



USA RACQUETBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, June 28, 2021

5:30 pm MT

Videoconference via Zoom

MINUTES

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

Attending: T. J. Baumbaugh, Todd Boss, Steve Czarnecki (Treasurer), Michelle De La Rosa (Athlete Representative - Executive Committee), Mike Grisz, Cheryl Kirk (Secretary), Danielle Maddux (Athlete Representative), Maurice Miller, Laura Pesek, Charlie Pratt (Athlete Representative/AAC), Stewart Solomon (Vice President), Cindy Tilbury, Mike Wedel (Executive Director), Dan Whitley (President)

Not attending: Terry Rogers

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

Guest Presenter: Geoff Peters

Geoff made a slide presentation proposal containing a number of ideas and recommendations to re-energize and promote racquetball over the next three years and beyond. The recommendations came under the headings of Communication, Visibility, and Partnerships & Relationships (Collaboration). The Board will meet in special session to discuss Geoff's presentation in detail. The information will be valuable to the association's strategic planning initiative in November of this year. Dan Whitley expressed the Board's great appreciation for Geoff's vision and proposal.

Approval of Minutes - Cheryl Kirk

Motion by Laura Pesek to approve the May 24, 2021, Annual Board meeting minutes and reconvened meeting minutes forwarded prior to this call.

Seconded by Steve Czarnecki

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously

ExCom Update (Dan Whitley)

The Executive Committee met in June on topics included in this meeting's agenda.

Executive Director Update (Mike Wedel)

A pre-read report was forwarded prior to the meeting.

Topics included an update surrounding future enhancements for the sport relative to events, facilities, and sponsorships. Additionally:

Outdoor Racquetball

Mike will attend WOR Nationals at Huntington Beach and 3WallBall in Las Vegas. USAR will have a tent and will support streaming at 3WallBall.

SafeSport

Email and letter received in May for SafeSport stating USAR is compliant, and USOPC should be receiving the formal communication soon.

Memberships are on the rise as sanctioned event activity is picking up.

APS/Nike Store is open and ready to use

National Association of Collegiate Athletics (NAIA): Collegiate Racquetball

A second meeting with the NAIA took place on Friday 6/18, a promising start toward a full NAIA college program. This would not affect our current program since any of the current schools that compete are NAIA. This is a longer-term initiative, 2-3 years into the future.

Jim Hiser and the College Committee/Council will help navigate this new relationship.

Real Racquetball Show

Send nominations for Real Racquetball Champions to cshane@usaracquetball.com

Doubles Rankings Project

The work group has met several times to discuss and decide what and how the ranking should function.

Committee Updates

⇒ Finance Committee (Steve Czarnecki)

Financial performance for the first five months of the year is very much in line with the budget. The second-draw of the Payroll Protection Plan obtained in early 2021 is a positive that was not budgeted. For the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, both membership and sanctioning fee revenue in the month of May exceeded the budgeted amounts. Primary unknowns for the remainder of the year include the performance of the USAR National Junior Championships and U.S. Team Qualifying event, the UnitedHealthcare US OPEN, and any costs associated with international competitions, which are yet to be determined.

⇒ WOR Committee (Michelle De La Rosa)

Happy to have Mike Wedel in Huntington Beach Outdoor Nationals. Todd Boss has been helpful with various committee initiatives including newsletter content.

⇒ Legislative Committee (Cheryl Kirk and Mike Wedel)

Board Approvals on Bylaws Revisions per USOPC Consultative Review (Cheryl Kirk)

Per USAR Bylaws requirements, a notification document was sent to the Board of Directors 15 days prior to this meeting.

Motion by Mike Grisz to approve edits and revisions to USAR Bylaws Article V.

Seconded by Charlie Pratt

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously

Motion by Mike Grisz to approve edits and revisions to USAR Bylaws Article VI.

Seconded by Cindy Tilbury

Discussion: Recommendation for future revision to address, clarify, and combine two locations of references to Immediate Past President.

Vote: Passed unanimously

Motion by Laura Pesek to approve edits and revisions to USAR Bylaws Article VII.
Seconded by Cindy Tilbury
Discussion: None
Vote: Passed unanimously

Motion by Charlie Pratt to approve edits and revisions to USAR Bylaws Article VIII.
Seconded by Mike Grisz
Discussion: None
Vote: Passed unanimously

Motion by Mike Grisz to approve edits and revisions to USAR Bylaws Article IX.
Seconded by T. J. Baumbaugh
Discussion: None
Vote: Passed unanimously

Motion by Laura Pesek to approve edits and revisions to USAR Bylaws Cover Page and Table of Contents as described herein.
Seconded by Cindy Tilbury
Discussion: None
Vote: Passed unanimously

Strategic Plan for USOPC Compliance (Mike Wedel)

Motion by Mike Grisz to adopt the interim strategic plan provided by Mike Wedel.
Seconded by Maurice Miller.
Discussion surrounding the plan as a current placeholder. Board members suggested court owner/club owner language; expanded vision; organization chart/staff plan in the strategic plan initiative planned for November 2021.
Vote: Passed unanimously.

As of this date, this concludes the delivery and ratification of 17 USOPC compliance points addressed by the Legislative Committee and the USAR Staff and presented to the USAR Board of Directors in May/June 2021. The deadline of June 30, 2021, has been met.

IRF Vote (Cheryl Kirk)

In upcoming IRF and PARC elections later this year/early into next year, the individuals below wish to run for Board of Directors positions. For any Board position with either organization, the process requires the country in which individuals are citizens to approve candidacy.

Luke St. Onge -- Secretary General of PARC

Dean Schear -- Treasurer, PARC Board of Directors; At-Large Seat, IRF Board of Directors

Note: Both Luke and Dean are members in good standing of USA Racquetball.

Motion by Mike Grisz to nominate and approve Luke St. Onge as a Secretary General and Board Member candidate on the Pan American Racquetball Confederation Board of Directors.
Seconded by Charlie Pratt
Discussion: None
Vote: Passed unanimously

Motion by Cindy Tilbury to nominate and approve Dean Schear as a candidate for Treasurer on the Pan American Racquetball Confederation Board of Directors.

Seconded by Mike Grisz

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously

Motion by Mike Grisz to nominate and approve Dean Schear as candidate for an At Large seat on the International Racquetball Federation Board of Directors.

Seconded by Steve Czarnecki

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously

Danielle Maddux left the call at 7:15 pm.

Other/New Business

International Events Update -- PARC/IRF Worlds/IRF World Juniors (Kirk)

Next Meeting: July 26, 2021

Motion to Adjourn: Mike Grisz

Second: Cheryl Kirk

Adjourned 7:24 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 6/28/2021 (Whitley)
- USAR BOD Annual Meeting and Reconvened Meeting Minutes 5/24/21 for Board approval (Kirk)

Financial Reports (Czarnecki)

- Finance 1 -- Memo to Board June 2021 (2021-6-25)
- Finance 2 -- Balance Sheet End May 2021 v SPLY
- Finance 3 -- PL Jan-May 2021 v SPLY
- Finance 4 -- PL v Budget (Jan-May 2021)

Legislative Committee (Kirk)

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- WORKSHEET_USAR_BYLAWS__Revised_August_2020_06282021

IRF Vote (Kirk)

- USAR_BOD_IRF_PARC_Candidate_Approvals_06282021

Executive Director Update (Wedel)

- ED Update for 6 28 2021 Board Meeting
- SafeSport Letter: Racquetball_CA Closed_05.24.21 (1)
- DRAFT #17 Strategic Plan Overview 06242021
- USA Racquetball - Agreement with USPC