



**USA Racquetball Board of Directors
MINUTES
August 25, 2025**

Pre-reads

- 1 - BOD Minutes 07212025
- 2 - Social Media Report (July 2025)
- 3 - Financial Report
- 4 - Legislative Committee
- 5 - Rules Committee

Welcome/Call to Order – Kristin Wattz 5:38 PM MT

Roll Call – Cheryl Kirk

	Roll Call
Kristin Wattz (President)	x
*Karen Grisz (Vice President)	x
*Cheryl Kirk (Secretary)	x
Sandy Rios (Treasurer)	x
Jake Bredenbeck (Athlete Rep)	0
Ro-el Cordero	x
Tom Fuhrmann (Athlete Rep)	x
Glen Gitterman	x
Erika Manilla (Athlete Rep)	x
Janel Tisinger-Ledkins (Athlete Rep)	x
Cindy Tilbury	x
Charlie Pratt (Athlete Rep, Team USA AC Alternate/ex officio)	

* Office of the Executive Director

Conflict of Interest Review/Reminder – Cheryl Kirk

Directors were 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 7/21/25 Minutes – Cheryl Kirk (P-1)

Motion by Glen Gitterman to approve the USAR Board of Directors meeting minutes of 7/21/25.

Seconded by Sandy Rios

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed

Executive Committee Update – Kristin Wattz

- A newly created draft policy and rule change will be addressed in closed session after the regular meeting.
- Kristin and Cheryl will attend the USOPC NGB Assembly in SLC, last week of September.
- Kristin met with Kay Bartmann of RacquetX. They have committed to providing USAR a free booth, March 13-15, 2026, in Ft. Lauderdale. During the meeting, he asked if they could publicize USAR's Mixed Doubles Gold medal (Jake Bredenbeck and Naomi Ros) from The World Games in Chengdu, China.
- Expenditure approved not to exceed \$3,000 to engage a videographer/photographer at the Highlands Ranch tournament, September 4-7, to support promotional coverage of the U.S. Team for the rest of the season and additionally the Hall of Fame event. Erika Manilla covered plan details: Saturday all day, adult team members, junior members, amateurs, legends, Hall of Famers. The footage will be used for fundraising opportunities as well.
- Kristin reiterated her message of several weeks ago requesting Board member input to help identify future Board members as well as Office of the Executive Director potential candidates.

Office of the Executive Director Report – Karen Grisz (P-2) / Cheryl Kirk

Karen

- National Events Update – most are set. National Indoor in February; High Schools in February (St. Louis); Intercollegiates in March (Minneapolis); Juniors in June.
- Karen is assuming leadership of the Junior Working Group; will begin to look at location several years out.
- Ankored is replacing Players Health, i.e. to provide electronic tracking of SafeSport, background checks, conflict of interest administration, etc.
- Jim Easterling resigned as Chair of the Hall of Fame/Awards Committee, and Todd Boss is assuming the position.
- Social Media Report was sent as a pre-read; no questions from the Board.

Cheryl

- Brief TWG Chengdu Recap (August 10-17; socialized using social media, blogs, newsletter article. Cheryl recognized Sandy Rios for her onsite support in sending updates and photos throughout the event.
- Pan American Games inclusion of Racquetball on the Sports Programme for Lima 2027 was an exciting announcement made in late July.
- No news has been received as yet on USOPC audit notification; all remediations were submitted before the 7/25 deadline immediately following the 7/21/25 BOD mtg. approvals.
- U.S. Junior Team preparations are underway for the December 3-14 trip to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

US OPEN Update – Cindy Tilbury

Event Dates: June 10-14, 2026.

A meeting will take place in Denver at Highlands Ranch focusing on planning, operations, promotion, and sponsorships. A number of gold boxes have already been reserved.

Committee Updates

Finance Committee – Sandy Rios (P-3)

Work will soon begin on the 2026 budget. Board members were asked to provide information relevant to projected activities and expenditures for next year.

Development Advisory Group – Kristin Wattz

Raised \$5,500 of the \$15k target for TWG Chengdu. Contributor recognition was provided in the blogs and on social media during the event.

U.S. Team Committee – Cheryl Kirk

The U.S. Team Committee voted electronically to approve the recommendations of U.S. Junior Team Head Coach Robbie Collins to form the official roster of U.S. Junior Team Coaches and Staff for the IRF World Junior Championships in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, in December 2025. The Committee now makes the recommendation to the Board for ratification.

Motion by Sandy Rios to ratify the recommendation from U.S. Junior Team Head Coach Robbie Collins and approved by the U.S. Team Committee to form the official roster of U.S. Junior Team Coaches and Staff for the December 2025 IRF World Junior Championships in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic as follows:

Assistant Coaches – George Bustos, Pablo Fajre, Bobby Horn, Jen Meyer, Charlie Pratt
Team Leader – Cheryl Kirk
Athletic Trainer – TBD

Seconded by Cindy

Discussion: Q. How much is the cost of an additional coach/trainer? A. Approximately \$2,200.

Vote: Passed with one abstention

Motion by Cheryl Kirk to move to Closed Session

Seconded by Karen Grisz

The Closed Session involved presentation of reports from the USAR Legislative Committee and USAR Rules Committee concerning a new policy ratification along with a related rule revision. Minutes of the session reside with the secretary in the association's records.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

New Business: None

Next Meeting: September 29, 2025

Motion by Sandy Rios to adjourn

Seconded by Karen Grisz

Adjourned at 7:21 pm MT

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