**Iowa Racquetball Association Board Meeting**

**February 8, 2017 from 8:30pm – 9:50pm**

*In attendance: Josh Paul, Dan Horner, Jeff Burbank, Dennis Chandler, Susan Acoymo*

*Absent: Rob Paulsen*

* Approval of January’s Minutes—Dan recapped some of the action items on the last month’s agenda and where things stand.
* Only 2 juniors signed up for the challenge scholarship. Those 2 were accepted and received an e-mail stating such from Josh. They will be reimbursed $100/month for the months of February-June 2017 out of the $150/month fee that Winterton charges.
* Josh will be e-mailing Coach Don McCormick regarding the requirements to keep being reimbursed for his YMCA membership from the IRA.
* All board members have completed the SafeSport program and the background checks.
* Insurance—Dan mentioned a quote he has from Loomis & LaPann (USAR’s insurance company) and Susan mentioned she is working on obtaining a quote from West Bend. She will work on getting the application fully completed so that we have a quote to compare against at our next meeting.
* 2017 Iowa Open—Dan gave an update on preparation for the tourney. It appears that the number of participants is going to up quite a bit from last year. There will be cash payouts in all Open divisions except Centurion doubles, which matches up exactly with how it was done at Oakmoor.
* New Racquetball Courts—Dan reported that he took a tour of the new DMACC Trail Point Wellness Center and that they have 3 all glass back wall courts. They initially do not want any tournaments conducted there because they don’t want to close down the courts for 1-3 days in a row right after opening up the facility. They purchased many new entry level racquetball racquets, goggles, and racquetballs for patrons to use.
* 2018 Junior Nationals bid—Dan reported that he, Don McCormick and Mike Gleason are still working on our bid with Catch Des Moines to host the 2018 Junior Nationals. They are finalizing details and will submit by next month prior to the due date. We received an e-mail from the Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau that they are interested in hosting in 2018. They were not aware that we were already in the middle of the process for Des Moines to host and that we had attempted for 2017, but were not accepted. It was agreed that the IRA should sit down with them in the next few weeks to discuss ideas of them assisting us in planning future racquetball events in Ames.
* Team Iowa Apparel—Josh proposed the idea of the IRA selling t-shirts that say “Team Iowa / Iowa Racquetball Association” on them. We would try to have all sales occur in March and then we would give the shirts out at our State Doubles tourney. We would use an on-line store and we wouldn’t have to handle the money because everyone would order and pay on their on-line store. Then at the end of the sales they would send the IRA a check for the total earned. This would be a guaranteed money maker regardless of the number sold. Everyone was in agreement on this idea.
* Financial Update—Josh gave a financial update. We need to order more starter packs for juniors that are coming to the Thursday night clinics. Attendance has increased greatly so far this year and Don McCormick needs more to starter packs to give out to juniors that have attended at least 3 times. Josh told him to go ahead and order 20 more of them and then Josh will take some of them back the Quad Cities for any juniors that inquire in his area. Josh will reimburse him for them.
* The Iowa State Doubles/State Juniors Championship is scheduled for April 28-30. It appears that Rob is not available to run this tournament so Josh agreed to be the tournament director.
* Board position vacancy—We were going to discuss the documentation from USAR on how to conduct board election procedures and term limits, which Rob had agreed to obtain. Rob was unable to make the meeting so we tabled this discussion until next month. However, we did decide to put word out that we have an open board position to all Iowa members and give details on how they can apply. We will take applications until March 1 at which time we will review the applications and make a decision as a board on how to whittle down the candidates to one during our March meeting. It was mentioned that we should have some requirements that the candidate must fulfill to remain on the board, such as being required to be the tournament director or assistant tournament director for at least 1 tourney each year and also an attendance expectation at board meetings.
* The next meeting is planned for March 7, 2017.

On March 2, 2017 Josh proposed that we accept Tyler Peterson as our new IRA board member to fill the vacancy created by Mike Gleason’s resignation. Tyler was the sole applicant from our invitation sent out through multiple on-line outlets. The motion was seconded by Jeff Burbank and it passed 5-0.