



**Pre-reads**

1. BOD Minutes 01262026
2. Intern Recruitment Flyer

**USA Racquetball Board of Directors**

**MINUTES**

**February 23, 2026**

**Via Zoom**

**5:30 pm MT / 4:30 PT / 6:30 CT / 7:30 ET**

**Welcome/Call to Order – Kristin Wattz 5:36 pm MT**

**Roll Call – Cheryl Kirk**

	<b>Roll Call</b>
<b>Kristin Wattz (President)</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>*Cheryl Kirk (Secretary)</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Sandy Rios (Treasurer)</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Jake Bredenbeck (Athlete Rep)</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Ro-el Cordero</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Tom Fuhrmann (Athlete Rep)</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Glen Gitterman</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Jerry Lis</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Charlie Pratt (Athlete Rep/Team USA AC)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Janel Tisinger-Ledkins (Athlete Rep)</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Cindy Tilbury</b>	<b>x</b>

\* Office of the Executive Director

**Conflict of Interest Review/Reminder – Cheryl Kirk**

Directors are reminded to abstain/recuse themselves on topics that are a conflict of interest. Each Board member has the duty to adhere to the USA Racquetball Conflict of Interest Policy as an Affiliated Person.

**Approval of 1/26/2026 Minutes – Cheryl Kirk (P-1)**

**Motion by Sandy Rios to approve the USAR Board of Directors meeting minutes of 1/26/2026.**

**Seconded by Jerry Lis**

**Discussion: None**

**Vote: Passed**

**Executive Committee Update – Kristin Wattz**

- Kristin reinforced Board members' conflict of interest and confidentiality responsibilities.
- National Events – High School Championships this coming week in St Louis; Intercollegiate Championships, March 26-28 in Minneapolis; National Junior Championships, June 24-28 in Des Moines, Iowa

- SafeSport Audit – Karen Grisz is assisting with the Florida audit.
- Ankored – Some Board members have expressed they are having challenges getting into Ankored. They were encouraged to call Jonathan Greenberg for assistance.
- Athlete/Membership Insurance Support (USA Sports Benefits) – the agreement has been signed. Currently working with Aimee Roehler to ensure information goes up on our website. This benefit will be implemented in advance of EAHI expiring May 31<sup>st</sup>. It will be open to all USAR members as a consultation tool to assist individuals in securing healthcare coverage with as little expense and challenge as possible.
- US OPEN postponement announcement occurred on 2/13/2026. Letters are being drafted by Racquetball Revolution to international countries and sponsors/vendors.

**Office of the Executive Director Report – Cheryl Kirk**

- Cheryl provided a recap of the National Indoor Championships, Tempe, Arizona, February 11-15. Article is coming in the newsletter early this week. Kristin recapped success attained with donations, rally towel sales, and the silent auction.
- New U.S. Team (10 qualified in Tempe vs. 14 on the current team roster due to triple and double qualifying)
  - Team contracts will be sent out by mid-April; term will be 6/1/26-5/31/27
- March BOD Election: Newsletter article and setup in R2 – begins Sunday 3/1/26, ends Tuesday, 3/31/26.
  - Board members were reminded that they cannot endorse candidate(s) or campaign for the candidates on the slate per the Board of Directors Selection Procedures posted on the website.
- Athlete Alternate Election – to be administrated by the Election Committee in April
- Pan American Racquetball Championships: March 25-April 5; delegation consists of eight athletes, head coach, physical therapist, and team leader. Athletes will compete in one or two divisions each. They deserve our gratitude for paying a significant part of their own expenses to compete for their country.
- Manilla Athletics update: pre-read was not relayed on time for this meeting and will be sent to the Board members this week.
- With the closing of Splathead, the U.S. Team Committee must search for a new Junior Team uniform supplier. A RFP (Request for Proposal) process may be instituted to locate a new sponsor/vendor.
- Intern recruitment flyer (P-2) – The social media group is seeking to fill an unpaid intern position to assist with video editing and other responsibilities. The flyer will be published in the newsletter this week.

**Finance Report – Sandy Rios**

Bank signature cards – work in progress.

Question about profitability of National Indoor Championships – not finalized yet but expenses were well-managed. E.g, cost for EMTs was less than last year.  
High School Championships should show profit.

**New Business** – Discussion took place about the dates for the 2027 National Indoor Championships. With three pro stops in January/February, the second or third week of April may be

good to as not to impact the US OPEN in early June. Jonathan Greenberg will reach out to ASU Tempe regarding the dates and to Tempe Tourism regarding sponsorship.

**Next Meetings:** March 16, 2026 and April 27, 2026

A Board officer was requested to exit the meeting and the Board moved to closed session to discuss future Board makeup. After the discussion, the Board exited closed session. The minutes of the closed session are in the records of the President.

**Motion by Sandy Rios to adjourn**

**Seconded by Tom Fuhrmann**

**Adjourned at 7:00 pm MT**

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