



USA RACQUETBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, January 25, 2021
5:30 pm MT
Videoconference via Zoom

MINUTES

Called to order by President Dan Whitley at 5:33 pm MT

Roll Call – Cheryl Kirk

Attending -- Todd Boss, Scott Fish, Mike Grisz, Cheryl Kirk (Secretary), Laura Pesek, Terry Rogers, Stewart Solomon (Vice President), Cindy Tilbury, Mike Wedel (Executive Director), Dan Whitley (President)

Not attending: Thurman Brooks, Steve Czarnecki (Treasurer), Michelle De La Rosa (Athlete Representative - Executive Committee), Danielle Maddux (Athlete Representative), Charlie Pratt (Athlete Representative)

A quorum was achieved. President Whitley provided prior notice of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes - Cheryl Kirk

Motion by Mike Grisz to approve the December 21, 2020, Board meeting minutes forwarded prior to this call.

Seconded by Terry Rogers

Discussion: No

Vote: Unanimously passed

Executive Committee Update (Dan Whitley)

Executive Committee met 1/8/21 and discussed topics re future event plans; more efficient Board records retention; and social media processes.

- Reminder: BoardSpan survey -- important to gain 100% Board participation/completion
- Board profiles are now posted, under About/Leadership on the website.

Executive Director Update (Mike Wedel)

Mike sent a pre-read document to the Board.

Topics discussed: SafeSport update/education; future event plans; possible loans/grants pending; US OPEN 2021 and beyond.

Financials Update (Mike Wedel)

Treasurer Steve Czarnecki forwarded financial updates prior to the meeting.

Memberships and sanctioning fees continue to be challenges due to the pandemic.

Giving Games is finished, no additional revenue expected.

2021 Combined Event Progress Report (Dan Whitley)

Extensive work is being undertaken to work with a potential host city with multiple clubs involved, possibly mid-year, to include three national championships (Doubles, Singles, Juniors)

with a staggered approach. These would optimally include team qualifying events. An announcement will be based on finalizing discussions with multiple entities.

Committee Updates

Fundraising Committee (Stewart Solomon)

The committee and the staff are working to define mutual and discrete responsibilities going forward, i.e. shorter- and longer-term initiatives and approaches; tracking; and appropriate and timely communication with donors.

Scholarship Committee (Dan Whitley)

The committee is working toward naming the recipients on the Real Racquetball Show and social media by mid-February.

WOR Committee (Mike Wedel)

Michelle De La Rosa and Darold Key are continuing to work on WOR rankings.

WOR website presence on USAR website is close to completion. A base platform has been built, and the WOR Committee has provided feedback.

Membership Committee (Terry Rogers)

Current initiative: *Happy ReNew Year 2021 -- Racq etball is missing U!*

Objectives are to grow back membership numbers; express appreciation to our members through a giveaway drawing approach (40+ items); and provide visibility to donors. All current members as of 2/10/21 are eligible. Winners will be announced on the Real Racquetball Show on 2/15 with a RRS pitch on 2/1.

One of the committee's next activities will be editing and revising wording for automatically generated messages when memberships are renewed or purchased.

US Team Committee (Cheryl Kirk)

Recommendation presented on behalf of US Team Committee Chair Larry Haemmerle and the committee to extend Jim Durham's agreement as Adult Team Head Coach.

Motion by Terry Rogers to accept the US Team Committee's recommendation to renew Jim Durham's coaching agreement as Adult Team Head Coach effective March 1, 2021, and expiring March 1, 2023.

Seconded by Stewart Solomon

Discussion: Question relative to social media policy adherence, answered by Mike Wedel.

Vote: Unanimously passed

Target for Committee Goals (Stewart Solomon)

Committee chairs will be contacted in February to submit 2020 accomplishments and 2021 goals.

New Business

National Rules Commissioner Search -- deadline for submissions is January 31. Stewart Solomon welcomes involvement from any Board members who wish to participate in the selection process.

Next Meeting: February 22, 2021

Motion to adjourn by Scott Fish
Seconded by Stewart Solomon
Adjourned 7:15 pm MT

Materials provided to Board by President Dan Whitley, Secretary Cheryl Kirk, Treasurer Steve Czarnecki, and Executive Director Mike Wedel:

Administration

USAR BOD Meeting Agenda 1/25/2021
USAR BOD Minutes 12/21/20 for Board approval

Updates

- Executive Director Update
- Financial Reports
 - Finance 1 -- Memo to Board January 2021 (2021-1-22)
 - Finance 2 -- USAR PL 2020 v2019 (2021-1-22)
 - Finance 3 -- USAR Balance Sheet (YE2020vYE2019)
 - Finance 4 -- Approved 2021 Budget