**Iowa Racquetball Association Board Meeting**

**October 18, 2016 from 8:30pm – 9:40pm**

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

*Absent: Rob Paulsen, Mike Gleason, and Jeff Burbank*

* Financial Update—Josh gave a report of our financial standing. Our account balance is now at $12,110. He told of E-Force starter packages that he has purchased to give out to juniors that apply for the beginner’s scholarship program.
* Marigold Resources Quad Cities Open —Josh reported that things are almost set for his tourney. The starting times are about to be released. The total numbers are lower than last year, but there are a good bunch of Open players signed up.
* Fall Classic Tournament—Dennis reported that he has volunteer commitments from two people at this time. He mentioned that he will need volunteers to make this a successful event. The participants list is over 30 people already. Shirts, medals, and bags for juniors have been figured out. Also, racquetballs have been purchased.
* Discussion on other potential tournaments in the 2016/17 season in Iowa—Susan mentioned the idea of her running a 1-day shootout in December and then Dennis wants to run one in January. Then Susan wants to do a blind draw doubles in January at the Ankeny YMCA followed by a small one day shootout also at the Ankeny YMCA. Dan also mentioned that he will be running the 2017 Iowa Open on March 3-5 just like last year and it will serve as our State Singles again if all are okay with that. We are going to plan an Iowa State Doubles/State Juniors Championship for or late April. Rob was not on the call and he ran this tournament last year. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.
* Bid for 2018 Junior Olympic National Championships—Dan reported that we were supposed to meet with the downtown YMCA yesterday, but they had to cancel as they have their annual luncheon at that time. We will reset the meeting sometime in the next week or so to find out if they are interested in bidding for the 2018 Junior Olympics.
* Downtown YMCA racquetball ladder—Dan reported that a new ladder will be starting next week. Rick Stammer came up with the idea and has created a program to score matches based on how well you win or lose. He wants us to promote it on the IRA website. Scores will be logged using a Facebook group.
* USAR news—Dan reported that the new Executive Director of USAR has been announced and it is Jason Thoerner and now the President of the board is Dan Whitley. He reminded that we have a membership drive going with prizes for the state with the biggest increase in number of members and also with the biggest percentage increase in members. Dan also mentioned that there are three more courts closing as the entire facility Ames Racquet and Fitness is being sold. Susan reported that the Newton YMCA lost another court and is down to one.
* 2018 National Masters Championship bid possibility—Josh tabled this item for the next meeting due to the late time.
* The next meeting is planned for November 7, 2016.

End of October 18, 2016 meeting.

On October 23, 2016 via e-mail Dennis proposed and Jeff seconded the purchase of a printer to be used at tournaments. It has yet to be decided where it will be stored. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0 with Rob not voting.