**Iowa Racquetball Association Board Meeting**

**July 5, 2016 from 8:38pm – 9:51pm**

*In attendance: Josh Paul, Dan Horner, Susan Acoymo, Mike Gleason, and guest Don McCormick*

*Absent: Rob Paulsen and Jeff Burbank*

* Financial Update—Josh gave a report of our financial standing. Our account balance is now at $7,227.10 with another Wellmark check coming soon.
* Bid for 2017 Junior Olympic National Championships—Dan gave a report on the possibility of the IRA submitting a bid for the next Junior Nationals. Dan and Don were approached by an individual with the USAR to consider putting in a bid as there were only two cities that did so by the deadline back in March 2016. Don was invited to this meeting as he led the efforts for the bids that were submitted by the IRA for both the 2013 and 2016 Junior Nationals.
* It was decided to form a bid committee—Dan, Don, and Mike volunteered to do this.
* Potential locations—Downtown YMCA and 1 other location-Ankeny YMCA or Drake University or it could be done solely at Oakmoor if we can talk them into opening their doors for us.
* Financial Commitment by the IRA—It was decided that we would put up $6,000 as an initial donation toward this endeavor. Mike proposed, Susan second, passed 4-0. Also, the IRA will seek donations totaling at least $2,000 to add to this figure to be headed to USAR.
* Meet with Catch Des Moines—The committee will set up a meeting to see if they are interested in assisting us to secure the bid.
* Don signed off of the conference call at this time (9:35pm).
* Josh reported that Don is about to make the next donation of Wellmark volunteer funds to the IRA in the amount of $6,000 and he wants to make sure that we do a better job of promoting the sport in Iowa. This includes tournaments, coaching clinics, junior practices, etc. The Iowa Games was not promoted at all via IRA Facebook, e-mail blasts, etc.
* The IRA now has a vacant board position as Andy Pearson stepped down today.
* Dan reported that Phil from the downtown YMCA has inquired about the IRA assisting him in conducting a tournament in October where 100% of the proceeds go to a school in Ghana. Dan will work with him on obtaining more details and seeing if it will fit into the racquetball tournament schedule.
* The next meeting is planned for August 1, 2016.

End of July 5, 2016 meeting.

On July 21, 2016 via e-mail Josh Paul proposed and Susan seconded filling the IRA board vacancy with Dennis Chandler who has expressed interest in joining and is ready to chip in where needed. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0. Josh will inform Dennis of the news and we will invite him to the next meeting.