

# Iowa State Pool Players Association

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Davenport, Iowa 52806

“Largest State Association 8-Ball Tournament”

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Annual League Operators Meeting

July 10th 2016

President, Terry Anderson called the meeting to order at 1pm. Those present were as follows: Vice President Dwaine Bowman, Treasurer-Barb Avery, and Secretary-Patty Anderson. League Operators: Mike Adams, Reggie Horak, Ira Miller, Greg Knight, Cindy Graham, Dave Holmes, Jamie Courtney, Bill Ross, Julie Bolsinger, Don Boll, Judy Botsford, John Rosmus, Tara Scudder, Brett Elder, Cindy Clark, Shawna Elder, Joe Ruether, Kelly Steffen, Jim Cook, Brian Leisure, Sean Schrodt, Janeen Hall, Mike Steffen, Marty Plumb, Tim Bringman, Louie Bartles, Bob Sion, Eric Fletchall, Julie Guzman, Phil Eichhorn, and Byron Witt. There were ten league operators not present.

Approval of agenda was motioned by Mike Steffen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Rosmus with the following items added to new business: change payout from 25percent of field to maybe 18 percent, changing core team from 3 original players to 2, out of state players only allowed to play in masters division, center stage the finals of all divisions.

Treasurer Barb Avery presented the financial statements. There was a question as to why we have to pay for everything for the referees and a question as to why we have to pay the set up crew so much. These questions were addressed to everyone's satisfaction and motion to approve was made by Bob Sion and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Steffen

The tournament committee: Julie offered input from players about the tables and the fact that they were from 3 different vendors. This will be addressed when it comes to signing the contract with the Tournament Director, Gary Benson. Jamie spoke about the event center providing check cashing for the players. All players will be able to cash their winning checks at the ticket windows. This will be great for the players as well as the vendors. Jamie also said that there is still talk about moving the tournament desk and vendors into hall A. There will be further discussion on this at a later time. Julie announced that the quality Inn will open their room block on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Julie asked that all operators remind their players to tell all the hotels they get rooms at that they are with the ispa. The ispa gets a rebate back from the hotels for rooms booked and we can always add more hotels to the package. This rebate benefits everyone. Julie mentioned that professional trick shot and speed pool artist Dave Pearson would like to come to our event free of charge. He would like to show case his talent as well as other merchandise. Julie addressed the questions about the food vendors not being open. We are working on this. A league operator mentioned that we need a more formal area for picture taking and we will make this happen. Another league operator mentioned that the drink pricing is not the same from one bar to the next in the tournament hall. Another league operator mentioned that they need to have cold items like salads and sandwiches added to the menu. They leave the food sitting too long in warmers and /or micro wave it and then it is bad. Julie and Jamie will address these issues with the event center and hopefully get it resolved for the next tournament.

This was an election year for President and Vice President. Terry Anderson elected to step down as President and he nominated Louie Bartles. Dwaine Bowman chose to run again nominated by Don Boll. No one ran against them and so we welcome Louie Bartles as President and Dwaine Bowman as Vice President. Terry Anderson turned the meeting over to Louie Bartles at this time.

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Louie thanked everyone for their vote of confidence and hopes we can continue to run smoothly. This was also the year to vote on a new location for the Tournament. After a 19 to 11 vote, the Tournament will remain in Des Moines for the next 3 years. Congratulations to the Iowa Event Center.

The league operators were in favor of new computers for the secretary and treasurer and approved a thousand dollar budget.

There are a few issues in COMP U SPORT that need to be addressed. League Operators need to search for players before they enter a person. There are numerous duplicates in every operator's site. If you need help, email the secretary or treasurer and they will help. You can also call COMP U SPORT and they can help. Another issue that is a huge problem is that sanction money and stats are not being received at the same time. The By Laws of the ISPA state that the League Operator will submit stats and any sanctions due at the end of 4 weeks of play. This is not happening. We can't sanction people without stats. We also cannot take sanctions and entries at the same time. Therefore, the League Operators in attendance and all operators and officers agreed to change the bylaws as follows; All stats must be submitted and all sanctions paid by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the Tournament Year. The League operator will be fined \$100.00 dollars if you do not comply. We will not accept personal checks from your players. The league operator will submit 1 check, money order or bank check. Nothing else will be accepted. All sanctions must be paid before any entries will be accepted. Leagues starting after January 1<sup>st</sup> will have until February 1<sup>st</sup> to enter stats and submit sanctions.

There are some issues that need corrected in the tournament guide. Julie will address these issues and correct them. The dress code came up in discussion and the dress code will be amended to include and exclude the following; stocking caps will be allowed; there will be no yoga pants; there will be no exercise pants. It is up to the player to get a referee before the match starts if someone is out of dress code.

The core team requirement has been changed from 3 players to 2 players. Please remember to inform your players.

The topic of payouts was brought up and discussed. The reason we wait so long to post payouts is to make them as accurate as possible. We have to wait until we have all the entries in and allow the payout committee to make adjustments as necessary. The actual entry fee is paid back 100% in every division. It is the added money that fluctuates.

The topic of allowing out of state players in our tournament came up and it was decided that we don't need to do this at this time.

The subject of making a top Intermediate player become a Master 5 was brought up. Some think there needs to be an Intermediate 6 ranking. This idea was opposed. The qualification committee addressed all other questions and the subject was closed.

The topic of helping the Junior division came up and someone came up with the idea of asking for donations from the players instead of selling raffle tickets. This was received well and the treasurer will figure out how to handle this.

The motion to Adjourn was made by Shawna Elder and 2<sup>nd</sup> by everyone present.  
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