**Iowa Racquetball Association Board Meeting**

**May 11, 2016 from 9:00pm – 10:10pm**

*In attendance: Rob Paulsen, Josh Paul, Dan Horner, and Mike Gleason*

*Absent: Susan Acoymo, Jeff Burbank and Andy Pearson*

* Financial Update—Josh gave a report of our financial standing after receiving more money from Wellmark. Our account balance is now at $12,671.66.
* Junior National Assistance—Josh suggested we pay for all three divisions this year for all Iowans. This would be a cost of $165/person maximum. Also, we will start a GoFundMe page and split it amongst all the Iowa juniors to cover travel expenses such as hotel stays.
* Junior scholarship status—Josh let us know that he is approving the personal level scholarships as Don gives them to him and there are 4 kids signed up and approved so far.
* Coach certifications—Ron Sweeney and Rod Bergren declined to take the certification course so the IRA won’t need to be reimbursing them for this.
* Report on 2016 Iowa Open—The tournament expenses exceeded revenues, but it was within reason. It was a good investment in keeping the old Oakmoor tournament weekend on people’s calendars and keeping Des Moines as the place to be for racquetball action on that weekend in the Midwest. There were a few things that need to be fixed next year and notes were kept to assist in this. Next year we should keep the Saturday night dinner in the garage bay area as this will save us money and keep everyone together.
* Coach Winterton clinic on May 20-21—It will be held in Ankeny at the YMCA again just as the April 22-23 one was. Dan asked to be reimbursed for lunch from the April clinic and there were no objections. The Executive Director at the downtown YMCA-Tim Short is no longer employed there. So we no longer have a contact there. At this point Ankeny is the only viable option for the May clinic. We need to get the word out that Winterton is coming and he is bringing Rhonda Rajsich along as well. The IRA is paying for plane tickets, hotel stays, and food for both of them during this trip. Parts of this clinic is open to anyone for free-both adults and juniors.
* June tournament—The question was posed as to if anyone wanted to run a June tourney like Dan did last year. Mike mentioned that he will consider it, but it was later decided to not fit into our schedules.
* No further meetings were scheduled at this time.