

**Iowa Racquetball Association Board Meeting**  
**February 15, 2018 from 8:30pm – 9:55 pm**

*In attendance: Dan Horner, Tyler Peterson, Josh Paul, Susan Acoymo, Jeff Burbank*  
*Absent: None*

- Approval of January's meeting minutes. The following updates to the prior meeting items were noted:
  - Annual donation to the YMCA—Josh made the 2017 \$1,000 donation a couple weeks ago. After this check had been sent we found out the YMCA never did agree to indefinitely extending our \$8/court/hour rate. They are still expecting us to pay on the graduated schedule originally proposed back in Autumn 2017. There was a misunderstanding between Rob and the YMCA in a verbal conversation and when we attempted to put it in writing via e-mail they came out and said that was not the case.
  - Fundraising for Junior Nationals—The GoFundMe page has been put up and we have received our first donation.
- Review of IRA's financial standing—Josh sent out a new spreadsheet, but there weren't any questions.
- Des Moines Racquetball League—Tyler reported that the all city league has taken off and all divisions are full now (Elite, A, B, C, and D) with a total of 35 participants. Don McCormick set this up and the games can be played at any YMCA in the Des Moines area. There was discussion on paying the R2 fees for this league, however there was concern with the people setting up leagues thinking the IRA will pay for all league set up fees with R2. Josh proposed that we reimburse Don for the R2 fees he incurred in setting up this league and Tyler seconded. It passed with a vote of 5-0.
- 2018 Iowa Open update—Sign-ups are going strong; it is up to the 40's already. The entry fees were increased \$7 for the first division, \$10 for the second division, and \$0 for the third division. This was to offset the YMCA increase of fees. The rates are still comparable with the norm of the big tourneys in the Midwest. Money was added to the Men's Open division.
- Amending the By-laws—After our last meeting Dan sent out the current By-laws as well as a proposed set of By-laws and asked for all board members to send in comments on what each thought should be amended. Here are some of the bigger changes:
  - Changed our principal office to Susan's address since she is the new Treasurer.
  - Added E-Members as viable board candidates.
  - Increased required attendance at meetings.
  - Changed some officer duties.
  - Added term limits of 3 years per officer due to expire June 30 of each year with the first being June 30, 2019 (Josh and Susan), second being June 30, 2020 (Dan and Tyler), third being June 30, 2021 (all new directors being brought on in 2018).
  - All board members must pass a background check and complete SafeSport training as required by USAR.
  - The IRA will provide limited liability insurance to cover all members of the board.Dan then proposed that the board approve the amended By-laws as discussed in the meeting, Josh seconded, and the board passed with a vote of 5-0. For details please see the final By-laws to be posted on-line in March 2018.
- Open IRA board positions—Josh made a motion to add Jean Harbeck and Justin Reichter to the board effective immediately. Susan seconded and the vote passed 5-0. Then there was discussion on Jeff Burbank stepping down from the board and this being his last meeting. It was decided that we post on our Facebook site and send out an e-mail informing all Iowa racquetball players of the vacancy. Josh will do this in the next few days.
- Gift for Rob's years of service as President—Josh discussed the IRA giving Rob a gift since he served as President for the last 3 years or so. This idea was tabled for now.
- The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2018.