**Iowa Racquetball Association Meeting**

Oakmoor Racquet and Fitness Center, Des Moines

Jan. 5, 2013

**In attendance:** Susan Acoymo, Denny Baysinger, Bryan Crosser, Don McCormick, Josh Paul (Skype), Josh’s cat (Skype)

**IRA Tournament, Decided:**

* In determining the $35 entry fee for the first division, the “break-even” budget per player is calculated as follows:
  + $5 to Oakmoor
  + $10 for souvenir
  + $10 food
  + $10 to IRA
* Juniors and Oakmoor members will receive a $10 refund upon check-in.
* The fee for the second division will be $15.
* Prize money for open is as follows:
  + 200 champion
  + 100 runner-up
  + 50 cons
* Open divisions pay $22 more for first event.
* We will use courts 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Bryan says additional courts will be available if needed.
* Two courts must be blocked off for members on Saturday from 8:00 to 10:00.
* Denny was placed in charge of fund raising.
* Food options will be kept flexible. This may include catering Subway for lunch on Saturday. Depending on entries, we may cater Papa John’s for dinner on Friday night.
* We will not have door prizes.
* Bryan and Josh were placed in charge of t-shirts and trophies (medals or other keepsake)
* We discussed the idea of buying non-dated shirts in bulk to carry us over for multiple years (e.g. 100 of one color, 100 of another color) and to provide as door prizes or gratuity for last-minute refereeing requests.
* Shirts will include the IRA logo.
* As with Iowa Games, we will not compensate players for refereeing matches.
* We will keep divisions simple and base the core divisions off of recent Oakmoor events.
* Players can enter a maximum of two divisions. The division director may allow a third division based on need.
* We can use the same hotels and pricing as given on the last Oakmoor tournament flyer. Pam will contact Holiday Inn and Econolodge.
* The tournament director contact within R2 will be Susan.
* Oakmoor will charge IRA hourly wages if Oakmoor employees have to work overtime.
* The name of the event will be the Iowa Open.

**Financial Report:**

* Josh provided a report on the process of registering IRA as a non-profit organization, including:
  + The cost of submitting paperwork is $300
* Josh provided a details regarding the process by which IRA can derive revenue from USAR, including:
  + The 20% we get for annual memberships are contingent upon holding an event during that quarter. This includes $10 for annual adult memberships and $7 for junior memberships. For a limited event ($10 one event fee) we do not get anything, as the $10 covers insurance.
  + For us to get anything, we have to meet certain criteria.
    - We have to have a sanctioned event in the quarter that someone renews their annual registration (Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, Jul-Sep, Oct-Dec). We MUST turn in results w/i 30 days of tourney and there is also something else about 14 days which Josh will have to clarify with Terri.
    - We can do a "state membership drive" anytime and obtain the 20% return. This is done through the IRA and NOT USRA's online site. We collect money along with player info and turn this into the USRA.

**Assignments:**

* Bryan will provide names and contact information to Denny for fund raising.
* Bryan and Josh will work independently to obtain quotes for t-shirts and then share information with one another.
* Bryan will contact Racquetball Warehouse to inquire about gift cards as possible prizes for division champions.
* Don will work on the promotional material, including a flyer. Note: this will not be an entry form; all entries must be done online.