**Iowa Racquetball Association**

Executive Board Meeting 5-18-15, 2015 8:30 – 10:00

*In attendance: Rob Paulsen, Don McCormick, Josh Paul, Susan Acoymo*

* **Accounting**



* + Prior to the meeting, Rob sent the embedded accounting document.
* **Junior Nationals bid submission update**
  + Don reported that USA Racquetball had asked whether the IRA would be interested in hosting in 2017 if not selected to host in 2016. The board agreed that it would be in our best interests to answer yes, though not ideal considering the momentum we have built up.
  + Rob reported on costs for the event proposed by Oakmoor, which were included in the bid submission. In 2013, Oakmoor received $2,500. This time, they have requested $3,200 + $40/hr after 9:00 p.m. + $5 per non-participant guest fee for pre-tournament play.
  + Rob recommended that we might consider asking for a flat rate in the future rather than adopting a “nickel and dime” approach.
  + Don mentioned that he had called Bob Bodor about the TBD nature of the YMCA as an overflow facility.
  + Don introduced an idea that could be used to raise funds for the junior national team during Junior Nationals. That is, an additional division could be offered that allows parents to play doubles with their child, similar to the “generations” division being offered at the June 6, Downtown Showdown. The proceeds of this event, say $50 per team, would be used to fund the national team.
* **Downtown Showdown**
  + Board members reported whether they would attend. Only Don will be participating.
  + Susan said she would ask Renae Lampkin to post flyers at the Wellmark YMCA.
  + The Board indicated that they like the idea of a generations division.
  + The Board indicated that asking our membership to vote on one of two possible dates for this event was a good idea and should be replicated with future tournaments.
* **Board positions**
  + Don proposed that the Board install a secretary who is ready to take over on June 1.
  + Josh reported that he did not hear back from Glovsky or Sackfield, but that Horner indicated he would consider the position of secretary.
  + Rob reported he has received interest from Burbank and Peterson, in addition to those he reported on at the last meeting (Horner, Pearson, B. Gleason and M. Gleason).
  + In considering the sense of urgency of installing a secretary on June 1, Rob said that the president should be the one who sets agenda items and that the secretary should really only be responsible for taking meeting minutes and organizing the meeting.
  + Don listed the various duties he conducts as secretary, including board coordination, event promotion, member communications and fundraising.
  + Rob reported that he was not finished cleaning up the bylaws, which includes details for determining board members.
  + Rob promised to have the bylaws complete by May 25. He said he would send the bylaws to board members, who could then offer feedback by email.
  + The agreed to install the following individuals as board members at the earliest convenience: Burbank, Pearson, Horner, and M. Gleason.
  + Rob said he would create an amendment to the bylaws and send it, along with the names above, to the board to approve these individuals as new board members.
* **Support for Don’s Coaching**
  + In March, Don had asked the board to consider supporting his coaching activities by offsetting the cost of his YMCA membership. Rob reported that discussions had begun, but that a decision had not been made. He promised to finalize those discussions among the other board members and present Don with a decision by May 25.
* **Redirecting GoFundMe donations**
  + Dave Harbeck recently reached out to Josh and Don to report that his son, Winterton Scholar Carter Harbeck, will not be attending Junior Nationals in Stockton at the end of June. Instead, he will participate in National Singles on Memorial Day weekend. Dave asked the board whether the three $50 donations from Carter’s relatives could be used to offset the costs of attending National Singles instead of Junior Nationals.
  + The board decided that we handle this as a hardship exception, and return the funds to those donors.
  + Don offered to draft an email to those donors offering to send them a refund check, and that they could use that money to support Carter’s racquetball in any way they choose.
* **Upcoming and Q3 Summer Events**
  + Susan agreed to provide Don with newsletter content by May 24 so that we might promote the Iowa Games, Iowa Senior Games and the State Games of America.
  + Rob suggested that the Board set up an event between July 1 and Sept. 30 so the IRA can draw the rebates of new or renewing USAR members.