**Iowa Racquetball Association Board Meeting**

**January 22, 2018 from 8:30pm – 9:35 pm**

*In attendance: Dan Horner, Tyler Peterson, Josh Paul, Susan Acoymo*

*Absent: Jeff Burbank*

* Approval of December’s meeting minutes. The following updates to the prior meeting items were noted:
* Tyler reported that he had not yet talked to the person he knows regarding conducting an independent audit. He will by tomorrow and will report back.
* Josh reported that 2 juniors applied for the Challenge Scholarship—Lucas and Benjamin.
* Dan reported the next meeting with USAR is January 25 and Tyler expressed interest in attending.
* Dan gave an update to the 2018 Iowa tournament schedule. Tyler is unable to run the one day tourney he was planning on February 10 because of the Red Flannel Run at the downtown YMCA. So the first tourney will be the Iowa Open on March 2-4 followed by the State Juniors/State Doubles Championships April 27-29. Tyler will attempt his one day tourney either in late March or more likely in May before Junior Nationals.
* Review of IRA’s financial standing—We received a check from Wellmark, which brings our balance up to around $6,700.
* Annual donation to the YMCA— On October 29, 2017 the IRA voted to cease giving the $1,000 annual donation for this year (2017) and any future years (2018 is the last of the 5 year commitment) due to the drastic increase in court rental costs. Since the YMCA has come down to $8/court/hour and per Rob they have agreed to offer us that rate for an indefinite period of time rather than begin the rate increase in 2018 we discussed re-instating this pledge. The YMCA wasn’t ever informed of our decision in October so we would simply begin to make the payments again. Dan made this proposal and Josh seconded it, then the motion passed 4-0. Josh will make the 2017 payment right away and the 2018 payment in the second half of the year after we recover from Junior Nationals.
* 2018 Junior Nationals planning—Dan reported that the next meeting is this week with USAR. Tyler is going to attend.
* Fundraising ideas for Junior Nationals—Josh will create our annual GoFundMe page to assist in raising money for Junior Nationals. There were discussions on what the funds would go towards that are raised. If we raise more than needed to cover our commitment to USAR then we will use the monies to stock swag bags for each junior at check in.
* Open IRA board positions—Rob has officially stepped down from the entire board. Susan agreed to switch from her current role of Vice President over to Treasurer. The remaining board members will vote for the President and the Vice President positions in the next few days. UPDATE post meeting—Josh Paul was voted into the President role and Dan Horner was voted into the Vice President role. Dan will continue to perform the Secretary role until someone else expresses interest.
* The next meeting was not scheduled, but will be set for February 2018 to discuss the rewrite of our bylaws.