Iowa Racquetball Association

Executive Board Meeting Agenda, Aug 6, 2013 7:30 – 8:30

*\* This is a combined Agenda/Minutes document.*

*Blue text in indicates minutes.*

*Underlined text indicates votes taken by the board.*

*Red text indicates action items to be completed before next meeting.*

*In attendance: Don McCormick, Denny Baysinger, Bryan Crosser, Rob Paulsen, Susan Acoymo, and Josh Paul.*

* Housekeeping



* + Approval of June 28 ad hoc meeting minutes. See embedded file here.
  + *Not addressed*
* Finances



* + Report from Josh
  + *See embedded file.*
* Brainstorm possible uses for funds
* Upcoming clinic with Jim Winterton, Sept 27 and 28
  + *Rob thought it was a good idea to set up junior scholarships for the 10-month program. Instead of setting up a sponsorship or taking applications, he proposed doing a flat subsidy for IRA members.*
    - *The board agreed with this approach.*
  + *The board discussed the budget and the method of distributing the awards.*
    - *Rob asked whether there is any chance we would ever lose money on a tournament. Josh replied that we did not lose money on the Iowa Open.*
    - *Don recommended a flat amount per student but a max number of students we can accept into the program.*
    - *Denny asked how we safeguard ourselves against kids dropping out.*
    - *Don suggested we use an installment method and keep in touch with Coach Winterton. If a student fails to complete the course for whatever reason, Don reported that Jim indicated he would be willing to cancel the arrangement.*
    - *The board agreed to pay 2/3 of the costs for up to five students. Votes are recorded as follows:*
      * *Josh, aye.*
      * *Denny, aye. He also noted that we should prepare to answer any questions about limiting it to only 5. It was suggested that may simply answer that applicants may be eligible next year and that they are welcome to pay full price this year.*
      * *Bryan first confirmed that Jim’s requirements were to get $500 for each daily clinic in Des Moines after his expenses (travel and hotel, estimated at $300). Jim wants any extra money to go back into the IRA junior program. Bryan’s vote was aye.*
      * *Susan, aye.*
      * *Rob, aye.*
      * *Don, abstained.*
    - *Josh and Don will work out installment details with participants.*
    - *Don will revise the flyer and get the word out through Facebook, e-mail, and word of mouth.*
    - *Cost of junior and adult clinics: the board agreed to the prices indicated in the flyer – $100 for the Friday junior clinic and $200 for the Saturday adult clinic. ($75 and $150 respectively for Oakmoor or USAR members.)*
    - *In the case of athletes who are both an Oakmoor member and USAR member, no additional discounts shall apply.*
* Preparing for Q3 event (must occur before Sept 30 to get membership rebates)
  + Type – shootout or full tourney?
  + Location – Oakmoor, Downtown Y, other locations?
  + Confirm duties
    - Activities Coordinator – set up event in R2, order balls
    - Player Advocate – work with Activities Coordinator on divisions and consult on event costs/benefits
    - Treasurer – order shirts, trophies
    - President and Vice President – secure venue, donations, sponsorships, hotel arrangements
    - Secretary – Design flyer, promote event
  + *Other than Josh, who was not present for this discussion, the duties detailed above were confirmed by the respective board member.*
  + *Denny suggested a one-day shootout; even if we only get 10-15 people, it still counts as an event.*
  + *Rob recommended we skip Q3 and instead focus on 4th quarter. He noted that the Hansen’s have talked about hosting an event on their one family court.*
  + *Don suggested using the downtown Y, per Denny’s recent conversation with them.*
  + *The only requirement, Denny says, is that we can’t allow the tournament to run past their normal hours. M-F 5-10, Sat 7-6, Sun 9-6.*
  + *Denny says the Y only expects a small donation to use their facility.*
  + *Proposed date: 11/16-17 (two days). Denny will check with the Y on these dates. If this does not sit well with the Y, Denny will check the availability of 11/23-24.*
* The future of sanctioned events in Iowa
  + For the Oakmoor tournaments, Pam and Kevin indicated they would be open to the approach we used with the Iowa Open in requiring USAR membership but providing a $10 discount to Oakmoor members.
  + Susan spoke to Mike White about this idea as well and indicated she would find out whether we could use his software in place of the R2 system and still get credit for these events being sanctioned.
  + Does the board want to advocate for one or both of Oakmoor’s events to be sanctioned this season?
  + *The board agreed that we should pursue this.*
  + *The board agreed to have Bryan bring this up.*
  + *Susan will research how we can use Mike’s system and then input the results into R2, not only for the Oakmoor events, but for all IRA events as well.*
* Next meeting
  + Proposed date?
  + *September 3, 7:30 p.m.*