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USA Baseball Medical & Safety Advisory Committee  
Tucson, Arizona  
June 26-28, 1998**

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**CPSC Participants:** Susan Kyle

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

**Summary of Meeting:**

This was the first committee meeting with the new executive director of USA Baseball, Mr. Dan O'Brien, former president of the Seattle Mariners and former general manager for the San Diego Padres and Houston Astros.

Items dealing with equipment issues of interest to CPSC were as follows:

1. The current controversy over the use of new alloy bats was discussed. Potential sources of funding for a proposed study of alloy bats were discussed.
2. Preliminary results of the Little League study relating insurance claims to equipment used were reported by Dr. Mueller. The study is expected to be completed by next spring. A draft article for publication describing the past ten years of Little League insurance claims data was discussed by the group.
3. The June 18, 1998, New England Journal of Medicine article on sudden death due to low-energy chest-wall impact and its relevance for the use of softer baseballs were discussed.

Assignments were made for articles to be written for USA Baseball News. Sue Kyle agreed to draft an article on the results of the new chest-impact study.

The next committee meeting was tentatively scheduled to be held in Dallas, TX, on the third weekend in June 1999.



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Attendees

Dan O'Brien, Director

USA Baseball

Barry Goldberg, MD, Chairman

Director, Sports Medicine, Yale University Health Services

James Andrews, MD and

Glenn Fleisig, PhD

American Sports Medicine Institute

Creighton Hale, PhD

Little League Baseball, Inc.

Fred Mueller, PhD

National Center for Catastrophic Sports & Injury Research