



USA Team Handball board meeting

Meeting minutes for the 4-Jun-2025 regular meeting

Board members in attendance

- Julia Taylor
- Jason Borchik
- Chris Brase
- Andre Carter
- David Eldridge
- Evan Gitomer
- Patrick Jalabert – chair, acting as secretary

Board members excused

- Olga Chaikouskaya
- Andrew Donlin

USATH Staff in attendance

- Michael King

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 11 am MT by Patrick Jalabert, chair. Mr. Jalabert thanked board members for joining, and reminded them that several topics would be discussed, as detailed in the shared agenda.

Agenda item #1 – CEO updates

- Mr. King provided an overview of the US Open Nationals, including some positive feedback received from teams regarding the venue. He also noted that efforts were already underway to secure the location for the 2026 US Open Nationals as early as possible in the season.
- Mr. King provided a few updates on National team activities, including:
 - The men's Junior indoor team was scheduled to attend the World Championships later in the month, with an initial training camp in Budapest.
 - The Senior wheelchair team would be traveling to a friendly tournament in France later in the month.

- Both the men's and women's Senior beach teams would attend the IHF World Beach Tour event in Spain in late July.
- The board offered congratulations to the selection committee that recently identified a new head coach for the women's Senior beach National team. The coach was scheduled to meet with the athlete pool later in the week, before a formal announcement, expected for early the following week.
- The men's Club World Championship continental qualifier was scheduled for early July, with three (3) US-based teams expected to attend: Los Angeles THC (host), California Eagles (defending continental champion), and New York Athletic Club (National championship runner-up).
- A new US Open Beach Tour was expected to kick off over the summer, built around three (3) major events, in order to continue involving the beach handball community under the umbrella of USA Team Handball.
- The search for men's and women's Senior indoor coaching staffs was on-going, starting with engaging with major contributors such as the IHF CCM, and responding to early resume submissions.
- Mr. King provided a brief update on insurance policy renewals and actively saving funds. Clubs with active COI that would need immediate attention were expected to be contacted shortly. It was noted that on-going claims for secondary accident coverage would be unaffected.

Agenda item #2 – Voice of the athletes

- Ms. Taylor noted that the Team USA athlete commission chair joined the last THAAC call to provide an introduction and establish a networking opportunity.

Agenda item #3 – Approval of meeting minutes

- Meeting minutes for April 9, 2025, April 25, 2025 and May 21, 2025 had been circulated ahead of time for review.
- No changes were requested.

Motion

A motion was made to approve all three sets of meeting minutes, and was duly seconded. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Action item

Mr. King was tasked with coordinating with the staff to publish approved meeting minutes to the USA Team Handball website.

Mr. King announced that a Virtual Town Hall meeting would be scheduled for June 30, 2025 at 1 pm MT.

The board moved to executive session at 11.15am MT, ending the webinar.

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- The board discussed the search for coaching staff in detail, including setting up input from key stakeholders, the expected next steps, and the timeline to completion.
 - Mr. Borchik provided additional details on the work of the selection committee to identify the women's Senior beach National team coach.
 - The board briefly discussed the composition of the NRC, including some needed changes following the decision by some members to move on from their role.
 - The board discussed preliminary feedback from the USOPC audit team. Formal feedback was expected in the coming weeks.
 - Mr. King was challenged regarding the club World Championship qualifiers, and presented an overview of a plan to improve the pathways to that event in the coming years.
 - The board discussed some other minor administrative topics, including setting up follow-up calls for working groups.

The board meeting was adjourned at 12.15 pm MT.