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

December 11, 2011
Gus Bar and Grill
Corrville, IA

1. President, Louie Bartels called the League Operator meeting to order at 12:43 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; Jamie Courtney, Corner Pocket; Julie Guzman, Des Moines; John Rozmus, Waterloo; Steve Main, Delaware County; Ira Miller, Hawkeye; Steve Barnes, Iowa City Metro; Shawna Elder, Iowa City Women; Joe Ruether, Joedeas; Mike Steffen, Marshalltown; Jessica Rahlf, Muscatine; Jeff Clark, Timber City; Bob Sion, Tri-City.
3. Louie asked for approval of the agenda. Louie said he was also going to add to old business information from the Riverboat Development Authority. Bob Sion made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Main 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
4. Louie asked for approval of the minutes of the October 23, 2011 meeting. Bob Sion made a motion to approve the minutes. Tim Bringman 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
5. Treasury Report. Heide apologized to all the league operators for not processing the checks they have been sending in a timely manner. When she took this position, she was not working. She is adjusting to this. As of November 30, 2011 the balance in the checking account is \$70,160.30. There were 24 checks (16 of them were issued at the 2011 state tournament) that have not cleared the bank yet. These checks amount to \$2,500. There was one deposit yet that had not cleared for \$2,100. As of December 9th she has received \$6,072.00 in sanction fees. We have 34 leagues and there is no reason she should not have the sanctions fees by now. There are a hand full of leagues that do not start in September. On the letter of intent it says you must pay the sanction fees by the 4th week. Louie said we all agreed that we would pay these sanction fees on time. This starts piling up and makes a huge burden on Heide. Louie asked that the league operators do their job and get the information in. Louie asked for approval of he Treasury Report. Jamie Courtney approved the treasury report. Bob Sion 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Rackle said there are 23 leagues out of 34 that have not entered any information into the website. There are 4 leagues that have not entered stats. This is a real big problem as we are almost to the point of registering for the tournament. PLEASE get your information in.

6. Signing up elite players on the web site. Bill said he has given the information to Kevin. He has asked Kevin to do the following: Team Level Enhancement; Ability to waive sanctions; Ability to register Elite players for the tournament. He has no way of testing it, so Bill will keep in contact with Kevin.

7. Cedar Rapids situation. Because Camden is not being sanctioned with the ISPA, Bill Rackle requested Jack Craft and Steve Miller be able to play in the Cedar Rapids Metro league in the winter to enable to play on a team with 5 other players. They paid their sanction fee in the summer to Camden. Heide has the check from Camden waiting for direction on whether to cash it. After much discussion, Terry made a motion to allow 2 players (Jack Craft and Steve Miller) from Cedar Rapids Metro league to join a Camden team from the summer session. They must have their weeks. Jamie Courtney 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Dave said until the sanction fees are paid, we cannot allow the Camden team to play. Louie is going to call the lawyer to see if we can cash the check.

8. Junior's tournament. Ages 8-14 and 15-18. Louie mentioned how well the tournament went last year and we need to get the information out to all of the players so they know that this is an opportunity for their kids. This tournament has a lot of room to grow. Terry asked Louie to explain on how they get there. The cost was \$33 to get into the tournament, which included all sanctions and they have an opportunity to go to the nationals. The winners did not get jackets last year and Terry mentioned to Barb to request jackets next year for them. This tournament is also a 9 ball tournament only.

9. Reclassification Requests. Louie said there were players that were put into the team masters list based on the last 3 years. Some of these players could be qualified to request to go down, therefore we gave them this opportunity until today. Louie has a petition that their league was not represented correctly by their league operator. The petition was from many players within all the leagues. Louie said there is a lack of communication to the players. We all need to be aware that the information we discuss at these meetings should get to the players. We are the communication to the players. Dwaine said we at one time talked about getting contact information on the sign-up sheets. Louie asked Donny if he received any reclassification requests. Donny said he received approximately 8 requests. One of them was a master team request and they got 2nd last year in the tournament. Tim said these players have to realize they must play in their level for 2 years before reclassifying. Louie asked if there were any more reclassification requests. There were no more.

10. Team Classifications. Louie asked if there are any team classification requests. Donny said no but he had a question about the players that are master seniors. He wanted to clarify if there are master seniors that did not get in the money in the seniors for 2 years, they are wanting to move to the open. It was decided that the master seniors must play in the masters for 2 years before requesting to go to the open. Louie asked for any other issues on team classifications.

11. Louie said we have received our grant for this year from the Riverboat Authority. It will be \$10,000.00. Louie has to submit the paperwork to receive this.

12. Louie said Tim Bringman had talked with Tom Rosman and he is very interested in being a part of our tournament on an on- going basis. He would put on 2 seven hour sessions Friday and Saturday for a total compensation of \$200 and a room for 3 nights. Bill asked what we have paid in the past. It was mentioned anywhere from \$1500 to \$4,000. Louie asked if we could give him food tickets. Dwaine said that would not be a problem. Tim said he talked with Tom's wife, Marty and he just wants to be out on the circuit and he likes our tournament. After much discussion, Jamie Courtney made a motion to agree to have Tom for \$200, 3 night stay and comp cards for food. Bob Sion 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

13. Louie said he was contacted from the visitors bureau and there are a couple of big events going on in the Quad Cities the week of the event. There is a golf show and another convention. The league operators need to tell their players to get their reservations early for a hotel. Hotel information will be out on the ISPA website. Bill asked if he can get hotel information so he can put in out on the website. Terry gave Bill the information. Bill would like to get the links to the hotels out on the website for the players to access.

14. Louie wanted to make sure the league operators understand that Louie wants them involved in any disputes that are brought up at the tournament. Louie said he will not discuss these disputes until the league operator is present. Dwaine suggested for all league operators to schedule meetings with your leagues to go over the tournament information or new information that should be given to the players. This would make the tournament so much more pleasant for everyone.

15. General Information: A question was asked if a player is a master team player, but an open singles player, what level would they be in scotch doubles? Louie said that your level in scotch doubles would be the same as your singles. Dwaine said we need to post that the tournament is rack our own break. Dwaine mentioned that during the 9 ball tournament we need to spot the 9 if the ball goes in the bottom 2 pockets (where the balls are racked). These 2 issues were voted on and approved. They will be added to the General Information. ATTENTION League Operators: PLEASE get this information out to your players.

16. Des Moines Tournament. Contracts have been signed for the 2013 tournament in Des Moines. Louie said if you say you don't want to go to Des Moines, your players are not going to want to go. It is important that you get this information out to your players. The 2013 tournament will be April 3-7 2013. There will be information at the 2012 tournament providing Information to the players on the 2013 tournament.

18. Louie wanted to make sure the league operators know they are always invited to the lunch on Friday afternoon when there are presentations to our sponsors.

17. Louie asked for other business. Shawna Elder made a motion to adjourn at 2:25. Bob Sion 2nd the motion.