



## Minutes

**DATE:** June 20, 2017

**LOCATION:** Teleconference

**DURATION:** Teleconference began at 17:30 Eastern Time Zone. Adjourned at 18:09

**Board Attendees:**

Dr. Harvey Schiller – President

Bob Djokovich

Jennie Choi

Attila Agoston

Alan Dizdarevic

David Palmer

David Thompson

Sara Gascon – excused: WNT competition in ARG

Mike McNees – absent

**Guest:** Michael Lenard

**Staff:** Michael D. Cavanaugh, CEO

The meeting began promptly at 17:30 ET. The meeting had been duly called on June 7 with notice delivered electronically. Roll call was taken, a quorum was confirmed, no conflict of interest was voiced with any agenda item, and Michael Cavanaugh was designated as the Meeting Secretary.

President Schiller gave a brief opening statement providing the background for the Board Teleconference. Michael Cavanaugh gave the Board a brief introduction of Michael Lenard and he was given the floor.

Michael Lenard provided background details concerning the origin and focus of SafeSport and why it was required for NGBs to be fully participating members of the U.S. Center for SafeSport. Mr. Lenard presented a Proposed Board Resolution with respect to SafeSport, and went over it paragraph by paragraph pausing to ask if there were any questions after each section. A proposed Board Resolution had previously been forwarded to the Board for their review prior to the teleconference.

Once Mr. Lenard had completed his presentation, President Schiller made the motion to adopt such Resolution as presented, and Bob Djokovich seconded the motion. There was a call for further discussion but none was presented. The vote was called with all on the call voting to accept the Resolution as presented; there were no negative votes and no abstentions. **THE RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AND IS ATTACHED HERETO.**

The CEO report consisted of a briefing of the status of the proposed IHF Handball Academy at Auburn University. An agreement has been presented to both Auburn University, School of Kinesiology and USA Team Handball. There were no surprises in the document that calls for coaching certification, development programs for schools, support for hosting events and possible scientific research projects to be undertaken through the AU School of Kinesiology. It is anticipated the agreement will be executed in July with full implementation to begin in late 2017 and early 2018.

The 2017 U.S. Open was conducted in Myrtle Beach and was deemed a very successful event with 34 teams competing in four divisions from May 19 -21. The venue was well liked by virtually everyone. President Schiller addressed the Annual Assembly staged in conjunction with the Open, there were no positive doping tests reported, and the venue offered the teams a quality competition facility.

The MJNT in 2016 took first place at the IHF Trophy in Canada by beating CAN, MEX and PUR. That result qualified them for the Continental Phase that took place in Colombia in 2017 and there beat COL, MRT and GUT to qualify for the World Phase of the IHF Trophy in November – site to be determined. We know that India and Moldova have qualified and we are waiting for the African and Oceania nations to be determined.

The WNT qualified for the 2017 WPAC in ARG by finishing second in the NORCA event held in PUR. The WNT were able to self-fund and secure sponsorship for the event from multiple sources which included the USATH Foundation.

The MNT conducted a four match series with the Canadian MNT in Auburn and Dothan Alabama from June 9-11. All matches were very close and the teams split the four match series 2-2. Funding for this competition experience was provided by the Auburn/Opelika Visitor's Center

David Thompson made some comments as the AAC Representative to the USOC and supported the comments on the success he witnessed at the U.S. Open in Myrtle Beach.

President Schiller asked for any old / new business. Michael Cavanaugh informed the Board that webmaster Scott Cronk would be stepping down as of July 1 as his video streaming business has mushroomed beyond his expectations and ability to devote adequate time to USA Team Handball's web posting needs. We are working to secure a replacement internally and also through the USOC.

President Schiller thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting at 18:09 ET.

Respectfully submitted, Michael D. Cavanaugh