**Iowa Racquetball Association Board Meeting**

**July 10, 2017 from 8:30pm – 9:40pm**

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

*Absent: Jeff Burbank*

* Approval of May’s meeting minutes.
* Iowa Games & Iowa Senior Games update—Susan reported that the Iowa Senior Games occurred and there was little participation and hopefully next year we can spread the word better. The Iowa Games are next week and she reported that there are already 60 people signed up, which is up from the last couple years. This includes new adults and new juniors!!!
* Safesport/Background check update—Everyone is finally complete on both areas. USAR was holding our $707 first quarter rebate check as they didn’t have down Rob, Susan, and Josh as being complete, but they proved to USAR that they were so the rebate check will be released now.
* Financial Update—Our checking account balance will be around $7,000 after deposits and checks clear by next week.
* Cliff Swain clinic—There was discussion of having him come to the YMCA to conduct a clinic since he will be in town in 10 days. It was determined that there is not enough time to get this set up and most likely not enough interest from players especially in the middle of summer on a weeknight.
* USAR Leadership Conference—It is set for August in Colorado Springs. There was discussion of whether anyone was interested in attending. There was no interest.
* 2018 Junior Nationals—Dan reported that there will be many meetings coming up to begin planning. The first will be with Catch Des Moines in the next week.
* The IRA is committed to give $6,000 to USAR for this tourney plus we agreed to seek donations of food, etc in the amount of $5,000. Catch Des Moines is committed to give $5,500 to USAR. So the total package for USAR is $16,500.
* USAR allowed the California National Guard to have naming rights for Junior Nationals in 2017. Josh is going to get ahold of USAR to find out if the Iowa National Guard can arrange the same deal.
* Josh will talk to Don McCormick about what he would like his involvement to be in Junior Nationals. We may have him attend IRA meetings dedicated to Junior Nationals.

* Downtown YMCA rental rates—The YMCA has decided to change their racquetball court rental fees from our current $14/non-member, $7/member, $0/junior to the new rate of $13/court/hour. Our old rate when converted to this new calculation method was $4.13/court/hour. The new rate is an increase of 215%. This will make a huge impact on our tournament costs and will have to be passed onto the players with higher entrance fees. This will not affect Junior Nationals as that contract has been signed.
* New Board Vacancy—We discussed individuals that may be interested in filling the 7th spot vacated by Dennis. We will table this decision until the next board meeting.
* The next meeting is unplanned at this time.

On September 10, 2017 Josh proposed that the IRA be a Gold Level Sponsor for his tournament with a $300 donation. The motion was seconded by Jeff Burbank and it passed 5-0 with Josh abstaining.

On October 2, 2017 Josh proposed that the IRA provide Justin Reichter with a dozen starter kits @ $35 each for distribution to the 10 juniors he is working with at the Burlington YMCA. Prior to purchasing Josh will look into if there is a better deal out there from another brand. The motion was seconded by Tyler Peterson and it passed 5-0 without hearing from Jeff Burbank.