**Iowa Racquetball Association Board Meeting**

**November 7, 2016 from 8:30pm – 9:40pm**

*In attendance: Josh Paul, Dan Horner, Mike Gleason, and Dennis Chandler*

*Absent: Rob Paulsen, Susan Acoymo, and Jeff Burbank*

* Financial Update—Josh mentioned that he sent out an updated spreadsheet, but we didn’t discuss it in detail. Dan asked about the racquet kits and Josh explained that they are for beginning junior players for free as part of the scholarship program.
* Fall Classic Tournament—Dennis reported that it went well except for a medal snafu where he only ordered 1 medal for each doubles team. He will order the rest and then ship them to the winners. Dennis wants to have a tournament committee at his next one where one person does the food, one person does the shirts and trophies, and one person is the tournament director.
* Bid for 2018 Junior Olympic National Championships—Dan reported that he and Don McCormick met with the downtown YMCA a couple weeks ago and they agreed to drop the cost of renting their facility to a flat $5,000 total for both the downtown and Ankeny YMCA’s. This is slightly over a $2,000 savings for the IRA. Hopefully that will make our bid more attractive. So we will go forward with submitting our bid for 2018, which is due in 4 months. Mike, Dan, and Don will remain on this project.
* Finalizing the 2016/17 tournament schedule for Iowa—It was decided that we will forgo the idea of Susan running a 1-day shootout in December as it is too late to get started now. Here is what is planned for this season:
* January—Susan wants to do a blind draw doubles at the Ankeny YMCA. Then on Saturday, January 28th Dennis is going to run a 1-day shootout that is sanctioned at the downtown YMCA.
* February—Susan wants to do a small non-sanctioned one day shootout at the Ankeny YMCA. Josh will be holding a 1-day non-sanctioned shootout in Eldridge on February 11.
* March—Dan will be running the 2017 Iowa Open on March 3-5 just like last year and it will serve as our State Singles championships again if all are okay with that.
* April—We are going to hold the Iowa State Doubles/State Juniors Championship April 28-30. Rob was not on the call and he ran this tournament last year. I will send out an e-mail giving him the chance to run this on this date and if he isn’t interested then someone else will run that one.
* Purchase of laptop and storage of laptop and other assets—Dennis requested that the IRA purchase of a laptop to be used to conduct tournaments. After discussion Josh proposed that the IRA authorize this purchase up to $400 and Dan seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0. Dennis agreed to shop for this and try to do so just after Thanksgiving during the Cyber Monday sales. A couple of requests were made—that we obtain one that is a touch screen and also that the screen be larger than normal. Then we discussed the storage of said laptop, the newly purchased printer, clipboards, pens/pencils, etc. It was decided that it would be stored in Des Moines at a board members home. Dennis will do so at his house to begin since he is the one ordering it and he already has the printer at his home.
* New bulletin boards at the downtown YMCA—Josh wanted to discuss the new bulletin boards and if we can start to use them. Dan informed him that they were just hung on Thursday and they hadn’t even told us about them. I called the YMCA and found out that we can just claim whichever one we want of the two. The other one will go to the handball club with the squash club not getting one at this time. Dan agreed to immediately hang some flyers up such as a season schedule and flyers for upcoming tourneys.
* Team Iowa Shirts—Josh reported that he would like to design a t-shirt that will say “Team Iowa Racquetball” on them and we can sell them at our tournaments. We could originally order 100 or so of them and then sell them for $15 each. He wants to tell the world how cool Iowa tournaments are. Josh also mentioned that Jean Harbeck wants to design a t-shirt as a fundraiser to send Iowa juniors to Stockton in June.
* 2018 National Masters Championship bid possibility—Josh tabled this item for the next meeting, however he did say that Susan will probably want to run it as she is close to this group of people and attends their tourneys.
* The next meeting is planned for December 6, 2016.