



Hello,  
My name is Phil Veasey. In December, I was appointed to be the Chair of the BaseballSoftballUK Ltd Board of Directors. As an

enthusiastic player, it is important to me to report on the great work of my colleagues on the Board in as accessible a fashion as possible.

As part of my time as Chair, I am keen to prepare summaries of the meetings. Below this update are notes from previous meetings.

## Board Meeting #96 – 5 September 2022

The latest BaseballSoftballUK Board meeting was held on September 5th. It was well attended, including a chance to meet with two of our **Silver Medal** winning European Women's Fastpitch athletes **Amy Moore** and **Morgan Salmon**. They talked about the incredible first step taken by the team on their journey to qualify for the LA Olympics in 2028 this year. Buoyed by the first preparation camp held on these shores in programme history, based between the historic National Sports Centre at **Bisham Abbey** and our national complex at **Farnham Park**, the athletes felt super prepared and well supported. The players both noted the positive contribution made by Gary Anderson, the relatively new Head of Performance Systems.

A special note of appreciation was expressed by all – players and board members - for the contribution of **Rachael Watkeys**, who recently stepped down as Head Coach.

We were also joined by **GB Baseball** Head Coach Drew Spencer, who talked about the programme's preparation for the exciting World

Baseball Classic qualification campaign that starts with the qualifying round in Germany later this month. Similarly, **GB Baseball** was grateful for the financial support provided to the programme by **UK Sport**, which has funded preparations.

The Board went on to consider and approve the financial year 2021-23 Audited Accounts, a set of revised internal policies and procedures, business from our committees for Development and Fundraising, Governance, Finance and Remuneration and Employment, the CEO Report and risk register. There was also an update from Head of Performance Systems Gary Anderson on the formation of a Performance Team. The team will be implementing a new Academy programme this off-season closely aligned to the national team programmes for baseball and fastpitch.

The Board also received updates on the Executive Team's performance against this year's Operational Plan and heard about the progress BSUK is making with **Major League Baseball** and the **Mayor of London's Office** to execute a comprehensive legacy programme from future **MLB London Series**.

As per normal, we also had a brief presentation from Ieuan Gale, President of the **British Softball Federation** updating the Board on our member's activity and season.

As you can see, a productive and positive meeting. I will continue to provide these summaries in the future, should they continue to be helpful and informative.

**Phil Veasey // Chair, BaseballSoftballUK Ltd**