

Iowa State Pool Players Association

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“Largest State Association 8-Ball Tournament”

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Annual League Operators Minutes of the meeting June 26th 2022

President Louie Bartles called the meeting to order at 1: pm. After the roll call, there were several operators not in attendance. Please keep in mind that this is a mandatory annual meeting and your presence is required to be in good standing with our organization. Repeated absence from this meeting will be delt with by the President.

The agenda was put forth and asked for approval with the following topics added: Juniors Tournament, Entry Fees and Master Teams. Dave Holmes approved and Don Boll 2nd the motion. Treasurer Barb Avery gave the treasurer report. Financial statements were distributed to all operators and the report was accepted by all.

Tournament Coordinator Rob Bish gave a recap of the tournament. There were some issues this year. Some of them have already been addressed and some are still in the process of being solved. Rob will take the suggestions back to Hy-Vee Hall and hopefully will get the things we want.

At this time, we had our Election of Officers for the Vice President and the Secretary. On the ballots were: Standing Vice President Dwaine Bowman, and Nominee Marty Plumb, and Standing Secretary Patty Anderson, and Nominee Brandy Meredith. After the votes were counted, Vice President Dwaine Bowman won the election but chose to decline, therefore we will accept nominees for Vice President for the next 30 days. This has never happened before so there are rules in the bylaws that will guide us in the correct procedure. We will keep you updated on the rules of this instance. The new Secretary of the ISPA will be Brandy Meredith.

We introduced the new operators wanting to join our organization. The new league operators are as follows: Jordan Zarbano (Cass County) Paul Williams (ECS) Wally's Amusements (Nicole Berger). There was some discussion between Julie Hoyland and Jake Austin about protected nights of play. After the discussion and searching last years minutes, we found that we took away the protected nights clause based on the operators who voted at the meeting. All were in favor of doing this so that we could have more leagues and players in the association. Thankyou to Jim Cook for being the leader on this.

We began the discussion of reclassification procedures. All reclass forms must go through the operator. The players can not do this on their own. All reclassification forms must be submitted on line no later than **October 1st 2022**. The Qualification Committee will meet the last Sunday in October and all decisions are final.

The percentage of players we move up to the next division has been 4% in each division if there were enough players in that division to do so. Going forward it will be up to the discretion of the board to decide what percent will move up. This was brought up to the operators and they agreed that this would be best.

The Women's Advanced division is not doing well. We don't have enough Advanced players playing in singles to have a tournament that isn't a round robin or triple elimination bracket.

We propose that we take the top half of the Advanced Women and move them to Masters and the bottom half of the Advanced Women and move them to Intermediate. Further discussion brought up the fact that the Ladies Masters doesn't have a large field either. Over all conversation agreed that this needs to be done. Motion was made to dissolve the Ladies Advanced Division. All present agreed.

One of the biggest issues at the Tournament was Score sheets. We, in the office make the score sheets. The score sheets you pick up to start your match come from the office. The ones after that compusport prints out as matches complete. They were wrong because the information was not correct for our tournament. This will not happen again.

We are in the process of creating a Tournament Manual. In this manual you will find everything you need for the tournament. Event Times, Sign up Times, Races, score sheets Dress code etc. that will make it easier for the operator and the players.

We are fully aware that the Tournament Management was awful. We have solutions for this and as things evolve, we will communicate with you and let you know how things are going. We greatly appreciate your patience while we work on these issues.

Compusport is not being very helpful right now. We know that a lot of you need assistance and are not getting it. **Please e-mail your concerns with compusport to Barb Avery at**

treasurer.ispa@yahoo.com

We now have a Conflict Resolution Policy. It will be in the Tournament Guide for all to see and read. By having this, it will eliminate any confusion as to how a misconduct violation will be handled.

The dress code is going to be somewhat relaxed. You can now wear business casual shorts or what they call walking shorts. Nice hemmed denim shorts. You can also wear nice leggings. Collard shirts are still required. **No open toed shoes. No athletic shorts or sweat pants or short shorts.**

We discussed the possibilities of allowing Live Streaming or Video Taping of matches. The general opinion of all, was that both players would have to agree to this and the match would be played on a specific table or tables in a specified area. There was no final yes or no so we will wait for further discussion on this topic. League operators might ask their players how they would feel playing on a table or next to a table that was being streamed.

We discussed Entry Fees and it was decided that we would raise entry fees for the 2023 tournament. It was voted on by the operators to increase all singles by \$10.00 and to increase all teams \$5.00 per person.

We discussed the Junior Tournament in length. These kids need help with expenses when they go to play in events. They are minors and can't travel alone. Please ask your league players to come up with an idea to do something to help the Junior players in your area. Remember!!

They are the future of the sport we all Love to Play.

The final topic of the meeting was the Men's Masters Teams. There are never any new teams in the division. Something needs to be done to either get new teams or to stay stagnate and let the ones who do all the winning just keep winning. There was a suggestion that we allow only 2 masters per team and go to 4-man teams with a 6-person roster.

This would force teams to separate and the division would grow allowing for bigger payouts.

Several opinions were offered but the end result was that this needed more discussion.

Further conversation on the will take place at the next board meeting.

President Louie Bartles thanked everyone for attending and ended the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:20 pm June 26, 2022