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P-1 BOD Minutes 07282026

USA Racquetball Board of Directors
MINUTES
Monday, August 24, 2026
Via Zoom 5:30 pm MT

Welcome/Call to Order – Kristin Wattz at 5:34 pm MT

Roll Call – Cheryl Kirk

	Roll Call
Kristin Wattz (President)	**x**
Jerry Lis (Vice President)	**x**
***Cheryl Kirk (Secretary)**	**x**
Sandy Rios (Treasurer)	**x**
Jake Bredenbeck (Athlete Rep)	**x**
Juan Canals	**x**
Tom Fuhrmann (Athlete Rep)	**x**
Glen Gitterman	**x**
Charlie Pratt (Athlete Rep/Team USA AC)	**x**
Alexxander Purcell	**x**
Janel Tisinger-Ledkins (Athlete Rep)	**x**
Cindy Tilbury	**x**

* 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 Minutes – Cheryl Kirk (P-1)
Motion by Sandy Rios to approve the USAR Board of Directors meeting minutes of 7/28/26.
Seconded by Cindy Tilbury
Discussion: None
Vote: Passed

Executive Committee Update – Kristin Wattz

- National Events – Intercollegiates and Indoor date are dependent upon contact and agreement with the new administrative staff at ASU. National Junior Championships back in Des Moines, June 2027 -- contract in process and Catch Des Moines (CVB) is on board.
- National High Schools will be in Portland, alternates between there and St. Louis every year.
- USOPC Assembly – Kristin and Cheryl are attending. Charlie may be attending as well.
- USA Racquetball office in Colorado Springs. Generally serves as storage and a mailing address. Analysis necessary to determine the feasibility of keeping the office location.

- Sport Integrity Policy and bylaws revision were voted in 7/28 meeting; policy and bylaws posted; submitted to USOPC ahead of schedule.

Office of the Executive Director Update – Cheryl Kirk
Update on preparation for the Adult World and Junior World Championships coming in the 4th quarter:

- IRF Worlds: Uniforms and flights in process
- IRF World Juniors: Destination is Cochabamba, Bolivia. Newsletter article published; agreements accept by 100% of the athletes who qualified; 30 of 34 will be attending the tournament.

SafeSport audit update: September 11 deadline for general communication to the membership and responses back to the Center for SafeSport. Karen Grisz has our gratitude for her work in preparing the communication materials.

Finance Committee – Sandy Rios
Prior to the meeting, Treasurer Sandy Rios sent a preliminary P&L for the end of June with some account receivables still pending.
We will soon begin to build the 2027 budget.

Kristin shared that the USOPC Pan Am Resource Allocation meeting with Rachel Martin and Kelly Skinner will take place 9/14/26. Kristin and Cheryl will represent USA Racquetball at the meeting.

Committee Process Update – Jerry Lis
As the Vice President, with committee oversight responsibility, Jerry provided the following information:

Membership Committee – analysis
Hall of Fame Committee – new members have joined: Sudsy Monchik and Rhonda Rajsich
HOF Nominations and award nominations are due September 15th
Rules Committee – new members have joined: Darold Key, Sam Schulze, and Montserrat Torres

Ankored profiles are required for committee chairs and committee members, with specific completion of the USA Racquetball Code of Conduct and the USA Racquetball Conflict of Interest Disclosure and Acknowledgment documents.

U.S. Team Committee – Cheryl Kirk

IRF World Junior Championships – Coaches/Staff Proposal
Coach Director Jen Meyer presented the proposed delegation to the U.S. Team Committee on 8/22/26. The motion to approve the following recommendation was passed by the committee.

Motion by Sandy Rios for the Board of Directors to approve Coach Director Jen Meyer's and the U.S. Team Committee's recommendation to name the following coaching group and staff members as the Official U.S. Team Delegation in support of the U.S. Junior Team in the months leading up to and including competition at the IRF World Junior Championships, December 4-12, 2026, in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Coaches will complete USA Racquetball USAR-IP certification requirements.

Jen Meyer – Coach Director; Coaching Staff: Michelle Andersen, George Bustos, Pablo Fajre, Jorge Suárez, Dan Whitley

Cheryl Kirk – Team Leader

TBD – Physical Therapist/Athletic Trainer

Seconded by: Cindy Tilbury

Discussion: One of the athlete reps explained the strategy and logistics that have gone into the reasoning and selection of this year's coaching team, targeting selection toward coaches who work with a lot of the kids who made the team and are traveling to World Juniors. We're not necessarily talking about the high profile IRT players or international experience who have in the past proven themselves to build great programs. We can bring the best coaches in the world but if they have never worked with the kid, knowing how they tick, that's the route we're trying to go. Coaches were contacted at Nationals or after. This year is going to be pretty wild with Bolivia being kind of a racquetball mecca. For anyone who hasn't been to a World Juniors, it's the best tournament in racquetball.

Vote: Passed with one abstention

U.S. Junior Team Assistant Coach Independent Contractor Agreement
Motion by Sandy Rios for the Board of Directors to approve the recommendation of the U.S. Team Committee to add the following point to Exhibit A of the Assistant Coach Independent Contractor Agreement under Assistant Coach Responsibilities:

The assistant coach will refrain from possessing or consuming alcohol or prohibited substances at any time during the event including official travel days (arrival through end of the event).

Seconded by: Cindy Tilbury

Discussion: Requiring this of assistant coaches does not seem to be asking too much.

Vote: Passed

New Business – All
No new business was introduced.

Next Meeting: September 28, 2026

Motion by Sandy Rios to enter closed session
Seconded by Alexxander Purcell 6:44 pm MT

The Board entered closed session where topics were discussed relative to a future national event; vendor business considerations; future Board processes; and deliberation on a request relative to an international event.

Motion by Sandy Rios to exit closed session.
Seconded by Charlie Pratt 7:59 pm MT

The Board exited closed session at 7:59 pm MT and returned to the main meeting for adjournment.

Motion by Sandy Rios to adjourn

Seconded by Juan Canals

Main meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm MT

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