

MINUTES OF
A.A.R.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, May 20, 1980
Coral Gables, Florida

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Amateur Racquetball Association was called to order on Tuesday, May 20, 1980, by President, Bob Folsom, at the Miami Mariott in Coral Gables, Florida. Those in attendance were:

Keith Calkins	Ed Martin
Bob Folsom	Richard Walker
Bob Klass	Mark Wayne
John Lepore	Fred White

Also in attendance was Executive Director, Luke St. Onge. Administrator, Hallie Singer was delayed in arriving and in her absence these minutes were recorded and then transcribed from tapes provided to her. At the point of Mrs. Singer's arrival on Wednesday, May 21, 1980, regular minutes were recorded. At that particular point in this report this will be so noted.

Tape begins: Mark Seitman of Towery Press and RACQUETBALL Magazine's promotion manager speaking - T.V. coverage (TPC) and sale of programming is still a possibility with a minimum package of \$20,000; the pilot being a beginning for a 16-man invitational with thirteen, 1/2 hour weeks of Racquetball action, information and education. This pilot was produced by those in the TV marketing business, not by Towery Press. According to Mr. Seitman there are people "out there" seeking and promoting this. We have contacts with Carrera and Gatorade for a close tie-in and benefits to membership. New tournament programs will be prepared for 1980-81 season in the amount of 200,000. Rule books will be printed (1/2 million in 30-90 days) for the "court club promotion". Keith Calkins will proof these galleys before going to press.

Continuing with Mr. Seitman's report - Head will take the back cover of the rulebook for \$6500. Wilson's ad will be \$5500. Both companies will promote for the AARA and will place extra copies of these rules in their ball cans and with their racquet sales. There are seven saleable ad pages in the new rule book. A minimum of five must be sold. If two are unsold, then one would be used for an application blank. Mr. Seitman feels the key is to get into the court clubs and have them as a part of our affiliate court club program, but there is minimal interest here. The phone sales, contact person in Atlanta gets 60% renewal rate. 150 clubs in California, Washington and Oregon have been sold on the program of selling RACQUETBALL Magazine over the counter with a no return policy. This is good P.R. for the club just to have this publication around, but in small numbers only. Ideally, the Association should gain twenty new members per month from each of the 1000 court clubs, and this in itself, would free the Association of its financial burdens.

Hal Leffler, European Racquetball Association representative who had been invited as a special guest to attend this meeting, suggested to Mark Seitman that he contact Stars and Stripes, a military oriented service, to place RACQUETBALL Magazine in the hands of Americans overseas.

The July-August issues of RACQUETBALL Magazine will be a combined edition, and will contain a copy of the rule book and the AARA constitution, but it has been noted that the rules should note that they are only current up to May, 1980's Board meeting. John Lepore felt the combined issue was alright, but this fact should have been announced in January so that the membership would not feel they had been deceived since, at this point, an increase in dues has been charged and now we are showing a decrease in the amount of issues printed.

It was mentioned that, if the magazine were sold, what would happen to Mark Seitman and his involvement with the Association. Mr. Seitman indicated that the sale of the magazine would be independent of him. The sale would be made in co-operation with the AARA, more than likely, and according to Mr. Seitman, could not be made without this co-operation.

At this point Mr. Seitman left the meeting room in order to allow this Board to discuss in private any areas in question of his presentation.

There was a question concerning the combined issue and how this would be viewed in the field. Ed Martin felt Mr. Seitman deserved a vote of confidence and should be given the go ahead on the July-August issue. Towery Press, it was pointed out, would not pay Mr. Seitman's travel to Miami so Luke St. Onge independently said that the Association would fund this or he would pay for this himself. Bob Folsom pointed out that the Association would not, at this point, suffer if the magazine were not printed. It was his feeling Towery Press has an asset in our publication, and for them this purchase was a business investment. It behooves Towery Press to keep our magazine operational. However, Ed Martin pointed out that Towery is in a good position of leverage with our owing them \$60,000. Dr. Calkins moved to accept a combined July-August issue of RACQUETBALL Magazine and this motion passed unanimously.

Hal Leffler and Han Van Der Heyden were admitted into the meeting and introduced by Luke St. Onge as the Commissioner for Americans in Europe (Leffler) and the representative of Holland and the International Amateur Racquetball Federation (Van Der Heyden). Mr. Van Der Heyden addressed the Board with an overview of the picture of the development of Racquetball in Brussels. There is a 3 court facility that opened two years ago with about 250 members and it costs \$270 per year to belong.

"Americans in Europe Racquetball Association" will be the new name of Hal Leffler's group that will not conflict with Raetke Mueller's European Racquetball Association. Mr. Leffler's presentation concerned itself with the growth and development of courts and the game on military bases. Tournaments are held about two times a month and AARA membership is required. There are about 250 members in this group. They play on American military facilities at no cost. Ektelon will be outfitting six (6) representatives from "Americans in Europe" to send to ISPO to demonstrate Racquetball. It was mentioned that our application for membership in the USOC has been tabled until we can substantiate our international development.

The mention of a challenge by the USRA for recognition by the USOC was made and that this application was legitimized. Hal Leffler left the meeting at this point, but Mr. Van Der Heyden was invited to remain which he did do.

On the subject of state rebates Luke St. Onge presented the following comments - State Directors have the option to take \$1.50 off the top of a regular, full year's

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membership. Emphasis needed upon more divisions within states, more people involved and not just one, strong individual. Basically 50% of our volunteers have been replaced by more active and interested people.

We have sent funds to help to get state organizations started - about \$800 last year. The key is to build a strong Regional structure to use as a secondary administrative tool."

The cost to send a representative to ISPO was mentioned - \$2000-and, in Mr. St. Onge's opinion, it is important for the IARF to be represented..

Ed Martin was introduced as the National Junior Commissioner. Mr. Martin's report included: the listing of the following people who represent his Junior Council and are the Junior Regional Directors:

Jim Winterton	- Northeast
Dewane Grimes	- Midwest
Fred Blaess	- Southeast
Jeff Hetherington	- West
Gene Gibbs	- Northwest
Jim Daly	- East
Jack Nolan	- Southwest
D.C. Lantz	- Mideast
Ray Mitchell	- Central

The Junior Regionals are to be held June 20-22, 1980 in all Regions other than in the Northeast who will hold their Regional May 16-18 and the Mideast holding theirs June 27-29. A meeting of the Junior Council will take place at the Junior Nationals July 10-13, 1980 in Redding, California. Junior camps are set up in four of the nine regions and will be operated as an independent money maker for the club, but approved by the AARA with memberships in the Association given to participants. Mr. Martin indicated this Council has voted that there will be no travel funds given to Regional winners in Junior Regional tournaments. At this time there has been no negative feedback on this decision. The Junior Nationals will have an income of \$10,000 with \$8000 in expenses. The profit, if any, is to be disbursed among the regions. Mark Seitman has promised Mr. Martin to help secure an additional co-sponsor for an involvement from this co-sponsor for \$3000. Approximately 200-250 players are expected as opposed to the 80 in Detroit in 1978 and the 120 in Memphis in 1979. Plans are to give each player a bag, shirt and pair of shorts. These items are to be bought back from Ektelon at cost from the amount given in sponsorship. An overview of plans for the tournament were presented detailing hospitality and social arrangements. There is a proposed change of dates for 1981 Junior Nationals and that will be discussed and decided upon by the Junior Council in Redding. This date is tentatively set for Easter Week, 1981. There will be doubles and singles at the Nationals. The Regionals would be rescheduled for Christmas and Thanksgiving would be the approximate time for the States. There are two additional manufacturers interested in the Junior program for the next season that would include State championships, Regionals and Nationals. They are Head and Penn with a possible third being Omega. A full financial report and presentation will be made at the October Regular Board Meeting after the Junior Nationals are held and the Council has met. Ed Martin's Junior camp will buy a full year's membership for each child who participates in one of his three camp programs.

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Led by outgoing Rules Chairman, Keith Calkins, the following rule changes and discussion occurred.

Bob Folsom moved the word "cutthroat" be removed from Rule 1.1. This motion passed unanimously.

Bob Folsom moved that in Rule 1.4 the following wording be added - "a handout or side out in doubles" be added to the end of the last statement. This motion passed unanimously.

Bob Folsom moved that on Rule 1.6 (a) the words "or teams" be added in order for the rule to read "In the event that each participant 'or team' wins one game, the match shall be decided by a fifteen (15) point tie-breaker." This motion passed unanimously.

Fred White moved that in Rule 1.6 (b) the rule read "Player, (team in doubles) totaling the greater number of points in the first two games, shall have the option of serving or receiving in the tie-breaker." Mr. White added the words 'shall have the option of'. This motion passed unanimously.

Bob Folsom moved that in Rule 1.7 the present Section E be placed as Section A - "This rule, (1.7), may be waived at the discretion of the Tournament Director, but this waiver must be in writing on the application" and that the length of the time outs in section (d) be specified to be 30 second time outs. This motion passed unanimously.

A correction was made on the typeographical error denoting the specification of the weight of the ball and should read correctly as 1.4 ounces.

Bob Folsom moved that in Rule 2.4 RACQUET SPECIFICATIONS, section (a) was removed defining and "Official Racquet" and the word "official" was deleted from this rule and replaced with "regulation". This motion passed unanimously.

Bob Folsom moved that in Rule 2.5, UNIFORM, Section (a) for better understanding the wording be changed to read "Doubles teams should wear similar colors to "ease the identification problems." This motion passed unanimously

At this point it was mentioned that the Rules Chairman should review all of the racquets on the market to be sure they meet our specifications.

The Following rule changes/clarifications were presented in motion form by Rule Chairman, Keith Calkins and all items were passed unanimously.

Rule 3.5 A #8 should read "Start play by calling score (zero serving zero) when players indicate their readiness to begin."

Rule 3.5 A Add a '#7' to read "Review any rule modifications in effect for this particular tournament."

Rule 3.5 B should read "During the match, referees shall make all decisions with regard to the rules. Where linespeople are used, the referee shall announce all

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final judgements. If both players in a singles match, and three out of four in a doubles match, disagree with a call made by the referee, the referee is overruled".

Rule 3.5 C the word "chairperson" would be changed to read "tournament director".

Rule 3.5 D 3 should read "Any player for a singles match, or any team for a doubles match fails to report to play. Twenty (20) minutes after the scheduled game time will be allowed before forfeiture. The tournament director may permit a longer delay if circumstances warrant such a decision".

Rule 3.5 D 4 has a typeographical error 'by' should be omitted.

Rule 3.6 has error - last word 'score' should be 'serve'.

Rule 3.8 has two typeographical errors -'linespeople' and the word 'up' was omitted. The sentence should read "The signal by a linesperson to show agreement with the referee is 'thumbs up'".

Rule 4.3 C should be added and read "Out Serve. An out serve results in a hand-out."

Rule 4.4 B should read more clearly in the following manner - "Screen Balls. Passes within 18 inches of the server and obstructs the view of the returning side."

Rule 4.5 A 2 should read " When the server's partner steps beyond the lines of the service box before the served ball passes the short line."

Rule 4.5 B should read "Short Serve. A short serve is any served ball that first hits the front wall and on the rebound hits the floor in front of the short line either with or without touching one side wall."

Rule 4.6 D should read "Touched Serve. Any served ball that on the rebound from the front wall touches the server or if the server's partner intentionally touches the served ball".

Rule 4.10 add a number 3 "Body Contact. Any body contact with an opponent that interferes with seeing or returning the ball."

Rule 4.11 add a number 6 to read "Intentional Distractions. Deliberate shouting, stamping of the feet, waving the racquet, or any manner of disrupting the player who is hitting the ball."

Rule 4.12 B should read "Time Outs. During a game each player in singles or each side in doubles either while serving or receiving may request a 'time out' for a towel, wiping glasses, glove change or adjustment. Each 'time out' shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds. No more than three 'time outs' in a game shall be granted each singles player or each team in doubles. No player may call a time out once the ball is in play. Only two time outs are allowed in the 15 point tie-breaker. See Rule 4.1 (d)."

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Rule 4.12 D should read "A time out may be called by the referee at the request of a player, and after substantiation by the referee, because of faulty equipment or uniform. Two (2) minutes are to be allowed for any uniform adjustment needed and thirty (30) seconds for any equipment adjustment."

Rule 5.4 Fred White moved that the rule be rewritten by Luke St. Onge, Executive Director, to reflect that it is not mandatory to play off for 3rd and 4th places and that it be optional to play for 3rd or split the ranking points based upon the arrangements agreed upon by the participating players. This motion passed unanimously. The rule now reads "Players are not required to play off for 3rd place or 4th place. However, for point standings if one semi-finalist wants to play off for 3rd and the other semi-finalist does not, the one willing to play shall be awarded 3rd place. If both semi-finalists do not wish to play off for 3rd and 4th positions, then the points shall be awarded evenly."

The following rule changes were proposed by Bob Folsom and passed with a unanimous vote by the Board.

Rule 5.9 shall read "The National Singles and National Doubles were separated and will be played on different weekends. There will be a consolation round in all divisions."

Rule 5.9 A shall read "Qualifying Singles. A player may have to qualify at one of the nine (9) regional tournaments. Regions are: Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, South, Mid-West, South-West, West, North-West, East, and Europe (see Rule 5.5 (a))."

Rule 5.9 1 shall read "The National Ratings Committee may handle the rating of each region and determine how many players shall qualify from each regional tournament."

Rule 5.9 2 shall read "All National finalists in each division may be exempt from qualifying for the same division the following year."

Rule 5.9 3 shall read "There may be a tournament one day ahead of the National Tournament at the same site to qualify eight (8) players in each division who were unable to qualify or who failed to qualify in the Regionals."

Rule 5.9 4 "This rule is in force only when a division is obviously over-subscribed."

The elimination of rules 5.11 and 5.12 was proposed and moved by Bob Folsom and passed unanimously. Fred White moved that the rules for One Wall and 3-Wall Racquetball be so designated in bold type and that a table of contents be added to the updated edition of the rule book. Also included in this motion was that the pages be numbered in the new edition. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Klass moved that Boston, The Playoff Club, be selected as the site of the National Doubles pending written verification in the form of a telegram from the club so that this information could be released at the Saturday evening banquet. This motion passed unanimously.

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From this point until the completion of the presentation of these minutes notes were taken by Hallie Singer. This represents the continuation of the meeting that began on Wednesday, May 21, 1980.

Fred White moved that Luke St. Onge appoint a committee to evaluate the grading system of Racquetball players for presentation to this Board at the October meeting in Boston. This was passed by unanimous vote.

Ed Martin moved that Luke St. Onge check out the feasibility of a book on Racquetball that would update Chuck Leve's "Inside Racquetball". This was passed unanimously. The Board is to reply by a mail vote on the information from Mr. St. Onge.

At this point in the meeting Mr. St. Onge and Mrs. Singer were asked to leave the meeting room so that a salary review could begin. Upon returning to the Board meeting Luke St. Onge was directed to implement the planning process with the assistance of Fred White that would be presented to this Board in October.

Bob Klass moved that the winners of Regionals would no longer receive 1/2 their air fare to the the National Singles tournaments. This passed with only Bob Folsom abstaining.

Bob Klass moved that life-time memberships be awarded to outgoing Board Members with the approval of Towery Press. This motion passed with Bob Klass and Mark Wayne abstaining.

The motion for adjournment was passed at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF THE A.A.R.A.

Sunday, May 25, 1980

The meeting of the General Membership of the A.A.R.A. began at 9:45 a.m. with Bob Folsom, outgoing President, giving opening remarks and introductions including Mr. St. Onge who would be handling the election of officers.

Bob Klass then introduced the voting procedure and those candidates in attendance. Nominations from the floor were accepted - Jim Austin, Texas and Maureen Boullette, Massachusetts - were candidates whose names were offered to the ballot. While the vote was counted the meeting resumed.

A financial statement was presented to the general membership by Mr. St. Onge showing that in 1979 \$27,000 was received in royalties as opposed to \$74,000 received in past years basically from the Seamco exclusive ball contract. In 1979 income was \$200,000-\$132,000 of which was membership dues representing \$2,000 less than in 1978. This is due to acceptance of the open ball policy.

Operating expenses mentioned were Salaries at \$50,000 per year; Travel at \$15,000 per year; Postage at \$12,420 per year; Tournament expenses at \$30,000 and magazine production at \$88,000. Outstanding legal fees are \$42,000.

The floor was opened for questions from the membership in regard to the financial report and with none forthcoming Jim Domnick moved that discussion be closed on this subject. This motion was passed.

The various approved ball contracts from eleven (11) manufacturers were discussed in terms of arrangements: ie; \$1000 to initiate the agreement with \$7000 deferred over 390 days and being able to be reduced through promotions on memberships and tournaments.

The pending suit with Wm. B. Tanner was mentioned as was the magazine sweepstakes program that is just ending at the end of May, 1980.

A trade out of our application in Women's Sports Magazine with one of theirs appearing in RACQUETBALL Magazine was published in the May issue of RACQUETBALL.

Luke St. Onge explained how State Directors could immediately gain funds from tournament entry fees by retaining \$1.50 from each new full \$15.00 membership sold at any sanctioned event.

Mr. St. Onge discussed the reasoning for the formation of the International Amateur Racquetball Federation as it being important that the United States be the force to organize such a group to insure that the game played and adopted in foreign countries be that played in the United States.

United States Olympic Committee membership has been tabled until international involvement of the AARA is detailed for them. This does not mean Racquetball is

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ready to be considered as a sport in the Olympics. The first step is membership on the Committee.

The development of the Junior Racquetball Council under the direction of National Junior Commissioner, Ed Martin, was detailed in regard to the Regional structure and the Nationals to be held July 10-13, 1980 in Redding, California.

The National Amateur Ranking System, begun last Summer, has gotten off to a good start with improvements and expansion of this system planned for the future.

The Playoff Club in (Boston) Needham, Massachusetts has been selected for the site of the National Doubles October 16-19, 1980.

It was reported that 500,000 new rule books are to be printed with the rule changes and up-dated information decided upon at this Board Meeting during the Summer of 1980.

Keith Calkins, Rules Commissioner, complimented both the refereeing and the manner of the players during this National Singles tournament.

It was discussed that 3rd and 4th place would be determined only if played off. An application for membership was requested to be placed in the new rule book.

The floor was opened for new business with Glenn Burkett of Florida proposing a double elimination tournament. This item is to be placed on the agenda in October for further and more complete discussion.

Bob Hardcastle, Missouri, asked that the traditional Sunday morning General Membership meeting and breakfast be held earlier on in the schedule of the tournament to allow more representation from those attending as by Sunday many have returned to their homes. This timing of the General Membership meeting is a constitutional requirement and will be discussed as an item on the October Board meeting agenda.

The three new members of the Board elected during this meeting were Paul Henrickson, Mass., Jim Austin, Texas, and Al Schattner, Penn., replacing Mark Wayne, California, Richard Walker, Texas, and outgoing President, Bob Folsom, Mass.

A thank you was expressed to Bob Folsom in appreciation for a job well done.

At 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, May 25, 1980 the meeting was moved for adjournment by Myron Friedman, Maine.

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF
THE A.A.R.A.

Sunday, May 25, 1980

At 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 25, 1980, the meeting was called to order by Luke St. Onge for the purpose of electing new officers of the Association.. Nominated for President were Bob Klass and Keith Calkins. Each candidate spoke in their own behalf. The winning candidate was Keith Calkins. Dr. Calkins asked for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. John Lepore was nominated and accepted by acclamation. Jim Austin was nominated for the position of Rules Commissioner and accepted by acclamation.

Dr. Calkins presented to the Board his views on Board members' obligations. He asked for 1) a firm budget, 2) membership applications, 3) a review of the constitution with a report back in October (Bob Klass has been appointed to make this study) and a closer feeling for the travel plans of Mr. St. Onge.

Paul Henrickson was appointed to be a special member of the Board to work on the Membership Committee. Al Schattner was appointed to serve on the Financial Committee.

It was suggested that a constitutional change be investigated to cover resolutions from the floor submitted at the General Membership meeting. There should be no item passed at a General Membership meeting, but should be presented as an item to be discussed by the Board of Directors.

A verbal request from the Board should be confirmed in writing.

It was warned that Penn Athletic Products was beginning to look like they are overly involved with the AARA to the point of excluding other manufacturers. This should not be allowed to happen.

Board members were advised to bring all of their materials (correspondence, rules, constitution) to all Board meetings.

Special awards are to be approved/the Board before being awarded arbitrarily by the Executive Director.

John Lepore moved that the past president be included to serve as an Ex Officio member of the Board for one year as a non-voting member. Bob Klass opposed this motion, however the remaining Board members voted in favor and this motion passed.

Bob Klass moved that travel not be paid to Board Meeting for this Ex-Officio position and this motion passed.

Fred White moved that we send a representative to ISPO. It was suggested that Luke St. Onge attend with independent funds not from the Association and that he is to inform the Board of when the monies would be available and where they would come from and his plans for attending. This motion passed.

Dr. Calkins requested that details and specifics be given to the Board from the Executive Director (items he might judge to be unimportant) in order to keep the Board better informed and that the Board in turn read materials sent to them with care and question any items or areas they are unsure of.

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At 12:45 p.m. Jim Austin moved for adjournment and there being no further business this was passed.

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AMERICAN AMATEUR RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION
Tuesday, October 14, 1980
Needham (Boston) MA

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Amateur Racquetball Association was called to order on Tuesday, October 14, 1980, by President, Keith Calkins at 11:15 a.m. at the Park Tower Motor Inn in Needham, Massachusetts.

The following Directors were present:	Al Schattner	Keith Calkins
	Paul Henrickson	John Lepore
	Fred White	Jim Austin

Ex-officio in attendance was past president, Bob Folsom.
Also present were Executive Director, Luke St. Onge and Administrator, Hallie Singer.
Not attending were Bob Klass and Ed Martin.

Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held in Miami were approved as mailed.

The report of the audit conducted by David Derner, CPA, was presented by Al Schattner. In particular this company felt a more sophisticated form for reporting expenses of employees should be prepared and that the Summer would be a better time for a yearly audit. This information would then be presented at the October meetings of the Board.

Luke St. Onge was called upon to present the "state of the Association".

The financial report prepared by the National office was reviewed with comments on the idea of our tournaments being used as an effective fund raising vehicle. The increase in the amount of sanctioned events was noted as well as the cooperation in the field from local volunteers. It has been brought to our attention that the USRA/NRC seems to be losing ground with their state volunteers with their lack of interest in the amateur. The AARA has gained quite a following of past USRA supporters in recent weeks.

A decision is to be made at a later point in the agenda of this meeting, but those interested in bidding on the site of the 1981 National Singles Championships and the bids on the ball to be designated as "official" for the Regionals & Nationals were mentioned as were those bidding on the Juniors' program. Progress in the intercollegiate and juniors direction was discussed with the interest of manufacturers to support these programs revealed.

At 1:00 ,p.m. a lunch recess was called by President, Calkins, to reconvene at 1:50 p.m.

An overview in report form from Mark Seitman of Towery Press was presented by Luke St. Onge and the relationship and commitment to RACQUETBALL Magazine and Towery was covered. It was felt that the Association still "needs" Towery Press and that it could not fund the publication on its own. In addition there is a contractual agreement that the AARA is still covered by. The Association needs 40,000 members/subscribers to be clear of the Towery debt. It is still conceivable that the sale of the magazine by Towery will be accomplished within six (6) months. It is also felt that the magazine and promotion

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of the Association should be two separate agreements.

Al Schattner moved that the Board accept the request from AMF Head to allow them to dissolve the "approved" ball agreement as they are no longer in the ball business. The motion passed unanimously.

The contract agreement with Jokari was mentioned by Luke St. Onge as having been most important to the Association. This is a three year contract at \$5000 per year paid at \$1250 each quarter on their (Jokari's) Racquetball Without the Walls.

The contract with Don Kessinger on his Sports Radar Gun was discussed as giving the Association a 2 1/2% return on each unit sold. The first payment of \$500 was made to the Association on the Chuck Leve up-dated version of Inside Racquetball. This book is to be marketed in June, 1981.

The Hertz return is minimal, but a good PR benefit.

The background on the Seamco settlement and involvement was again discussed and the Board was brought up to date on this matter. It was revealed to the Board that Seamco is still paying a royalty to the USRA on the balls that the AARA uses at sanctioned events using their ball. The Board gave in informal "o.k." for Seamco to come out with an "approved" ball.

A sample patch was presented to this Board as an item that could be saleable through RACQUETBALL Magazine or used as an award type item for special recognition of involvement. This item was suggested and prepared by Wm. McNamara formerly of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports who has been quite supportive of the AARA and helpful to the Association.

The International picture was presented in total with the importance of the IARF's membership in GAISF re-emphasized as this will designate the AARA as the national governing body of Racquetball in the United States. Al Schattner moved that the U.S. (AARA) should send a team to represent Racquetball in the World Games I, if invited to participate. The exact structure and details of the format of this team and its selection and the type of competition it will be involved in will be decided upon in May at that meeting of the Board. This motion passed unanimously.

The United States Olympic Committee is looking at the AARA for international development, international competition and the inclusion of Racquetball in the Pan Am Games as possible decision making factors towards awarding the AARA membership in the USOC.

St. Onge asked that any special awards to be made in May, 1981, at the National Singles and General membership meeting, be given lengthy consideration and plenty of time in which to properly make these arrangements.

The amount of travelling done by St. Onge was noted and it was pointed out that this has been minimal with plans to attend the NCCA meeting in January as the Association will have a booth at this time the next planned trip.

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The status of the Point West law suit was discussed noting that Wm. B. Tanner had settled along with Dart and that Bob Kendler is still holding out and will most probably take this to trial with Point West possibly receiving approximately 2 million from Kendler.

The Tanner/AARA suit was discussed and it was noted that the Association should be prepared to take Wm. B. Tanner's deposition and that to do this the necessary monies needed to be appropriated. The Board awarded an informal "o.k." with no motion being made on this item as it was felt it was an item that would come under the auspices of the decision making responsibility of the Executive Director.

Slazenger has begun to market a ball showing AARA approved but does not comply with or have an agreement with the Association as an "approved" agent. A letter was sent to the company notifying our concern of this situation to them from our attorney, Bob Benham.

At this point (3:50 p.m.) Luke St. Onge concluded his report and a short recess was taken.

Upon reconvening the subject of regional alignment was discussed. It was generally felt that the present regions are too large and that since the Association is no longer faced with paying transportation of regional winners to the Nationals our primary concern is to increase the number of participants. Discussion followed that there should be sixteen (16) new regions redrawn (including Americans in Europe). The exact states in each region will be voted upon after reviewing several proposals on Wednesday, October 15, 1980, the second day of this meeting, in order to allow time for each of the Board members to review the possibilities.

It was felt by the Board and directed to the Executive Director that all bids presented to the Association for consideration in terms of a site for the National singles championships or a ball to be designated as the "official" ball be acknowledged in writing by the Executive Director. A complete review of all of the offers made to this Board was discussed with a decision to be made on October 15, 1980.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on October 15, 1980.

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Second Day

President Calkins called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on October 15, 1980. This being the second day of the regular meeting of the AARA Board of Directors.

Al Schattner moved that the following new structure for regions be accepted and that this information be published in the November issue of RACQUETBALL Magazine. It is the responsibility of this Board to re-evaluate the structure of these newly defined regions in May, 1981 at the annual meeting of this Board. This motion passed unanimously.

Region 1 - Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut
Region 2 - New York, New Jersey
Region 3 - Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, District of Columbia
Region 4 - Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina
Region 5 - Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee
Region 6 - Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma
Region 7 - Texas, Louisiana
Region 8 - Wisconsin, Iowa
Region 9 - West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan
Region 10 - Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky
Region 11 - North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska
Region 12 - Arizona, New Mexico, Utah
Region 13 - Wyoming, Colorado
Region 14 - Nevada, California, Hawaii
Region 15 - Montana, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Alaska
Region 16 - Americans in Europe

Al Schattner moved that this Board support the Junior dates and sites selected by the Junior Council for both the Junior Regionals and Nationals. This motion passed unanimously.

Jim Austin moved that an open letter on the standardization of amateur rules be published in the November issue of RACQUETBALL Magazine and this motion passed unanimously.

Al Schattner moved that the "Simborg Code of Conduct on Self Refereeing" (document attached) be accepted by the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Following are changes to be made to the present "Official Rules of Racquetball" that are to be published showing a revised date of October, 1980:

Rule 3.9 APPEALS - should add the following sentence to the end of the present form of the rule, "The following are appealable calls: fault and out serves; double bounce pick-ups, skip balls, rules interpretations, etc.

Rule 4.14 PROFESSIONAL - should have the following sentence to follow the initial statement "(NRC, PRA, WPRA, IPRO, NARP) or any other association so deemed by the AARA Board of Directors."

Fred White moved that the Executive Director be charged to experiment with new scoring systems in events other than the Regionals and Nationals. This motion passed unanimously.

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Jim Austin moved that Phil Panarella be appointed consultant to the AARA Board of Directors in the area of eye guard safety with a report to this Board in May, 1981, at the annual meeting. This motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. to hear a presentation by Gene Gibbs from the Court House in Boise, Idaho. Mr. Gibbs represented the Court House in their bid for the National Singles site in May, 1981. After a review of the bids submitted for consideration of a location for the site of the National Singles (Chicago - Ray Mitchell; Los Angeles - Gary Williams of Creative Tournaments; San Francisco - Keith Davis of the Telegraph Hill Club; Chicopee, MA - Paul Gelinas of Empire One club) the selection of the Court House in Boise was unanimously chosen by the Board.

AMF Voit was awarded the "official" ball status and bid for the 1981 Regionals and Nationals.

It was agreed by the Board to settle an outstanding account with Myron Friedman, attorney, by paying his yearly membership in the Association until the balance of the account was settled.

In the discussion following a review of the nominating structure and committee was covered. Keith Calkins replaced Bob Klass as Chairman of this committee with members of the committee being Fred White, Jim Austin, Paul Henrickson, and Al Schattner. These committee members are to meet to prepare a ballot during this tournament that will be decided upon in May at the General Membership meeting. It was suggested that nominees would be presented to the general membership through space in RACQUETBALL Magazine with a picture and short biographical sketch one month prior to the meeting/National Singles. Each state and regional director would be asked to send nominees in a letter form to members of the Nominating Committee. This would be asked of the membership also through a letter published in RACQUETBALL Magazine.

Al Schattner reviewed the report on the AARA constitution prepared by Richard S. Crone, an attorney in Pittsburgh, PA. Mr. Schattner will distribute this report to the Board for changes and this will be reviewed in May, 1981 (or 45 days in advance of the May meeting) in order to make a decision on any changes to the present AARA constitution. Items to be considered:

1. Board members who do not complete terms
2. Length of the term of President and other officers
3. Mixed Doubles to be added to the National Doubles divisions

Executive Director, Luke St. Onge, was charged by this Board to investigate a site for the Intercollegiate Championships as the proposed bid from Colorado Springs was not found to be entirely suitable due to location and that the weather conditions at the time of the year (February) when this competition is held would pose a problem.

John Lepore is to do a skill testing criteria with a report back to the Board in May, 1981. It was proposed that a different time be considered for holding the General Membership meeting in Boise. In the past the Sunday morning meeting

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met with poor attendance as many players had returned to their homes. Therefore Friday evening was suggested. No decision was made.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the review of the goals projected in Miami - May, 1980, at the Board meeting held there. Fred White led this discussion and some of the major issues discussed were:

Player Development
State and Regional Development
Policies and Procedures
Promotions
Refereeing
Rankings
Membership objectives

A review of these goals and the progress that has been made toward accomplishing the objectives set forth will be discussed and reviewed in May, 1981 at the Boise meeting.

This regular meeting of the AARA Board of Directors was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. by President Keith Calkins.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

March 30, 1981

4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

CONFERENCE CALL

The meeting was called to order by President, Keith Calkins. Those present were:

Luke St. Onge	Al Schattner
Hallie Singer	Ed Martin
Jim Austin	Bob Klass
John Lepore	Fred White
Paul Henrickson	Bob Folsom

The first item on the agenda addressed by President Calkins was the possible conflict of interest between those members serving on our AARA Board who also were adopting a proposal from Phil Simborg of Racquetball Today. Attached is an example of Paul Henrickson's plan which he feels is working for him and is showing success.

Discussion ensued in regard to the ultimate goal of Racquetball Today being their success and the failure of the AARA. However, it was felt that in general there was no difficulty in having Mr. Simborg make a presentation to this Board at its meeting to be held in Boise in May and that it would be best to keep a low profile on this matter and re-evaluate our position and the influence that RBT has had on the public at that time.

Put into nomination for the 4 positions on the Board of Directors of the AARA were the following: Nita Adams, California ^{Corrected} Al Seitelman, New York

~~Mary~~ ^B Dean, Texas (Dean) ^{H.S.} Ron Jeter, Louisiana

Marilyn Ross, Pennsylvania George Dwyer, Colorado

Holly Farris, California Chester Phillips, Arkansas

Dewayne Grimes, Kansas Don Lowe, California

These names will appear on a ballot prepared by Keith Calkins and presented to the general membership at the time each member registers for the National Singles tournament in Boise.

Discussion on the proposed sale and restructure of membership in the AARA as being available without a magazine was next on the agenda. The proposed plans would be:

A- A Membership only

B- a Magazine only

C- a combination of magazine and membership with the dues structure the same

This was placed into a formal motion by Al Schattner and all voted in favor of this with only Paul Henrickson abstaining.

Luke St. Onge was then charged by this Board to attempt to settle the Tanner vs. AARA law suit out of court and to report these results to this Board.

At 5:14 p.m. EST both Mr. St. Onge and Ms. Singer left the line and the Board members discussed the contract of Mr. St. Onge.

At the conclusion of this discussion, President Calkins adjourned this conference call meeting (exact time not known at the time these minutes were transcribed).

ADDENDUM: Total cost of call \$404.00 time - 75 minutes

MINUTES OF
A.A.R.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, May 19, 1981
Boise, Idaho

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Amateur Racquetball Association was called to order on Tuesday, May 19, 1981 at 9:25 a.m. by President, Keith Calkins, at the Red Lion Motor Inn in Boise, Idaho. Those in attendance were:

Ed Martin
John Lepore
Paul Henrickson
Jim Austin

Al Schattner
Keith Calkins
Luke St. Onge
Hallie Singer

President Calkins asked for corrections or additions to the minutes from the October, 1980, meeting in Boston. Jim Austin submitted the correction that candidate for a Board position, Mary Bean, be shown correctly as Bean and not Dean. Mr. Austin then moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. This motion passed unanimously.

The attached article was read to the Board by President Calkins. Discussion took place regarding a possible conflict of interest on the part of Paul Henrickson and Jim Austin as relating to their contracts with SSS/RACQUETBALL TODAY and their positions on this Board. Board members felt that there should be a definite position taken and that one should either serve this AARA Board or RACQUETBALL TODAY, but not both. No motion was formalized on this issue, however Mr. St. Onge, executive director, was directed by this Board to compose a letter in reply to the article in question that would be published in the July-August issue of RACQUETBALL Magazine and sent to major Racquetball publications. This letter is to be signed by all present Board members.

Luke St. Onge presented his overview on the state of the Association. He asked that the Board be positive in their approach to National Reporter Publications owner, Gerald Pope, new owner of RACQUETBALL Magazine when Mr. Pope makes his presentation later in this agenda. (Some specific questions to be directed to Mr. Pope - Can individual states order labels direct from the computer service?; can we receive a more complete breakdown of membership information?; can the calendar of events be regionalized?) Discussion on the financial situation of our agreement with NRP and their problems with delayed billing of membership as well as how the breakout of membership monies are divided among Towery, NRP and AARA in relation to paying off the Towery debt was discussed.

Nancy Crowell, Editor of RACQUETBALL, was introduced and her presentation to the Board will follow on May 20th.

Discussion of arrangements for World Games I in Santa Clara, California July 24-August 2 (Racquetball's participation in the Games to be held August 1 and 2) was covered and a motion was made by Ed Martin that the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the National Open division of the Singles Championships both in Men's and Women's divisions would represent the U.S. as our Singles team and the 1st place Open Men's and Women's team winners in the National Doubles Championships would represent the U.S. in Doubles competition. The 1st alternate would be the Boy's and Girl's 17 and under (new age division classification to be in effect as of September 1, 1981) Junior Championship winners and the 2nd alternate would be the Men's and Women's Intercollegiate Champion. This motion passed unanimously.

At 1:45 p.m. Gerald Pope made his presentation and answered questions from the Board. A short recess was called at 3:00 p.m.

At 3:15 p.m. This meeting was again called to order and Luke St. Onge gave a report on

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the 1981 Intercollegiate Championships. A discussion and review of the 1981 Regional tournaments was also covered by Mr. St. Onge as well as the problems pertaining to these Regionals. It was suggested that space would be given in the magazine to explain that bids on the 1982 Nationals Singles site and all Regional sites would be accepted and an explanation of how court clubs could make such a bid would be included.

The financial situation of the Association was discussed in depth with the pay back agreement to Towery Press re-explained as to begin October 1, 1981, and how NRP has secured this debt of \$150,000.

All contractual agreements that the Association has with manufacturers were reviewed.

The meeting of all Racquetball involved persons attending the NSGA show in January in Chicago (the "Summit" meeting) was discussed as was John Denley's insurance proposal. Mr. Denley is currently serving as the AARA New Jersey State Director and had offered a possible plan to all AARA members that was to be presented at this Board meeting. However, Mr. Denley was unable to attend and make this presentation.

The Board directed Mr. St. Onge to look into the possibility of purchasing a copy machine.

It was mentioned that an extra listing of court clubs could be purchased at a minimum of \$25.00 with approximately the cost being \$3.00 per 1000.

The NCCA meeting in Las Vegas was discussed and the court club proposal that had been presented during this meeting was reviewed. It was felt that this type of promotion should not be done until we are totally equipped to do such a selling job. It was also felt that this was extremely difficult to promote and sell without the right sales approach.

The National Senior's Invitational will be held the first weekend in December with Paul Henrickson in charge.

Luke St. Onge explained Racquetball and the AARA's involvement in the Explorer Boy Scout program.

Reprinting of our rule book was discussed as being on schedule for September 1, 1981.

Paul Henrickson was directed to update guidelines for State Directors and possibly compile a State Directors' handbook. It was suggested that these State Directors be polled for their ideas. In addition a possible State Directors' meeting should be planned for.

Audit of the Association is planned for January, 1981, but it was noted that funds would be necessary to pay for this before it could be arranged.

A nominating committee report by Keith Calkins as well as the manner in which preparing this information was compiled was discussed by Mr. Calkins. Candidates will meet with Mr. Calkins before the election to discuss their responsibilities for holding a position on the AARA Board.

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Ed Martin gave a report on the Junior Council and the dates for the National Junior Championships were reviewed. It was suggested that June 24-27 be chosen as the date to hold this event and it will be suggested to the Junior Council with the final decision to be made by them. Al Schattner moved that age divisions for Junior players be revised and determined as - 18, 16, 14, 12, 10 and 8 and under for both boys and girls. The 8 and under division would be a non-championship no bounce event. This motion passed unanimously.

Al Schattner moved that the scoring be changed in Junior divisions to be - all matches to be the best two out of three games to 15 points with a win by one point. The tie-breaker is a win by 2 points up to 21 points. This motion passed.

A possible "Parent's Technical" was discussed and will be a part of the Junior Council's agenda and they will determine if they wish to implement such a ruling. It was discussed that Northern California has its own Junior Regional Council and it would serve as a model for other organized regions. Ed Martin commented that his only real duties as Junior Commissioner was to be responsible for the Junior page in RACQUETBALL Magazine and to serve as a counsel and guide for the Junior Council President. It was indicated that the real working responsibilities of the Junior Division lay with the President of the Junior Council who at this time is Dewane Grimes.

A possible major fund raising project for the Juniors is the sale of our magazine to professional people and this is to be conducted by Region. A program of this nature is to be detailed and followed through with by the Junior Council. The Junior Team concept was discussed. Penn Athletic Products Co. is beginning a Junior's tournament program across the country and their package and the details of how a tournament director could be a part of this program was outlined. This project is to begin in late September, 1981. All of these Penn Junior tournaments are to be AARA sanctioned. It was suggested that the adult Board of the AARA as well as the adult Regional Directors of the AARA receive copies of all Junior Council and division information. It was also suggested that there should be a page in the Rule Book devoted to rules for Junior play - this never formalized as a motion.

At 6:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 1981.

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At 9:00 a.m. on May 20th the Regular meeting of the AARA Board of Directors was reconvened and called to order by Keith Calkins. All present on May 19th were again in attendance.

Jim Austin, National Rules Commissioner gave his report on rules. Attached find those rules that were accepted and will be effective September 1, 1981. (A discussion of professionalism and how to define an amateur as well as whether or not the AARA should sanction monied tournaments was discussed though no formal motion was placed on the floor). These rules were introduced at the October Board meeting in Boston, published in RACQUETBALL Magazine and adopted into use at this meeting effective with the publication of the latest edition of "Official Rules of Racquetball" approximately September 1, 1981.

As an emergency measure a rule regarding racquet specifications was adopted as moved by Paul Henrickson. This rule is included in the attached newly accepted rule changes.

It was proposed that Mixed Doubles would be offered as a trial event (non-championship) at the National Doubles competition in October, 1981. There were suggestions on the format of the 1981 Doubles competition ie; only allow one partner in order to avoid scheduling delays.

Nancy Crowell, RACQUETBALL Magazine editor, made her presentation to the Board offering to work with and meet the needs of the Board in their view of what would be valuable input into the magazine. She explained the new deadline of the 1st of the month - a 60 day leadtime as all materials would be then sent to Dallas where the layout and assembling of the issue would occur. By the 25th of each month additions to our membership list must be in Bixby, OK in order to receive the next month's issue. She asked for suggestions for "departments" and it was revealed that the calendar of events would lose its centerfold position.

The meeting was recessed for one hour. At 1:00 p.m. the Board reconvened to hear a presentation by George Dwyer on his Senior Citizen's program, and it was suggested that we add to our "How to Sanction a Tournament" letter a specific mention of the need for including Golden Masters divisions in all levels of tournaments.

Mr. Dwyer also discussed his organization of a Racquetball program within the military and his involvement with the realigning the Wyoming Racquetball Association with the AARA.

Al Schattner moved that a Section 3 be added under Article 8 in the Constitution stating that if a Board of Director dies, resigns or is removed, a new Director will be elected by a majority of votes cast by the remaining Board members. This motion passed unanimously.

Keith Calkins intends to rework the Constitution as was done with the "cleaning up" of the Rule Book. This is to be done over the Summer and presented to this Board in October for final approval.

Paul Henrickson moved that all State and Regional Directors along with members of the Board and the Executive Director receive their membership in the Association without cost as long as they serve in these capacities. This motion passed unanimously.

Jim Austin moved that all entry fees for National Singles and National Doubles tournaments be waived for all State and Regional Directors and this to be effective at the October, 1981 Doubles Championships. This motion passed unanimously.

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Paul Henrickson moved that the following membership plans become effective:

- A - Temporary membership for that one tournament only with one magazine at a cost of \$3.00 with \$1.50 to stay with the state association and \$1.50 to be returned to National - under this plan the name alone would be sent to NRP and no card issued.
- B - A \$6.00 membership allows participants to play in any sanctioned AARA event for an entire year and receive 3 issues of RACQUETBALL Magazine with \$3.00 remaining at the state level and \$3.00 being sent to National
- C - \$15.00 allows a full year's membership and magazines for a full year with \$4.00 staying with the state association and the remainder being sent to National.

All plans were accepted unanimously.

In October Keith Calkins intends to select a committee to establish a criteria for selecting the "Person of the Year". This year the criteria used was similar to that used to select Hall of Fame inductees. Nominated for Person of the Year were Gene Grapes, Bernie Howard, Dewane Grimes, Maureen Henrickson, Paul Henrickson and Ed Martin. Co-winners of the award for 1980-81 were Paul Henrickson and Ed Martin.

Nominations for Man Player of the Year were Jack Newman, Larry Fox, Jim Austin, Ed Andrews, Ike Gumer, Myron Roderick and Bud Muehleisen. Bud Muehleisen was the winner.

Nominations for Woman Player of the Year were Mona Mook and Carol Frenck. Carol Frenck was the winner.

This Board will meet on Thursday, May 21, 1981, to discuss the contract of Executive Director, Luke St. Onge. At approximately 6:00 p.m. this meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF
THE A.A.R.A.
Saturday, May 23, 1981

On Saturday, May 23, 1981 a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the AARA was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President, Keith Calkins. Those present were Mr. Calkins, Ed Martin, John Lepore, Al Schattner, Jim Austin, Paul Henrickson, Luke St. Onge and newly elected Board members Holly Ferris, Barbara Smith, Dewane Grimes and George Dwyer.

Nominated and elected unanimously for the position of Vice President was Al Schattner. Nominated and elected unanimously for the position of National Rules Commissioner was Paul Henrickson.

The following committees were appointed by Mr. Calkins:

Hall of Fame - Keith Calkins, Bud Muehleisen, Barb Smith, Al Schattner, Holly Ferris, and George Dwyer

Golden Masters - George Dwyer, Bill Gillio and Al Schattner

Scoring - Jim Austin and Vince Wolanin

Financial - Al Schattner and John Lepore

Membership - Paul Henrickson, Ed Martin and Jim Austin

Special Programs - Jim Austin, Keith Calkins and Dewane Grimes

It was moved by John Lepore that the "Official" ball for the National Doubles 1981 and the bid presented to this Board by Penn Athletic Products Co. be accepted as the product and bid for the 1981 Doubles Championship event. This motion passed unanimously.

The National Doubles will be held at the Monroeville Racquet Club in Monroeville, PA (Pittsburgh) October 22-25, 1981. The Racquet Club will receive \$4.00 per entry and \$2.00 from every second event entry.

At all future National Singles and Doubles it was suggested that a general meeting be held with State and Regional Directors giving them clear explanations of their responsibilities and duties.

There will be special recognition of the Regional and State Director of the Year.

A profile of each recipient will appear in RACQUETBALL as will a monthly recognition of a State Director or Regional Director to be selected each month by Luke St. Onge and Paul Henrickson. All state and regional directors will be requested to send to National a picture and short biographical sketch of themselves.

Also to be listed in RACQUETBALL will be the top 10 states by membership on a monthly updated basis.

A) Dimensions- "The total length and width of the official racquet may not exceed 27 inches. The length of the head, measured from the top of the handle to the top of the head, may not exceed 13.5 inches. The head width may not exceed 9 inches. These measurements are computed from the outer edge of the racquet head rims. The handle may not exceed 7 inches in length."

2.5 Uniform

B) Eye protection is required in all AARA sanctioned Junior events and for any participant under the age of 19 in any AARA tournament.

4.4 Dead Ball Serves

B) Screen Balls- Passes so close to the server or the servers partner to obstruct the view of the returning side. Any serve passing behind the servers partner and the sidewall is an automatic screen.

4.10 A) 2- page 22 Hitting opponent-

Any returned ball that touches an opponent on the fly before it returns to the front wall with the exception of a ball that obviously does not have the velocity or direction to reach the front wall.

Rule 4.10 A) 4- Screen Ball-

Passes so close to the body of a player on the side which just returned the ball to interfere with or prevent the returning side from seeing the ball, if there is no fair chance to see or return the ball.

Rule 4.12 E Page 24- Rest Periods-

Rest Periods - a five minute rest period is allowed between the first and second games and a five minute rest period between the second and third games.

Rule 4.16 - Age Group Decisions-

Age is determined as of the first day of the tournament.

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AMERICAN AMATEUR RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION
Tuesday, October 20, 1981
Monroeville, PA

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Amateur Racquetball Association was called to order on Tuesday, October 20, 1981 at 9:05 a.m. by President, Keith Calkins.

The following Directors were present:	Barb Smith	Holly Ferris
	Keith Calkins	Al Schattner
	Jim Austin	Paul Henrickson
	George Dwyer	

Also attending were Executive Director, Luke St. Onge and Executive Secretary, Hallie Singer. Not present were Ed Martin, John Lepore and Dewane Grimes.

The minutes from the May, 1981, meeting of this Board were approved as submitted.

Additions to the agenda were requested, there being none the meeting proceeded with a recap of the Association's relationship and working arrangement with RACQUETBALL Magazine.

A recap of the past history of the Association and its involvement with each law suit was again detailed and it was the suggestion of the Board in general that this information be worked up in a formal and permanent report form in order to refresh each member's memory of this information without having to spend so much time at each meeting reviewing this item.

A presentation and discussion of the budget was the next item on the agenda and it was suggested that each coverage on the budget in the future should be footnoted so that it would be better understood by each member when reviewed.

An explanation of the way rebates are given to state associations was discussed and it was mentioned that certain state associations felt they should receive rebates from those memberships sent directly to National. This in reference to NEW memberships only, not renewals.

Mr. St. Onge gave a report on World Games I and the financial situation that the Games itself is in and the way in which the U.S. team was funded.

An overview of the Juniors' program was given and as an agenda item in May it was decided that the policy for awarding a National site and the sponsorship of same would be discussed.

The Penn-AARA Intercollegiate program was discussed and felt that the Penn concept of this program was not in line with the AARA concept. With this in mind Luke St. Onge was directed to express our strong position on this when he next met with the Penn representatives. At the time of this meeting the Intercollegiate Nationals were set for April 9-11, however the final date due to a conflict with the Easter Holiday was set for April 2-4. Miller Brewing Company has donated \$10,000 in

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scholarship monies for this event. Keith Calkins recommends the formation of an Intercollegiate Council similar to our Junior Council and that as an agenda item for our May meeting an Intercollegiate Commissioner be determined from this Board as an officer of this Board.

All Regional sites and dates have been "basically" determined.

A recess was called at 12:00 noon and the meeting resumed at 1:10 p.m.

Al Schetzer was introduced as a representative from "Racquetball Today" a Chicago based newspaper that asked for an open line of communication from the Association to this publication and that the AARA change its posture toward Racquetball Today. Al Schetzer asked for a written release from National Reporter Publications, the publishers of RACQUETBALL Magazine, before moving into any RBT agreement. It was suggested that this be settled within thirty days.

A report on all contractual agreements was given:

RAM - has not responded
WILSON - is interested, but has not replied
TRENWAY - bankrupt
POINT WEST - bankrupt
VITTERN - dropped "approval" agreement
EKTELON - wants to reactivate relationships and
will direct and not through their P.R.
firm of Phillips Organisation
JOKARI - this is up in Jan. 1, 1982, but they
are asking for basically the same arrangement.

George Dwyer gave a report and up date as Military Commissioner and revealed the way in which the AARA can sanction a military event is by stating that it is held "under the auspices of" the AARA. He reported there will be a tournament in Las Vegas sponsored by Lite and Penn called "Sho Boat" for 4 days for active and retired military during the first week in February.

The possibility of relocating the National office was discussed with Jim Austin proposing that the Headquarters consider Houston and the sports complex in the planning stages for that city with the idea that National competition would be held consistently in the same location and more centrally located. It was felt that should the Association Headquarters make such a move it be placed on an bid basis to the general public and that this item would again be looked at in May at the Board meeting at that time.

The state associations were reviewed with special mention of Bob Bruce in Washington who has begun to build this area, Jon Denley in New Jersey who has the insurance for IRSA (750 clubs) and appears to have the attention of the court club owners, and Bill Gillespie who has currently moved from Washington to Indiana.

The Board was advised that the magazine would maintain its own computer listing separate from our membership listing that would give to us memberships only and membership/subscriptions at the various rates (\$6.00, 15.00, etc.).

North American Zone competition will take place if Canada becomes a part of it and this is scheduled for late Summer, 1982

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It is still rumor at this point as to the outcome of the USRA/NRC. Still no official notification as to their functioning capacity.

The Board was informed of the trademark search and the settlement that was reached with A.R.A. in Ohio. The AARA name and logo is now protected and registered, however this cost the Association \$1000.00 and is being paid in \$100 installments, in addition to the attorney fees related to this matter.

Paul Henrickson moved that a Wheel Chair division be recognized and held at the National Singles in May, 1982. This motion past unanimously.

George Dwyer moved that Sam DeCrispino be named as Commissioner for the Handicapped and this motion passed unanimously. It was noted that each site bidding on the Nationals be made aware that such a division would be competed and special considerations be noted if there be specific needs related to this division.

Proposal to sell AARA lapel pins introduced to the Board.

Two suggestions brought before the Board, but not acted upon were the ideas of selling cars through the Association (Bill Gillespie's promotion) and the sale of a Health Spa through holding a tournament and the winner receiving this as a grand prize.

Our official instructional book "Inside Racquetball" supposedly to be on sale October 19th, has as yet not made the stands.

No report from the Membership Committee as Chairman Paul Henrickson respectfully submits his resignation, but wishes to remain on this committee, but not as Chairman.

Keith Calkins requests and expects a total financial picture in May. An audit of the Association is to be done each December, but without the necessary funds to pay for this it cannot be contracted. Last year's audit is still not paid for.

Keith Calkins discussed requirements for those individuals interested in running for a Board position - be of good character, available to serve on committees and be able to attend 3 day Board meetings at least twice a year. He hopes to publish a list of the nominees in RACQUETBALL Magazine and indicate that these individuals will be voted upon at the General Membership meeting at the National Singles and urge all to attend and exercise their voting priviledges. There will be three vacancies on the Board.

A Hall of Fame Committee report included a request for names to be considered as candidates for the Hall of Fame and those names in consideration are John Halverson, Ike Gumer and Gene Grapes. Other names mentioned were to be listed and recorded for posterity and consideration in the future - these included: Peggy Steding, Chuck Spalding, Bob Kendler.

Al Schattner moved that our "Person of the Year Award" be renamed as the "John Halverson" award. This motion passed unanimously with Paul Henrickson not voting as he had already left this session. Keith Calkins will contact Mrs. Halverson to see if she will make this award presentation in May.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 and is to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 1982.

On Wednesday, October 21st the meeting of the Board of Directors resumed at 9:00a.m. in attendance were those members present on the 20th of October and in addition Director, John Lepore.

Jim Austin gave a report on the Rules committee and indicated that all State and Regional Directors had been asked to contact their respective players/members for suggestions regarding rule changes. The opportunity for the general membership/public to participate in effecting any alteration of the rules had been made available.

The following are suggested new rules or changes in current rules that are to be published for the public to review and comment upon. A vote of this Board in May will determine if these will become approved rule changes.

A new age group to be determined in the 25-29 category and called "Junior Veterans".

Change of current rule 1.6 Match: A match is won by the side first winning two games.
a) In the event that each participant or team wins one game, the match shall be decided by a fifteen point tiebreaker. TO a) In the event that each participant or team wins one game, the match shall be decided by an eleven point tiebreaker.

Change current rule 4.5 a) Foot Faults:1. When the server leaves the service zone before the served ball passes the short line. TO Move to rule 4.6 - OUT SERVES (h) If the server leaves the service zone before the served ball passes the short line it shall result in the loss of serve.

Change of current rule 3.8 Linespeople....Both linespersons must disagree with the referee in order to reverse the ruling...In the event that one linesperson disagrees and the other signals that they did not see the call in question, the point shall be replayed. TO Drop the latter sentence, making the requirement that both linespersons must disagree with the referee to overrule him.

Holly Ferris suggested that all NEW rules be taped to the referees position so that they can be available should any question arise.

Jim Austin suggested that all NEW rules be printed in the revised rule book in BOLD type to indicate that they are the NEW rules and also perhaps list all new rules in the beginning of the book.

Mixed Doubles to be played for the first time as an extra event in these 1981 Doubles will be reviewed as to determine whether they will become a permanent part of the Doubles competition on the National level. A vote in May will decide this division addition.

At 10:20 a.m. Bob Beebe of Penn Athletic Products Co. made a presentation to the Board regarding Penn's goals and intended involvement with the Association.

Jimmy Looper of Miller Brewing Company made a brief presentation to the Board outlining Miller's desire to work with the Association through their local distributors who have received detailed packets explaining this working relationship.

Following these remarks from Penn and Miller Keith Calkins asked what other approach has been made to what other manufacturers outside the industry. It was indicated that several one time letters had been written but that the time and money it takes to pursue this is not there. It was noted by Keith Calkins that we must realize we cannot continue to survive on membership alone and that perhaps other members of the Board could make the contacts with National sponsors. Luke St. Onge would send the Board packets showing how to make such a presentation. Paul Henrickson has such a vehicle that he is using in a 3-phase program and said he would send this also.

Keith Calkins gave a report on the constitution revisement and asked that his committee of Al Schattner, George Dwyer, and John Lepore meet during this tournament and deal with the suggestions and necessary clean up of the wording in the constitution. Keith Calkins asked that Al Schattner chair this committee. One item in particular was the committee structure itself that needs to be looked at and perhaps use more people in the field to participate and work on these standing committees.

It was the suggestion of Keith Calkins that the new President of the Board and hopefully the other members of the Board make every effort to visit the Headquarters in Memphis after being elected. It is in his opinion important to see the operational aspects of the office. It was discussed that after May's meeting a rescheduling of Board meetings be evaluated and changed for the coming year.

A recess was called for lunch and the meeting resumed at 1:15 p.m. with a presentation by Bob Smith of Seamco who discussed that this company would like a closer working relationship with the Association now that their concept is altered with the change in the USRA/NRC associations.

Al Schattner moved that the Board accept Penn's bid on the Junior and Adult Regionals and Nationals. The motion passed. Penn's cash grant for the Junior's is \$5000 and \$2500 for the Adults. Barb Smith moved that the additional \$2500 from Penn be divided among the Regions according to the total entries in each regional therefore not being an equal amount shared among the sites. This to be used as an incentive to draw a larger amount of players. (Each regional will receive \$1000 from Miller to defray tournament expenses.) This motion passed.

Luke St. Onge recapped the expected income from the 1981 National Doubles mentioning the amount of \$6000 that would be contributed from the Racquet Club of Monroeville to cover hospitality and the banquet.

Presentations from McKinley Park in Buffalo, New York, West Springfield, Mass by John McGresham of Supreme Courts, Gary Danno and Dennis Dorner of Chicago, and Jim Easterling of Detroit were made to the Board for bids on the National Singles 1982. In addition a written proposal and offer were made from New Haven, CT - Dick Squires and Pete Crummey in Miami, FL. Buffalo was chosen as the site for the Nationals , 1982 with Detroit coming in second.

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Because of the lack of tournament experience that Buffalo has had it was suggested that Luke St. Onge outline at once their exact responsibilities and specifically what the hospitality will be so there will be no surprises and we will know what to expect.

A letter will be sent by Luke St. Onge to all other presenters explaining in detail why this bid was awarded to Buffalo and included in this will be the presentation and bid made by the Buffalo group so that the other bidders can see the criteria that was evaluated.

Holly Ferris presented the survey on women's racquetball that she worked up and sampled of 150 players basically in Northern California. Keith Calkins suggested and was strongly supported in this by George Dwyer that Holly write an article based upon this survey and ask the public for contributions and suggestions to the women's program. Luke St. Onge asked for a copy of the survey and it was suggested that other magazine sources be approached to submit this article to.

Keith addressed Luke with the following specifics that he wanted formal presentations prepared for the Board meeting in May:

A detailed survey of membership program adopted in Boise with a breakdown of each category and a review as to whether this meets our projections.

What also has happened to this program in relation to the incentive program established in Boise?

An evaluation of the computer program and mailing and services from the office in Memphis (it was noted that as of October we began to maintain our own file of membership) and how much time was spent in compiling these mailings and billings.

Detailed report on the financial status and include the total debts owed by the Association and the manner in which payback is arranged. Include exact amount to Towery Press and Luke St. Onge.

Detail involvement with outside manufacturers

Establish other money making plans

Detail the outcome of the Regional program for 1982.

This meeting was officially adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Age Divisions

Open - All players other than Pro

Veterans Open- Amateurs 30+

Womens Age Divisions

SAME

Seniors- Amateurs 35+

AS

Veteran Seniors- Amateurs 40+

MENS

Masters- Amateurs 45+

DIVISIONS

Veterans Masters- Amateurs 50+

Golden Masters- Amateurs 55+

Senior Golden Masters- Amateurs 60+

Veteran Golden Masters- Amateurs 65+

Junior Divisions- Age determined as of January 1st of each calendar year.

Junior Boys

18 year + under

Junior Girls

16 years + under

SAME

14 years + under

AS

12 years + under

BOYS

10 years + under

DIVISIONS

8 Years + under (no bounce)

Double Team- ages apply as above.

Scoring- All matches in Junior divisions will be the best of two games to 15 points, win by 1 point. If a tie breaker 3rd game is necessary the game is played to 15 points win by 2 points up to 21 points win by 1 point.



December 17, 1981

Dear Board Member,

This past weekend a most historic event took place, not only for the A.A.R.A., but for the sport of Racquetball. On Friday, December 11, 1981 the Membership Committee of the United States Olympic Committee voted to recommend to its Executive Board that they accept the A.A.R.A. as a Group C member of the U.S.O.C. Saturday, the 12th, the Executive Board of 120 individuals from among the highest positions in amateur sports voted unanimously to make the recommendation to the U.S.O.C. House of Delegates.

Needless to say this will be a giant step towards total credibility for the A.A.R.A. and the Sport of Racquetball.

Our papers are basically in order. However there are several provisions that do not meet the Amateur Sports Act. These must be complied with by March 15, 1982 for our application to be put on the floor of the House of Delegates April 15, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Please plan for a special Board meeting through a conference call mid-February to make the Constitutional changes necessary to comply.

I also advocate we consider a move of the Association to Colorado Springs to become a part of the National Sports House in the Olympic Village. Immediate space is not available, but they will be expanding their present facilities to accommodate N.G.B.'s wishing to relocate. Even though this space is not ready, we should plan to move into temporary quarters to take advantage of the benefits available to us.

Secondly, I recommend to the Board (and request this be placed in the form of a motion as I can not make a motion or place vote) that we change our "approved" ball contract to be in the amount of \$1000 per year effective at the year end of the present contracts and to be in effect immediately for any new contracts. Reasons for this change were expressed in earlier letters for your consideration. To summarize, we have had the following ball manufacturers cancel their contracts with us - Head, Vittert and Spalding. Those we can lose this year are Voit, Ektelon and Seamco who soon come up for renewal. This would leave us with only one ball of national prominence, Penn, who is not giving us the \$7000 because of their sponsorships.

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If we go to the \$1000 amount, I feel we can win back Vittert and Spalding, retain Voit, Ektelon and Seamco and sign new contracts with Ram, Wilson and Winn. This would result in a net gain of funds for the A.A.R.A. of \$8000 over what we would project for the 82-83 season. The time of the membership-manufacturer credit has passed and with the industry the way it is, we must make our policies conform to a realistic approach. I would like the authority to negotiate this new ball contract as soon as possible.

Regards,



Luke St. Onge
Executive Director

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF YOU