



## **USA Racquetball Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES**

### **Special Meeting**

**February 10, 2025 8:00 pm ET**

**Welcome/Call to Order – 8:02 pm ET -- Stewart Solomon**

### **Roll Call – Cheryl Kirk**

	<b>Roll Call</b>
<b>Stewart Solomon (President)</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Kristin Wattz (Vice 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>0</b>
<b>Steve Czarnecki</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Tom Fuhrmann (Athlete Rep)</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Glen Gitterman</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Karen Grisz</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Erika Manilla (Athlete Rep)</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Janel Tisinger-Ledkins (Athlete Rep)</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Charlie Pratt (Athlete Rep, Team USA AC Alternate/ex officio)</b>	<b>0</b>

### **Conflicts 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.**

### **US OPEN 2026**

**Motion by Sandy Rios to move forward with Racquetball Revolution LLC as license holder for the US OPEN pending approval of a commonly agreed-upon contract.**

**Seconded by Karen Grisz**

**Discussion regarding operations, logistics of creating a contract, regular report-outs, fiduciary responsibility to the association**

**Vote: Passed with one abstention (Cheryl Kirk)**

**Next steps – Stewart Solomon will notify Jeff Collins and Cliff Swain of this outcome.**

**U.S. Team Committee Recommendations (The World Games, August 2025) – Cheryl Kirk**  
**Supporting documents: IRF Letter dated 1/27/25 and U.S. Team Committee Minutes with**  
**Recommendation dated 2/5/25**

**Cheryl gave an overview and recap of the decision timeline to date.**

**Motion by Kristin Wattz to approve the U.S. Team Committee's recommendation as submitted to the USA Racquetball Board of Directors on February 10, 2025:**

**Based on information received from the IRF dated January 27<sup>th</sup>, the originally declared March 31<sup>st</sup> date will include, as required by the IRF, the submission of athlete names being the current 2024-2025 U.S. Team roster, also to include officials and delegates.**

**On or before May 25<sup>th</sup>, the Late Athlete Replacement Period deadline, two final athlete names (one male/one female) will be submitted. These names will be determined using USA Racquetball's selection processes, as stated in the U.S. Team Policies, Procedures, & Protocols Handbook (Section II – U.S. National Racquetball Team Event Selection) dated 6/1/25, that governs membership on the 2025-26 U.S. Team.**

**Athletes who qualify for the 2025-26 U.S. National Team at the National Indoor Championships Team Qualifier will not be considered for TWG 2025 until a fully executed U.S. Team Contract is on file with USA Racquetball.**

**Seconded by Steve Czarnecki**

**Discussion: An athlete asked for clarification on submitting two tentative names with the rest as a list of potential replacements. *If two names need to be submitted by March 31, along with potential replacement athletes additionally submitted, the two should logically be the current team's national champions.***

**Vote: Passed (Sandy Rios, Jake Bredenbeck, Erika Manilla, and Janel Tisinger-Ledkins abstained from voting)**

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**Motion by Karen Grisz that the Board agree with the committee's opinion that the selection criteria for TWG 2025 would give right of first refusal to the #1 Men's and #1 Women's singles champions at the National Indoor Championships in Pleasanton, California, May 14-18, 2025, and that they would be required to also play as mixed doubles partners.**

**Seconded by Glen Gitterman**

**Discussion surrounding logistics of executing a tight turnaround between May 18 and the IWGA notification deadline; suggestion that the U.S. Team Committee remain involved with the selection process should either athlete decline; responsibility and timeline of the Committee and the Board to approve the final delegation; sending the Board-approved Handbook/Contract document ahead of time to athletes entering the Indoor National Championships Team Qualifier divisions) to ensure everyone has an opportunity to review content; having contracts on site for signatures; ensuring all passports are current.**

**Vote: Passed (Jake Bredenbeck and Erika Manilla abstained from voting)**

Next steps: Cheryl Kirk to contact U.S. Team Committee Chair Larry Haemmerle to inform him of the decisions above and to collaborate on an immediate communication with U.S. Team athletes.

**Handbook Review**

Cheryl Kirk to forward the 6/1/24 U.S. Team Policies, Procedures, & Protocols Handbook to the athlete representatives for their review and comments with a deadline of February 19. Input received will be consolidated into one document for the committee's consideration and the Board's ratification.

**Motion by Erika Manilla to adjourn**  
**Seconded by Karen Grisz**

**Adjourned 8:57 pm ET**

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