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“Largest State Association 8-Ball Tournament”
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 24, 2012
HyVee Hall
Des Moines, IA

Before the meeting, all league operators were given a tour of the Hy-Vee Hall.

1. President, Louie Bartels called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. The following officers and league operators were present. President, Louie Bartels; Vice President, Terry Anderson; Treasurer, Heide French; Secretary, Barb Hamilton; Tim Bringman, Iowa City; Dwaine Bowman, Quad Cities; Bill Rackle, Cedar Rapids; Dave Holmes, Clinton; John Rozmus, Waterloo; Mike Adams, Campustown; Pat Jeffrey, Charles City 8 Ball; Jamie Courtney, Corner Pocket; Jason Heilskov, Corridor; Jill Nagel, Council Bluffs; Dot Cyr, NTS; Steve Main, Delaware County Men; Julie Guzman, Des Moines; Ira Miller, Hawkeye Amusements; Shawna Elder, Iowa City 8 Ball Pool League; Mike Steffen, Marshalltown; Nick Goodbrand, Metro Pool League; Jessica Rahlf, Muscatine; Joe Lindsay, Timber City Mens; Robert Sion, Tri City Open Pool League; John Doyle, Tri County Pool League; Jerrod Frideres, Amuse-O-Matic; Brett Elder, Iowa City Metro Pool League; Jessica Frideres, Green Amusement; Julie Bolsinger, Delaware County Women; Adam Christie, Rookies Rockin 8 Ball League; Ron Purcell, Games People Play; Rand Jones, APA Central Iowa.
3. Louie mentioned that any new league operators are not able to vote until they have been in the league for 1 year according to the by-laws. Julie brought to Louie's attention that the by-laws say the new leagues are on probation for a year, but are able to vote once they are voted in.
4. Louie asked for approval of agenda. Dwaine asked to add to the new business discussion of funds for the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Jerrod asked to add to the new business discussion on the master players playing in the master event and not being able to play in the open event. Bob Sion made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Main 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
5. Louie asked for approval of the minutes. Louie said Jim Cook was there to help us for the tournament and would like to reimburse him for Tuesday. Jim said he did not want to be reimbursed and everything was fine. Bob Sion made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Adams 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
6. Heide went over the treasury report. Heide said to only look at the customer summary report and to ignore the income by customer summary as the information is not right. Everything should be self- explanatory. Sanction fees are due within 4 weeks when starting your league

and they are \$6.00 per player. Heide also said she uses the information on the Letter of Intent for her contact list, so make sure it is filled out correctly. Heide said all her contact information is at the bottom of the report. Louie mentioned we sponsored the Billiard Education Foundation Junior tournament this year. We had 26 players, which was double from last year. We charged \$33 per player and it goes directly to the Billiard Education Foundation. The Nationals will be in Milwaukee at Romine's the week of July 10th. Laura Smith has not gotten back to us with the final figure so we do not know what the check will be. It should be around \$910 that we will issue. Louie said this tournament has gotten a lot of attention. Mark Wilson, who was a former pro and has done demonstrations at our tournament, is a coach at Lindenwood College in East St. Louis and is supporting this program. Bob Sion made a motion to approve the Treasury Report. It was second. Motion carried

Old Business

7. 2012 Tournament Review. Louie asked for comments. Jamie Courtney said the only complaint he was aware of was the quality of the tables. The tables that were supposed to be used were being used at another tournament, so they got some other tables that needed work on them. Dwaine said Gary said it will never happen again. This tournament was not very profitable for Gary due to the situation. Bob Sion said he thinks we need to give Dwaine and his crew a hand of applause by making it happen under the circumstances (They had mix match rails, and had to recover approx. 40 tables). Everyone agreed and clapped. Julie said she heard some feedback in the concession area that the service was terrible. Louie agreed that this was a problem. Steve Main said he had complaints about the payouts. He wants to know what was added to each division. Louie said we added money to Level II that we have not done before. Terry said we added \$10,000 throughout all the level 2 events. Dave said we also took money off of the masters. Tim Bringman said he feels we need to add more money to the top playing events so that some of the players in the level 2 events will move up. John Rozmus said that you may want to breakout what the entry fee consists of as the actual entry fee is only \$25. Julie asked if we could post this on the website. Louie said yes. Jerrod said you can have a printout with the breakout at the tournament which is accessible to all players. Terry said we pay down farther and it also depends on the percentage. Louie told Steve we will discuss and come up with something to show the players the payout. Tim said what is the correct percentage for the payout? Louie said they shoot for 25% of the field. Louie said if you start increasing the payout, the percentages will go down. For example a team that got 13-16 received money back.....if we pay back a lesser percent, 13-16 will not get any money. Louie said he agrees we need to get something out to the players, so they understand the payout. Terry said we payout anywhere from 25-35% because of the added money. Dwaine asked if everyone agreed if we look at paying 25%. It was mentioned as long as everyone understands how it is being distributed. The Board of Directors will work on this.

8. Vendors. Louie said we welcome Jerrod and Jessica in support of our vendors. Franks Center feels they were not told on what was decided at our last meeting when we voted in what Speed Break could sell. Even though we gave Frank some of his cases back, he was still very upset. Louie just wanted everyone to know what was going on and we will work on this as a Board with Franks Center. Jerrod said if we don't talk a little about this, he wants to make sure he could sell his items. Terry said as of the last meeting, the board voted to agree and we did not follow thru to tell Frank what was going on. Louie said he does not see anything changing for what Speed Break can sell. Dwaine said Julie and Jamie will be in charge of the Vendors and providing space for them. Mike Adams asked if we as a league make sure we have so many

vendors. Terry said as operators, the ISPA protects our vendors that we have had in the past. Terry said we are the largest independently run state tournament in the country.

9. Waving sanction fees for leagues. Bill Rackle said there is a lot of risk and expense in moving the tournament from Davenport to Des Moines. A lot of the players may already be playing in other leagues and they may not want to get into another league to play in the ISPA. He would like to entice them saying for the first year we will waive their sanction fees. Jim Cook said what is a six dollar sanction fee to play in a tournament? Should we pay their entry fee too? Many other league operators agreed with Jim that the players can afford to pay their \$6.00. Julie said when we moved the tournament to Des Moines one of the biggest concerns was how much is the attendance going to drop. We will not be taking any money out of our pocket. Terry said yes we are if they do not pay their sanction fees and will have to pay for the website. Bill said he could get Kevin to waive the \$3.00. Tim said how many teams are we talking. Tim said a beer is \$3.00. The sanction fee cost 2 beers in a year. The reason we are considering free sanctions for 1 year is as an incentive to get more players. There could be a lot of confusion as to which players will be waived their sanction fee. Bill Rackle called Kevin during break and he is willing to drop the \$3.00 fee for new players. Steve Main said we paid from the beginning why shouldn't they pay. Shawna said does this not infringe on other leagues in Des Moines. Bob said we have players pay the six dollar sanction fee that does not play in the tournament. How will these players feel if we let new players not pay their sanction fee? Terry agreed on this as there are many players that do not play in the tournament. This would be very hard to police new players. Terry asked Bill if there was a query to do to find whether there are any new players. Bill said yes. Jamie Courtney would like to make a motion to vote. Dwaine said before you vote keep in mind there are already leagues established that may cause the other leagues to be affected. The 3 new leagues from Des Moines said they do not want the incentive and they are willing to pay the sanction fees. After much more discussion, Terry made a motion for a show of hands on yes or no whether or not we are going to let the new players in without paying their sanction fee for the first year. 16 voted that the new leagues pay. 9 voted that they do not pay. The vote was no for the incentive.

10. Tournament set up. Dwaine said Jamey Bowman is going to be the tournament set up crew person. The tournament committee started in Waterloo and we have kept the same crew for the last 10 years. If Jamey needs anyone else, he will contact Jamie Courtney and Julie Guzman. Jamie Courtney said he has a lot of confidence in the set up crew.

11. Vote for President and Vice President. Louie Bartels is President and Terry is Vice President. Barb passed out the ballots to vote for Vice President. Terry Anderson and Julie Guzman were nominated. Terry and Jamie Courtney were both nominated for President and declined, therefore, Louie is the only member running for President. Motion carried for Louie to remain President of the ISPA. After all ballots were turned in there were 14 votes for Terry and 9 votes for Julie. Terry Anderson is our Vice President. Louie said the following are the current board members: Dwaine Bowman, Donny Boll, Tim Bringman, Bill Rackle, Dave Holmes, Jamie Courtney, John Rozmus, and Julie Guzman as well as our officers. Terry said they are opened up for nominations. Bob Sion made a motion to keep the same board members for the next year. Motion carried.

12. New League Operators; Clear Lake, Rookies Rockin 8 Ball League was accepted. Games People Play was accepted. APA Central Iowa League was accepted. Jim Cook is going to have more leagues since the tournament is coming to Des Moines. He wants to have an in house Sunday league and a Saturday junior league. Jim Cook also wants to have a traveling league on

Tuesday. Last year Jim had leagues on Monday and Thursday, but he wants to expand to other nights. Bill discussed the problem he had with Camden and he is trying to understand why there is only one league that has only 19 to 20 teams. He feels there should be a lot more opportunity to build your leagues. APA wants Tues, Wed, Sun. Julie asked if Jim kept Monday and Thursday and then all leagues can use any of the other days. After much discussion it was decided Tuesday was the only problem between Jim Cooks league and APA. Terry asked the board do we want to give Jim Tuesday night. After much discussion Jim is only asking for Monday and Thursday, and an in-house league on Sunday. Everyone agreed.

13. Louie made a motion that there will be penalties for interference to other leagues within the ISPA. You will face being removed. It was 2nd by Dwaine Bowman. Motion Carried.

14. Jamie Courtney made a motion to change the date on the letter of intent from August 31 to November 30 for new leagues. It was 2nd. Motion carried. This will be changed in the by-laws.

14. Proposed email system for players. Julie wants to use an email system to get information out to the players. League operators would need to compile emails of the players. This is a good selling point for our sponsors. Cost of this is \$240 per year. John Rozmus said these emails would need to be protected. Terry said we probably don't have 10 percent of the emails. Jill made a motion to allow Julie to do the newsletter for \$240 per year with the stipulation to protect all players emails. Jessica 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

15. Juniors payout. Louie said currently we have 6 unpaid scholarship funds. If we try to start a scholarship fund it could be difficult for the ISPA to track. Louie would like to pay the money out at the time of the tournament and let the parents invest them. This takes the burden off of the ISPA and track back for the money. Dwaine said Jesse made approximately 11,000 in scholarship funds, but he never went to college, therefore he never received it and it stayed at the BCA. It was brought up if you are intending for a scholarship, that's what it needs to be. There was much discussion on how to give the money to the players for the junior tournament. Louie needed some input, so he could get ideas.

16. Bill Rackle said they will set players to inactive if they have not played in the last 3 years. Barb gave each league operator a list of their players to review, so she can make the changes in the website of the active players. The system is going to be used to maintain the levels of all the players. The league operator should be able to go into the website and print out the levels of their players once we get it cleaned up. Jill asked if we still do the point system. Terry said no. Barb said to send the changes to 1206 – 29th Avenue, Silvis, IL 61282.

17. Membership Cards. Julie explained membership cards can be used to attract sponsors as their company name would be on them. John asked what the cost is. Julie said paper, ink, and time. She said we can put the name and their current number on the cards. Dwaine asked how much it would cost for 4,000. Julie did not have an actual cost to produce these cards. She said she would bring the cost to the next meeting. Jill made a motion to approve the membership cards as long as the board approves. It was 2nd. Motion carried.

18. Registration Packets. Julie would like to propose giving registration packets for teams only to include coupons, pens, etc. We could also put a skywalk map in the packet. Terry said we did this in Davenport but they don't always get picked up. He is very much for this, but it must

be controlled to ensure they get distributed. This will be discussed by the board at the next meeting.

19. Info@ISPA.com/brochures is not a valid email address on the pamphlets. The website on the pamphlet is correct.

20. Kelly Steffen made up a sample of a poster to distribute to all the league operators for advertisement. Julie is going to contact the Iowa Sports Center that does our shirts to get the Logo to put on the poster. Everyone agreed with the poster. Kelly did a great job.

21. Dwaine Bowman asked to give \$500 more on top of the \$1000 they already receive for the Secretary and Treasurer. He also proposed giving the President and Vice President \$500. Jamie Courtney agreed to the proposal. Jill made a motion to approve the increase of \$500 each to the treasurer and secretary and put on hold the \$500 for the President and Vice President until it is discussed with the lawyer. Steve Main 2nd the motion. Kelly Steffen said the President and Vice President cannot get paid in a nonprofit organization. Motion carried to give the secretary and treasurer \$1500 each per year for their duties. Louie will check with the lawyer on what can be done for the President and the Vice President.

22. Jerrod Frideres. Master players play in the master event. We have a master division with 3 different levels, can we have 1 elite player per team and master players only for the rest. John said we handicap a team when there is an elite player with an open player. Dwaine said not every master team is going to have an elite player. The teams that do not have an elite player are being penalized. Louie asked what will the other teams that do not have an elite player going to think by doing this. Dwaine also said there are open players that get moved up to the master team as well and are not actual master players. There was much discussion but no resolution. This will be discussed at the next meeting with the board.

Dwaine made a motion to adjourn the meeting.