Iowa Racquetball Association

Executive Board Meeting Sept. 3, 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, and Josh Paul.*

* Housekeeping
	+ Approval of Aug 6 meeting minutes. See embedded file here.

* + *Approved.*
	+ *Discussed Rob’s request to return to face-to-face meetings. All agreed that having a conference line or web-based conferencing solution is necessary.*
	+ *Josh will research Google Chat (now Hangouts)*
* Tournament Schedule
	+ *Josh will post this as soon as it’s finalized.*
	+ *No changes, though Josh says there will be two events in Rock Island in November and March. Dates have not been set for these one-day events.*
* Finances
	+ Report from Josh
	+ *Done.*
* Clarification on donation to USA Junior Team
	+ Don – summarize recent call from USAR
	+ *Don explained that Steve asked whether we wanted to have our donation go toward infrastructure or financial assistance. Bryan mentioned that he was under the impression that the money was already dedicated to entry fees. Board agreed to infrastructure/entry fees.*
	+ *Bryan asked Don to follow-up on an Olympic windbreaker for all six board members.*
	+ *Don will ask USAR about when to expect a summary of Junior Nationals in Racquetball Magazine.*
* Update on Winterton Scholars
	+ Progress and barriers
		- *It’s a marathon not a sprint, Bryan says, and everyone seems committed, some more than others.*
	+ Reimbursements
		- *Josh has sent checks*
	+ Moving forward
		- *Jim says a breakthrough will happen when he actually meets and talks to the kids and parents. Encourages that parents call with questions if they have them. Bryan says hosting a conference call might be a good idea.*
		- *Bryan asked Josh to consider direct deposits to parents using bill pay if that would be easier.*
* Update on Winterton Visit, Sept 27 and 28
	+ Current registrations
		- *Don reported we currently have 8. Bryan reported that two players from Albia may be signing up. Brent Talbert has it in his calendar. Bryan mentioned the Newton contingency.*
		- *Bryan says we should be prepared to accept walk-ins.*
	+ Promotion
		- *Bryan recommended making phone calls and other personal follow-ups.*
		- *Denny has done some. Doc from Ankeny and Steve Nims might be interested as well. Denny will reach out to more people in Ankeny. Mingles was interested too. Unsure of Davis.*
	+ Max participants
		- *The board agreed that 15 adults is reasonable, 20 is max.*
		- *No max on the juniors, but we need to get at least 5 paying juniors to offset Jim’s costs on Friday.*
* Update on 11/16-17 Event
	+ Denny – discussions with YMCA
		- *It’s on the books, Denny says, for Friday and Saturday if we need both days.*
		- *All they expect is a few hundred in donations – whatever we feel is appropriate. Handball players don’t pay the Y anything for hosting tournaments, Denny reported.*
	+ Susan/Rob – timelines for deciding division/costs/benefits, entering event into R2, and ordering balls
		- *The board decided on “The Wrecking Ball”*
		- *Since Susan and Rob were not present at this meeting, a separate meeting will be scheduled.*
	+ Josh – timeline for ordering shirts, trophies
	+ Don – timeline for flyer production, promotion
* Holding sanctioned events at Oakmoor
	+ Update from Bryan regarding Oakmoor’s willingness and requirements from IRA
		- *Pam is undecided as this point. Bryan said there were complaints regarding signing up online and Pam may not want to deal with the headache. She will not want to use the R2 system.*
		- *Bryan recommended supporting the event with $250 to $500 donation. The board agreed to support with $700 across all three events but with the understanding that Oakmoor try sanctioning the 2014 January Doubles Tournament.*
		- *The board also agreed to support the tournament sign-in with volunteers and first-round refs on Friday. Our main purpose during registration will be to explain the IRA and sell players on the idea of joining USAR, since Wrecking Ball, Doubles and Iowa Open will be coming up within the next few months. We will need paper forms, a tablet or a computer to sign people up on the spot.*
	+ Update from Susan regarding USAR’s process for using non-R2 software
	+ Discussion regarding registrations – online vs. hard copy, additional fees (if any) for processing final results in R2, process of verifying USAR membership
* Next meeting
	+ Proposed date: *September 18 or 19.*