

**Iowa State Pool Players Association**  
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***“Largest State Association 8-Ball Tournament”***  
***Representing over 3000 League Members throughout the State of Iowa since 1995***

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors**

June 26, 2011  
Gus Bar and Grill  
Corrville, IA

1. President, Louie Bartels called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. The following officers and league operators were present. President, Louie Bartels; Vice President, Terry Anderson; Treasurer, Heide French; Secretary, Barb Hamilton; Don Boll, Dubuque; Tim Bringman, Iowa City; Dwaine Bowman, Quad Cities; Bill Rackle, Cedar Rapids; Dave Holmes, Clinton; John Rozmus, Waterloo; Mike Adams, Campustown; Joe Horak, Automatic Amusement; Cindy Graham, Charles City 8 Ball; Jamie Courtney, Corner Pocket; Kerry Heilskov, Corridor; Jill Nagel, Council Bluffs; Steve Main, Delaware County Men; Julie Guzman, Des Moines; Ira Miller, Hawkeye Amusements; Shawna Elder, Iowa City 8 Ball Pool League; Cheri Yarolem, Jackson County Women; Joe Ruether, Joedeas; Mike Steffen, Marshalltown; Chris Tobar, Metro Pool League; Jessica Rahlf, Muscatine; Jeff Clark, Timber City Mens; Robert Sion, Tri City Open Pool League; Jerry Merritt, Camden; Jerrod Friedres, Amuse-O-Matic; Brett Elder, Iowa City Metro Pool League; Jill Nagel and Lorrie Lanham, Council Bluffs
3. Louie added the following items to the agenda based on requests: Insurance for workers; 2nd chance tournament; Ball in Hand rule. Terry made a motion to approve the agenda, Bill Rackle 2nd the motion. Motion carried
4. Bill Rackle mentioned if anyone is having trouble with the website and they have any questions, he will talk with them during the break.
5. Louie asked for approval of the minutes: Dave mentioned paragraph 5 on using December 1<sup>st</sup> as a deadline to pay sanction fees. This was added to the agenda to discuss to change the wording based on when the leagues start up for the winter leagues. Terry said para 14 should state ACS instead of ISPA. Bill also said to change the numbering so there is no 2 number 13s. Louie asked to accept the minutes as amended. Bob Sion made a motion to accept the minutes. Bill Rackle 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.
6. Treasurer Report; There is a balance of \$78,000 currently. We will have a balance of \$70,000 after today's meeting. The balance is high from last year. There are 20 checks from the event that have not cleared. Heide asked for approval to purchase a computer for the ISPA as Barb's old one is not wireless. It was voted to approve this purchase. It was approved for Heide to purchase a new computer with anti virus. Terry asked Barb how old it is and can

wireless be put into it. It was noted that Barb's computer is too old to pass on. There was a motion to approve the treasury report. It was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

7. 2011 Tournament. Louie asked for comments from the 2011 tournament. He would like not to make any more major changes to the tournament for next year as some of the leagues have already started. Jill said there is a glitch in signing up an elite men player when entering players. Bill was going to talk with Kevin to get this fixed. Louie said the only complaint he had was the handicap for teams did not think they knew in enough time that there was a handicap for teams with a master player. Terry asked did anyone have any complaints from their players. No one had a comment. Dwaine said that means the league operators are doing their job. Shawna Elder said the players need to know that they can go to the tournament director to get a table reassignment if there is a backup on their table. It was noted to put this on the general information. Dwaine said he would have Gary put up a sign and announce this also.

8. Payouts. Louie said we are really looking at this to make it fair. We have never added money to the 2nd level. Louie said the Level 2 teams feel like they do not get rewarded enough when playing in the Level 2. Louie said he has heard this from both the men and women's teams. Julie gave an example of her team playing in the masters women event, only playing 3 games and they received more than the men's level II winners. John Rozmus said the board voted that we were not able to add money to the level II event. It was mentioned not to pay down as far. Dwaine suggested taking it to a vote today on how much we should add to the Level 2 events. Donny suggested add \$10 per player to make it even in each event. Dwaine asked if everyone knew that we must add money to the master event. Bill said he would like to see Level 2 get the same amount as Level 1. Steve Main said Level 2 is the level that keeps this tournament going. He said if the payout does not change, the level 2 players will start going to the valley. After much discussion, it was decided to add \$10,000 more to the paybacks. Jill Nagel made a motion to add \$10,000 to include adding some money to level 2. Julie Guzman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motioned carried. Louie said the Level 2 players are a great part of our tournament and should be included into the added money payout.

9. Break-In to the office. Louie asked if we should have a disciplinary action for the person who broke into the office. Jill Nagel explained what happened as it was her player. Once she explained it, (her player was drunk, the payout person was not their so he broke in). He is playing in her league, but knows he will not be able to play in the state tournament. Jill asked what is the time length that he is barred from the ISPA? Tim said what would he of taken if he did not get caught. Jamie said if he did not steal anything, bar him for a year. John Rozmus said whatever is decided, we must use this as a precedent of what we do in the future. A motion was made by Bob Sion that he be barred for 3 years. Jill Nagel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. The penalty could be a lot stiffer if something is ever stolen from the ISPA. Louie asked Jill to provide him the information and he will send the player a letter. Donny said we should put something in the general information about the consequences of stealing.

10. Handicapping. Louie asked for comments. Julie thought the handicapping was very well received. Louie said this year there will be a master team list, from the last 3 years (2009-2011). Jill said is it 3 or 2 regular team players that can play together without going to the master team. If you have 2 or more master team players, they will be a master team. A question was brought up that they had 1 master player, 2 open players and 2 level 2 players. We had to give a handicap in Level 1 because of the master player. There were teams that beat them really bad. Terry said that is really hard to control. Barb will get the master team list out

to everyone once approved by Donny. It will consist of the top 6% in the last 3 years and we will discuss at the next board meeting.

11. Giveaways. Terry said these sponsors are a big part of the giveaways. Shawna said everyone she talked to really loves the giveaways. Terry said Frank's Center may be stepping down next year. His son will be taking over for him. Julie asked if it was an option about photos with what they won. Bill Rackle said he has an ISPA face book site and thinks this would be used more than the actual ISPA website. Everyone can go out there and make any comments.

12. Vendors. Shawna Elder said they do not sell pop or water at the stationery bars and they did not sell odules at all. She also said the cleaning for the hotel was excellent. Louie said we did try to get them to keep the price a beer down which they did, but the price of pop was \$3.00.

13. Questionnaires on changing to 4 man teams. Louie said it was voted to stay with 5 man teams which included men and women teams.

14. Photographs for the tournament – Tabled for the board meeting as Bill did not think it should be brought up at the league operator meeting.

15. Juniors Event - Louie said we really got a lot of good feedback this year. Louie asked if we should set up a scholarship fund for this event. John said who qualifies for it. The winners of the junior tournament qualify. Terry asked if anyone had any experience in the scholarship funds. Dwaine mentioned that all league operators can get any of their player's kids into these qualifiers. It was asked what the age limit is. Louie said there are 2 levels and 18 is the age limit. The information is under the Billiards Education website to explain more. Tim said if they win it consistently through the years, is there a limit. Louie said no, they get \$500 per year as a scholarship but he would like to set up a fund. We can work with US Bank on this.

16. Qualification Committee. Donny did not have a lot of requests to change to a different level. Today is the last day for the reclassification forms. He has the master singles lists done.

17. Tournament Committee. Dwaine said for the most part everything went well. It is really important to get this information out to you players as soon as possible. Dwaine said we will be discussing insurance for the people that are setting up for the pool tournament as well as the board. There was an incident this year and we had no insurance. Dwaine said we will be discussing 2013 tournament. Dwaine asked if there were any questions. The 2012 tournament is April 11th through the 15 at the River Center. The Valley tournament is March 14th through the 18<sup>th</sup>.

18. Jerrod Friedres discussed his proposal for speed break and the 9 ball break. He has not been able to sell his merchandise for the last 5 years at the ISPA state tournament. He pays \$500 with the 2 contests he has. Jerrod would like to give away 10 pool cues, case and jump cue packages. He also plans on giving more merchandise away during the tournament, investing approximately \$1500. Jerrod also agreed to meet with the other vendors so they can agree on prices. He does not bring his expensive cues because they get stolen. Dwaine said the reason we put a stop to it was there were so many raffles. We have 2 vendors putting in \$5000 worth of merchandise (Jacoby and Franks Center). We also have a clothing vendor giving us Jackets and prepare our state shirts. Tim Bringman asked Jerrod if he is raffling off the cues that he donates. Jerrod said if I give them to you, the organization can do what they want, however you

see fit. Jerrod said he talked with Diviney and Jacoby and they were going to contact you. Jerry Merritt asked what if another Vendor wants to be in a speed break contest. Jerrod said he would be fine with it if the vendors paid the same as him. After much discussion, and based on Jerrod's support to our organization, Julie Guzman made a motion to let Jerrod sell his merchandise. Jill Nagel 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

19. Presentation from Des Moines, Scott Koch, Julie Guzman, and Jamie Courtney.

Scott: Des Moines is a central location for Iowa, has space to grow and competitive hotel prices. The sports commission board agreed to support equal or more to the prize money. Scott said other sports events and other types of events have seen an increase of attendance when moving their event to Des Moines. The tournament would be held at the Hy-Vee Hall which is 100,000 square feet and we can get 158 tables in one hall. We can put practice tables and more vendors in another hall. There are also other areas within the facility to give an opportunity to grow for your event. There is plenty of parking. There is no hotel attached to the facility. The Quality Inn and Holiday Inn is right across the street and has free parking. Quality Inn has free breakfast and is considered the Headquarter Hotel. There are other hotels that are connected with the skywalk system to the Hy-Vee Hall. If you have friends house to stay at or Prairie Meadows, there are plenty of hotels. Scott also said all of the electrical work and what is needed to set up will be free to the association. Scott also passed out information on the hotels.

Julie: She wanted to emphasize how much the association has to grow. She also said there should not be difficulty in parking. Julie also said Davenport has done an excellent job. She feels that Des Moines will have a lot more to offer. Food and beverages prices should be very similar to what they were. Julie also said the tournament will also be on one level. She also said we should be able to open up to more vendors. As far as participation, Julie feels that they have the commitment from the Des Moines area to make this work. We have a lot of people in Des Moines willing to volunteer. Julie said there are over 300 teams playing out of Des Moines and we will start getting many of the teams sanctioned with the ISPA. Julie said she asked many of the leagues and they all said they would consider joining if the tournament came to Des Moines. Julie said even though the hotels are not attached to the tournament, the hotels are anywhere from 1 to 3 blocks away, where you do not need to drive. We get Hy-Vee Hall at no cost and the initial set up will be paid for (for the first year). We will need to reapply to get some funds from Prairie Meadows.

Jamie Courtney: Jamie thanked Julie for all of her hard work. He said his background is in conventions and we will have the support at Des Moines.

Questions - Tim Bringman asked what will stop the unions from charging for moving the tables. Scott said he was able to everything within the Hy-Vee Hall without the unions. You will not have that problem with the Union. Tim said how many years will these jobs be protected from the union. Scott said there is nothing stopping it, but we have not had that problem since 2004. Dwaine asked if the dates Scott gave are the only dates available. Scott said we can look at other dates, but the dates we had were the ones we picked with the hotels that were available. Scott asked when they typically set their dates. Terry said in September. Dwaine said is the \$15,000 guaranteed from the Prairie Meadows as he said we cannot move any part of the tournament to Prairie Meadows. Terry went over the different vendors and what we get from them. Terry said in Davenport we had shuttles and the association also gets comps. That is something we will be asking. Scott said the hotels have agreed to give comp rooms before the hotel ratio, so if you get me the numbers they will work with the association. Des

Moines does have shuttles with different options. Jamie said they will hang the cords where you want them. Dwaine asked for the square footage. Scott said 49K square footage. Dwaine said we currently use 65K square feet. Scott said we can expand where ever needed. Terry said could we use both B and C instead of cramming them all into B. Scott said yes if needed. Terry asked what the charge would be. Scott said it would be free to you. Bill Rackle asked if C is available for those dates. Scott said he believes so, but he would need to look for sure.

20. Presentation from River Center, Lynn Hunt, Jennifer McCee, and Beth Yusco.

Lynn Hunt: Every year we look forward to your tournament. We feel very connected to the ISPA. Terry and Dwaine know what is going on and get the job done for this event. They have it down to a science. She said experience, community support, media, entertainment, and casino is what we have to offer. There are plenty of restaurants and bars. They have 351 rooms attached to the facility. There are shuttles available for whatever you may want to do when you are done playing. The Radisson has great comp rooms to offer to the volunteers. We are guaranteeing our prices through 2015. There is a \$40,000 savings for the event with free labor, rent, and phone lines. The Sports Convention Center donates \$5,000 a year. Once we sign the contract, the figures are locked in for 3 years. The community sponsorship is \$20,000 per year. The Riverboat Development gives \$10,000 every year. The annual cash guarantee is \$64,900 along with free space Wednesday through Sunday for the youth and senior tournaments. If you were to rent the space this would cost \$22,000. The 20 comp rooms total \$5,500. The total savings we are offering you is \$92,400 for 2013-2015. We are willing to help you get all the sponsors on board. If we keep you through 2015, we will do something very special on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Beth Yusco: We are so appreciative to be a part of this event. We try to keep it at very competitive prices for the hotel. We are willing to keep the prices the same through 2015. We also partner with the quad cities event center. We just want to keep you happy.

Jennifer McCee: We love the event and hope to keep you for the next 3 years.

Questions: Bill Rackle asked if the \$5000 from the Sports Convention and the \$20,000 in community sponsorship comes to us in a form of cash/check. Lynn said yes. There was a question about getting information out to other cities with the media rather than just Davenport. Lynn thought that was a very good idea. Dwaine asked about what dates were available. Lynn said the dates you have provided are on hold. The question was asked what the maximum number of tables. Dwaine said 180 and right now we are using 140 tables.

21. Julie Guzman clarified to the board that Des Moines would match the added money that Davenport is matched by Des Moines.

22. New Leagues. Louie said Rhonda Bekeris has backed out of Monday night but it will continue to be run by Mark Schwake. Bob Sion has been running his leagues on Tuesday night. Bill Rackle is running Thursday night. Jerry Merritt will be playing on Wednesday. Jerry said he would like the Monday Scotch Doubles and his 4 person Wednesdays night league. Bob Sion said he would like to have Tuesday night. Dwaine asked him how many teams he had and Bob said 20 teams sanctioned. Jerry said we have always been able to run our leagues on the nights we wanted and have never had conflicts. Bill Rackle said he does not have a problem with Jerry, but Bill is an independent league operator. He does not want to lose his best players in the league and will lose them because he cannot dual sanction his players like Camden can.

Bill said because Jerry is Dual sanctioning, his leagues (bar owners) will lose players. Bill had 50 team when he took over the leagues. In 2009 he only had 30 teams. Bill said in 2010 he went from 30 to 40 teams when Jerry got out of the league. A good portion of those were Camden Leagues. We have ISPA sanctioning on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, which was established since day 1. Bill thinks 4 sanctioned leagues is too many for the Cedar Rapids area. Dwaine said the night is open for play in town and if Jerry wants to play that night he should be able to. Bill said I am asking for the boards support to not take 25% of my teams away. Jerry said he left the ISPA because of what was going within the board. He is seeing improvement where the ISPA is about the players and he would like to join the ISPA again. Jill said we should give the players every opportunity to play on any night, Jamie Courtney made a motion to accept Jerry's Monday night Scotch Doubles league and Wednesday 4 person league as long as the Monday league does not have a problem with it. Julie Guzman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. Bill Rackle made a motion to accept Bob Sions league for Tuesday. Jerry Merritt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. Iowa City 8 Ball league is dropping out and Brett Elder would like to sanction for Iowa City Metro Pool League. Steve Main made a motion to accept this league. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and motion carried. Heide said she needs a Letter of Intent from the new leagues.

23. Barb passed out ballots to each league operator to vote for the where the 2013-2014 tournament will be held at (Davenport or Des Moines). There were 28 leagues present. The final vote was 15 for Des Moines and 13 for Davenport.

24. Louie asked for nominations for Secretary. Bob Sion nominated Barb Hamilton. She accepted. Louie asked for nominations for Treasurer. Bob Sion nominated Heide French. She accepted.

25. Louie said there should not be any changes in the By-Laws. Barb said she would send out the By-Laws to each of the league operators for their concurrence.

26. Louie asked for any changes you would like to make for the 2013 tournament. Jerrod suggested we open league opportunity to out of the state of Iowa as long they are within a 10 mile radius. We currently have 50% of the league needs to play in Iowa. Jerrod said this would really make the tournament grow. Dwaine said the reason for this is to have an Iowa State tournament. Terry said we have 4400 in the state of Iowa and 1700 played in the state tournament. There was much discussion with many different opinions. Terry said this is a subject that needs to be tabled to discuss with the 10 board members to come up with an idea that would make it work. Louie said we also need some input from the league operators after they get input from their players.

27. Schedule finals on a different table as it is hard to play a match that is not a finals match because there are too many people watching. This will be brought up to the tournament director. There were suggestions to have a separate room with 4 or 6 tables for the finals.

28. Tim Bringman brought up that his team wanted to play in the 2nd chance tournament and his 5th player left and they could not play. Can we pick up someone from the same city? Brett Elder brought up making the 2<sup>nd</sup> chance a 4 man team. After much discussion Julie Guzman made a motion to leave it as a 5 man team. Jill Nagel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

29. Insurance for workers. We had a worker get hurt at the last tournament setting up tables and we have no insurance. The cost of the estimate is \$731 per year and this would cover all

volunteers for the tournament. Jill Nagel made a motion to get insurance for the workers. It was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

30. Ball in Hand Rule after the break. Louie asked for input. No one was interested in changing until the world standard rules are changed.

31. Medical bills for Jamey Bowman estimate is approximately \$5000. Jamie Courtney made a motion to pay the medical bills. It was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn at 4:50.

Barb Hamilton  
Secretary, ISPA