



**Log of Meeting**  
**USA Baseball Medical & Safety Advisory Committee**  
**Chapel Hill, North Carolina**  
**March 7-9, 1997**

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**Source of Log Entry:** Susan Kyle, Ph.D., EHHA *SK*  
Project Manager  
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**CPSC Participants:** Susan Kyle

**Non-CPSC Participants:** See attached list

**Summary of Meeting:**

A copy of the meeting agenda is attached (December 12, 1996, letter from Dr. Barry Goldberg, Chairman of the committee). Susan Kyle, CPSC, gave a brief talk which summarized the Youth Baseball Protective Equipment Project Final Report and distributed copies of the summer 1996 edition of the Consumer Product Safety Review which contained an article on the findings of the Youth Baseball Protective Equipment Project Final Report.

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Attendees

Barry Goldberg, MD, Chairman  
Director, Sports Medicine, Yale University Health Services

James Andrews, MD and  
Glenn Fleisig, PhD  
American Sports Medicine Institute

Kenneth Clarke, PhD  
SLE Worldwide, Inc.

Creighton Hale, PhD  
Dan Kirby  
Little League Baseball, Inc.

Herndon Harding, Jr., MD  
Los Angeles Dodgers

Fred Mueller, PhD  
Steven Marshall  
National Center for Catastrophic Sports & Injury Research

Thomas John  
Professional Baseball Player

Thomas Crawford, PED  
Director of Coaching, USOC

Wanda Rutledge  
Deputy Director  
USA Baseball

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MEDICAL & SAFETY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 12, 1996

Dear Team:

Now that the Olympics is over and the executive staffing at USA Baseball resolved, we can resume our activities. We continue to have support from Major League Baseball and there are several issues of importance that need to be addressed at our meeting in March. As our great democratic tradition has established, your benevolent leader has called all committee members to ensure their interests are represented. Therefore, our agenda will follow, more or less, the following order:

1. **Fred Mueller** - Fred will review this years data collection and present the 1997 protocol that will evaluate the ball, face mask, and break-away bases. He also will provide an article for USA Baseball News briefly reviewing the data and describing the new protocol. The majority of funds from this years M.L.B. grant will be directed to this study.
2. **Barry Goldberg** - I will attempt to write a policy statement concerning the use of the face mask, ball and break-away base. I expect significant discussion (as usual) but we must develop a document that leagues can use as an information reference.
3. **Trey Crisco** - Trey will discuss the new data on balls and the current state of the evaluation of bats. There is new, very interesting information in both areas. He will also have an article for USA Baseball News reviewing the progress of the evaluation of bats.
4. **Sue Kyle** - Sue, our newest committee member, will review the final recommendations that will come from the CPSC concerning baseball equipment. She will also have an article for USA Baseball News reviewing this report.
5. **Wanda Rutledge** - Wanda will discuss the request of the USOC for the development of coaching standards at various levels of competition. The Red Cross apparently may be involved in authoring the standards, but USA Baseball must accept the final product. As our committee appears most active on safety and medical affairs as compared to other federations, baseball will be used as the prototype for other sports.
6. **Jim Andrews** - Jim will review the protocol for a pitching/throwing study that will be focused in Birmingham. This was projected as our next area of funding and Jim will discuss current programs and practical applications. He will also prepare an article on pitching versus throwing, too little or too much for USA Baseball News as an introduction to the proposed study.
7. **Creighton Hale and Casey Clark** - Our sages have raised many key issues over the years and bring another for important discussion. How can the USA Baseball Medical and Safety Advisory Committee become the focal source of medical information for amateur baseball. Do we obtain a monthly literature search, distributed to all members. Do we contact TV and other media to provide committee members as a source of information. How can we minimize the escalating litigation relating to injuries that never are any longer just accidents. They will lead an interesting discussion. Casey will also provide part of an article on coaches tips for injury prevention.

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8. **Tommy John** - Tommy will bring the second half of the article on coaching tips for safety emphasizing the more technical aspects of the game (i.e. ball avoidance, teaching fundamentals, etc.). He will also be an active participant in the review of the pitching study and the development of coaching standards.
9. **Herndon Harding** - Herndon will bring his crisp style to developing the "mission" statement. He has discussed this before and I believe it is essential to define our function to potential donors, the media and various baseball and regulatory groups. If time permits, an article for USA Baseball News addressing appropriate motivational techniques would also be of value.

Well that's all folks. An ambitious program but I believe possible to complete and still leave room for having all our complete meals at Fred's home. I guess not, but we should have time to maybe hit golf balls, or sight-see in the famous triangle. Wanda will provide you with the specifics of hotel, time, etc.

Happy Holidays and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Barry Goldberg, M.D.  
Chairman

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