



USA RACQUETBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, May 24, 2021
5:30 pm MT

MINUTES

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Called to order by President Dan Whitley at 5:32 pm MT

Roll Call – Cheryl Kirk

Attending: T. J. Baumbaugh, Todd Boss, Steve Czarnecki (Treasurer), Michelle De La Rosa (Athlete Rep - ExCom), Scott Fish, Mike Grisz, Cheryl Kirk (Secretary), Danielle Maddux (Athlete Rep), Laura Pesek, Charlie Pratt (Athlete Rep - AAC), Terry Rogers, Stewart Solomon (Vice President), Cindy Tilbury, Mike Wedel (Executive Director), Dan Whitley (President)

Guest: Maurice Miller

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

Approval of Minutes (Cheryl Kirk)

Motion by Terry Rogers to approve the April 26, 2021, Board meeting minutes forwarded prior to this meeting.

Seconded by Scott Fish

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously

Executive Committee Update (Dan Whitley)

The last ExCom meeting contained the same topics as are on this meeting agenda.

Dan thanked to Michelle De La Rosa and the Task Force attached to the Election Committee that brought Board Appointed Candidate Maurice Miller for approval. The Board ratified the appointment by electronic vote on May 21, 2021, and Mr. Miller takes his seat at the adjournment of this meeting.

Executive Director Update (Mike Wedel)

A pre-read document was forwarded prior to the meeting. The SafeSport “self-identifying” function is complete. Information was provided on SafeSport education/training and background checks. USAR received a “considered compliant” letter from the Center for SafeSport dated 5/24/21.

Other topics included:

- Information update on the 2021 USA Racquetball National Championships Festival *Presented by Penn*
- Hall of Fame Celebration logistics are being worked out with a possible venue being the UnitedHealthcare US OPEN.
- Future enhancements for the sport relative to events, facilities, and sponsorships.
- Monthly 20x40 Alliance Group meetings with US Handball. Monthly articles and advertisements are published in *Club Insider*.

- Membership numbers are turning in the right direction.
- Mike asked for volunteers for a small group to look at doubles ranking algorithms.
- Staff and contractor projects include The Real Racquetball Show; *Serving Up the News* newsletter; meeting with the NAIA regarding collegiate racquetball.

Finance Update (Steve Czarnecki)

Financial statements were forwarded prior to the meeting. Cash position remains relatively stable. April was the first month where membership revenue began to show a slight uptrend.

Per USOPC Consultative Review findings (see Legislative Committee update below), the Finance area has some minor adjustments to make relative to a Finance Policy and an updated Financial Procedures Manual that will be presented to the Board for ratification prior to June 30, 2021.

Committee Updates (Stewart Solomon)

1. Legislative Committee (Cheryl Kirk)

Timeline and update provided on the committee's work to meet the June 30, 2021, deadline for rectifying issues relative to the USOPC's findings during its USA Racquetball Consultative Review.

2. WOR Committee Update (Michelle De La Rosa)

Darold Key is responsible for communication with WOR directors across the U.S. Michelle thanked Todd Boss for his work on the WOR section of the website as well as monthly newsletter articles and social media updates. Upcoming events are being promoted nationwide.

Dan Whitley has engaged college student interns to do pre-work on WOR rankings before turning the project over to the WOR Committee for continued work and analysis.

Recognition of Departing Board Member Scott Fish (Dan Whitley)

Dan spoke about Scott's roles and accomplishments during his tenure on the Board (past VP, committee service, IT/Marketing expertise, and much more). Scott commented positively on his seven years with the Board, having served in both Appointed and Elected positions.

Adjournment

Motion by Scott Fish to adjourn

Seconded by Terry Rogers

Adjourned at 6:47 pm MT

Materials/information provided prior to the meeting:

Annual Meeting Agenda (Dan Whitley)
 Board Minutes 4/26/2021 (Cheryl Kirk)
 ED Update for 5 24 2021 Board Meeting (Mike Wedel)
 Membership numbers May 24th 2021 (Mike Wedel)
 Legislative Committee Timeline / Update (Cheryl Kirk)

Financials (Steve Czarnecki)

Finance 1 - Memo to Board May 2021 (2021-5-22)
 Finance 2 - PL through April v SPLY
 Finance 3 - End April Balance Sheet v SPLY
 Finance 4 - Budget v Actual
 Finance 5 - Draft Finance Policy (2021-5-21)



USA RACQUETBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Annual Meeting - Reconvened
May 24, 2021
Videoconference via Zoom

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Called to order by President Dan Whitley at 6:48 pm MT

Roll Call – Cheryl Kirk

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

New Board Member Maurice Miller was seated as of the call to order of this reconvened segment of the Annual Meeting.

National Rules Commissioner

President Dan Whitley presented the name of Dan Horner, brought from Stewart Solomon (Chair) and the selection group, for approval as National Rules Commissioner. The group consisted of Michelle De La Rosa Otto Dietrich, Cheryl Kirk, Charlie Pratt, Cindy Tilbury, and Mike Wedel.

Motion by Cheryl Kirk to approve the nomination brought by President Dan Whitley on behalf of the selection group relative to their recommendation to approve Dan Horner to assume the position of National Rules Commissioner effective immediately and ending at the BOD's Annual Meeting in May 2024, renewable by Board decision per USAR Bylaws.

Seconded by Michelle De La Rosa

Discussion: Points were raised regarding high-level refereeing experience of a National Rules Commissioner (response: the NRC's role is not as a referee) and the other candidates who applied (not discussed at this meeting).

Vote: Passed unanimously

Next meetings: June 14 (focus on legislative business) and June 28 (regular meeting)

Adjournment

Motion by Michelle De La Rosa to adjourn

Seconded by Mike Grisz

Adjourned at 7:18 pm MT