**Iowa Racquetball Association Board Meeting**

**May 8, 2017 from 8:30pm – 9:10pm**

*In attendance: Josh Paul, Dan Horner, Tyler Peterson*

*Absent: Rob Paulsen, Susan Acoymo, Dennis Chandler, Jeff Burbank*

* Approval of March’s meeting minutes.

* Team Iowa Apparel—Josh reported that $195 was raised that will be given to the juniors going to Stockton, CA.
* Bulletin Board—Tyler reported that we finally have a sign up above our bulletin board that reads Racquetball. It took 3 times as the YMCA didn’t approve of our original design. The vendor only charged us for 2 of them as 1 was his mistake (misspelled). Tyler will submit a receipt for reimbursement from Josh.
* 2018 Junior Nationals bid—
* Dan reported that Susan and he met with Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau in March and they are really interested in hosting a future Junior Nationals. We explained that Des Moines is just about to submit a bid for 2018 and so Ames’ bid would be in either 2019 or 2020 depending if Des Moines’ bid is accepted. They would use both Lied Recreation Center and Beyer Hall for a total of 11 courts. They also may be able to assist us in working with ISU to use the courts for local tournaments.
* Dan reported on the USAR visit on April 27. We treated both Nick and Jason from USAR to a full day of fun, which was all paid for by Catch Des Moines. This included breakfast, lunch, dinner, tours of the hotel (ballroom, lobby, and guest rooms), tours of all 3 potential racquetball facilities (Downtown YMCA, Ankeny YMCA, and DMACC Wellness Center), and tours of downtown fun spots. They had a blast and seemed really impressed. USAR would rather use the DMACC Wellness Center over the Ankeny YMCA as it is brand new and impressive. The YMCA agreed to let us use the north basketball court for show-court bleachers, vendor tables, meal seating, and the tournament desk. We ended the day by taking Jason and Nick to the Thursday night junior clinic where there was a good showing.
* We should hear whether or not we win the bid by June.
* Directors & Officers Insurance—Josh reported that the IRA has secured the insurance approved in the last meeting.
* New Board Vacancy—Dan announced that Dennis is stepping down from the board because he is moving out of state. We will table this discussion until our next meeting.
* The next meeting is unplanned at this time.

On April 27, 2017 Josh proposed that the IRA pay for pizza for the attendees of the Thursday night clinic on April 27th as USAR will be in town touring the YMCA and other facilities. Josh also proposed that the IRA pay for up to $100 total to re-grip and re-string of some of the donated racquets that we took possession of at the 2017 Iowa Open. These racquets are being used by juniors in Don’s clinics. The motion was seconded by Dan Horner and it passed 6-0.