



USA RACQUETBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Teleconference

Monday, September 24, 2018

5:30 pm Mountain

MINUTES

Blue = Board votes

Green = Action items

Call to Order: 5:31 pm MT

In attendance: Joel Barshaw, Michelle De La Rosa (Athlete Rep), Jose Diaz (Athlete Rep), Mike Kiedrowski, Cheryl Kirk (Secretary), Joanne Pomodoro, Terry Rogers, Aimee Ruiz (Athlete Rep), Cindy Tilbury, Mike Wedel (Vice President), Dan Whitley (President)

Not attending: Thurman Brooks, Jonathan Clay (Treasurer), Scott Fish

A quorum was achieved. President Whitley provided prior notice of the meeting.

Roll Call, Intro, & Approval of Minutes - Dan Whitley & Cheryl Kirk

Approval of Minutes – Meeting 8/20/2018 -- Cheryl Kirk

Mike Wedel moved to approve the 8/20/2018 meeting minutes

Cindy Tilbury seconded the motion

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously

Executive Director Search - Dan Whitley

Process update

Close to 60 candidates applied. After consulting with the ExCom, the outside executive search facilitator conducted 15 phone screens, and using her recommendations, the ExCom narrowed the field to five. One withdrew. A group of Board members, the facilitator, and a former USAR executive director interviewed the four remaining candidates in person. Mike Wedel was extended the offer on 9/24/18 to assume the position of Executive Director of USA Racquetball. He notified Dan and the Board tonight of his acceptance.

Plan for announcement of new executive director:

- Notify Renée Gundolff
- Notify industry leaders
- Prepare press release
- Send press release on Thursday 9/27 -- website and social media
- Prepare Board message for consistent communication at the US OPEN

Mike will be at the US OPEN in various capacities -- USAR Board of Directors meeting, at registration, managing the stadium court area with Dan Whitley, Industry Leaders Reception on Thursday night, etc. Opportunity for dialogue with members.

Staff and Related Topics - Dan Whitley

Renée Gundolff has been taking responsibility for covering many tasks in many categories. She has been instrumental to the stability of USAR in this time of transition. Dan asked the Board members to thank her individually as they see her in Minneapolis.

Tentative new office space (Copper Building/El Pomar) -- information was provided to the Board in a recent email. Benefits: savings of \$1,000/month in rent, large space to accommodate multiple staff members, workspace for interns, other NGBs are in the building. Mike will be addressing this as a priority.

3WallBall -- The IRT and John Scott will be providing streaming. Dan will be present in Las Vegas at the event.

Fundraising Committee - Cindy Tilbury & Cheryl Kirk

Cindy described the grant application process that she has been facilitating on behalf of USA Racquetball. The grants are designed to gain funds to cover travel costs for the US Team in Chile and Costa Rica. There is no current timetable for submitting the applications.

Cheryl is compiling Board member profiles for the USAR website and also to satisfy the grant application requirement.

Team Behind the Team shirts will be at the US OPEN as a gift for donations of \$25 or more.

US Team: Junior Assistant Coach - Dan Whitley

Motion by Aimee Ruiz: Appoint David "Bobby" Horn to the position of Assistant Junior Team Coach of the US Junior Team for the IRF World Junior Championships in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, in November 2018.

Seconded by Terry Rogers

Discussion: Cheryl explained that Hollie Scott did not attend the US Junior Camp that was to be her proving ground.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

US OPEN - Dan Whitley

Topics discussed:

- Attendance
- Meeting agenda
- Volunteer assistance
- Industry Leaders Reception
- Transparency to membership

Reminder to all Board members: if playing, put Board meeting and Thursday night reception attendance in R2 comments section.

Outstanding Items

Action Item: Mike Wedel and Aimee Ruiz to oversee the posting of the 2019 National Events Calendar on social media and the USAR website.

Action Item: Mike Wedel to set up national events on R2 beginning with National Doubles. Dan Whitley to assist with National High Schools set-up.

Issue discussed relative to the IRT having the capability of applying for sanctioning and then approving it themselves. This circumvents state association involvement/oversight. Dan Whitley will explore the process with the IRT at the US OPEN.

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at the US OPEN in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Terry Rogers moved to adjourn, Mike Wedel seconded.

Adjourned at 6:48 pm MT

Materials/information provided by President Dan Whitley and Thurman Brooks prior to the meeting:

- **August 20, 2018, Meeting Minutes for approval**
- **Amended USAR Bylaws reflecting Marketing and National Committee additions and descriptive verbiage**
- **8-2018 Financial Package**