21.
- OTC will provide a shuttle to the COS airport.
- Proposed airline reservations are requested by September 1.
- There will be an off-site dinner on Sept. 21.
- The meeting is projected to close at 4:00 pm MDT.

#### **5. Preparation for September 2018 Meeting (Proposed Agenda Items)**

- USOC NGB Compliance Update
  - five deficiencies out of 101 points checked, one already cured
  - two By-Law Amendments and one SafeSport amendment will be circulated by Aug. 20
  - Strategic Planning Process
- Basis for Strategic Planning Process
  - September Presentation by Denise Parker
  - Process of Identifying Potential Planning Group Members
  - Plan to Survey Membership
  - Potential Dates for November SP Planning Group Meeting
- Staffing and Organizational Structure
  - does it make sense for USATT to continue to operate its events
- USATT Event Discussion
- New Co – ITTF North America
- Strategic Direction of USATT
  - Plan for Increasing Value for Membership (Individuals and Clubs)
  - Decentralizing HQ and Empowering Regional Administrative Authorities
- 2018-19 Board Elections
- 2019 Committees Process
  - Review of Latest Updated Committee Reports
- Financial Update
  - Overall finances
  - USATT Events (Nationals, WVC)
- Fundraising
- Insurance Coverage Review (D & O and Comprehensive Liability Coverages)
  - Impact of State and Federal Rules, and Regulations on Board Activities
- Code of Conduct for USATT Membership
  - Potential Revisions and Amendments to By-Laws for Member Conduct
- Other agenda items proposed by the board
- suggestions for further topics are requested by Aug. 24
- DT to remind committee chairs to submit reports

## 6. Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:37. [Note: Minutes are not kept in Executive Session.]

The Board returned to general session at 8:11.

## 7. Old Business

n/a

## 8. New Business

- The US Open is being revamped to create more meaningful matches for more categories of entrants.
- The ITTF is creating a WVC-type tour. The 2018 US Open will host the kick-off event for the 2019 tour.
- December 15-16 are the likely dates for the December in-person meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dennis Taylor  
Secretary