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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the American
Amateur Racquetball Association
October 1, 1987

Attendees

Van Dubolsky	- President
Allan Seitelman	- Recording Secretary
Dave Anderson	- Treasurer
Luke St. Onge	- Executive Director (non-voting)

Absent

Jim Hiser	- Vice President
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Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Van Dubolsky at 10:35 PM on October 1, 1987 in offices of the American Amateur Racquetball Association.

The present financial status of the Association was discussed in great detail. The possibility of securing additional major sponsors was reviewed. The Ektelon contract previously approved by the Executive Board 3-1 appears to be working out.

The Executive Board unanimously recommended the reestablishment of Region 13 due to the request of new personnel in the Region.

The Executive Board also approved the motion that the AARA join the RMA at a cost of \$150 since it will provide us with the opportunity to receive RMA grants.

The Executive Board also approved the motion that we publish one tournament program a year rather than the present two and that the content of the program should be improved.

The Executive Board unanimously passed a motion recommending that Luke St. Onge. be empowered to negotiate with National Racquetball for the inclusion of Racquetball In Review into the magazine and that AARA members be accorded a substantial discount off of the normal subscription price.

The Executive Board carefully reviewed the recommendation that Mr. Sanchez be hired as a consultant at \$250 per month to help us be included in the Pan American Games. The Executive Board recommended the approval of this motion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 AM.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM May 25, 1988 by President Dubolsky.

Attendees:

Van Dubolsky - President
Jim Hise - Vice President
Allan Seitelman Recording Secretary
Mike Arnolt - National Rules Commissioner
Keith Calkins - Board Member
Judi Schmidt - Board Member
John Foust - Board Member
Steve Ducoff - Board Member
Luke St. Onge - Executive Director (non-voting)
John Mooney - National Staff (non-voting)

Absent:

Cathie Frederickson - Board Member
Jon Denley - RESIGNED
Dave Anderson - Board Member

U.S. Team Report:

The Tournament of the Americas was a very successful tournament. Gary Mazeroff had paid his own way to the tournament and had proved to be an invaluable asset. There should be an award for the coaches when their term of office ends. There needs to be better communication between the Team Manager and the Coach. Keith Calkins will develop a job description for the position of Team Manager.

We will need to select a new coach after the World Championships this summer. A motion to make the Coach a four year appointment coinciding with the Olympic quadrennial and to advertise for the position was passed unanimously (m/s : Judi Schmidt / Allan Seitelman).

A motion to allow the Head Coach to select his/her own assistants subject to approval of the Board of Directors and allowing the Head Coach the authority to terminate the Assistant Coach(s) with thirty days written notice was passed unanimously (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Judi Schmidt). One of the Assistant Coaches must be of the opposite sex than the Head Coach.

The decision regarding who to send to Barcelona after the World Championships must be made so that they can get their visas. It was decided (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Mike Arnolt) that the top two finishers (male and female) from the National Singles Championships will be given the first choice on whether they want to attend the Barcelona trip if they are

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the American
Amateur Racquetball Association
March 17, 1988

Attendees:

Van Dubolsky	- President
Jim Hiser	- Vice-President
Allan Seitelman	- Recording Secretary
Luke St. Onge	- Executive Director (non-voting)

Absent:

Dave Anderson	- Treasurer (Exec Dir had proxy for glove agreement)
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Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Van Dubolsky at 12:30 PM on March 17, 1988 via a telephone conference call.

Ektelon Glove Proposal:

The proposal by Ektelon to become the official glove of the Association was discussed. Attached is a summary of their proposal. Essentially Ektelon has the right to veto the designation of an AARA official glove other than Ektelon's. The amount of equipment donated would be based on retail value. Allan Seitelman suggested that the Club Seminar be videotaped for distribution to the states. PENN has not been contacted to determine their interest in participating in a court club seminar. However, Luke St. Onge felt that they would be interested and that Ektelon would probably not object to the inclusion of PENN in the Seminar.

A motion to accept the Ektelon proposal to become the official glove of the AARA and incorporate the additional provisions into the present contract passed unanimously (m/s - Van Dubolsky/Jim Hiser).

Annual Membership Meeting:

The annual membership meeting has had extremely poor attendance the past few years. Luke St. Onge suggested that we combine the State Directors meeting and the general membership meeting since the same material is covered at both. If we need to speak to the State Directors privately we can ask them to stay after the regular meeting is over. The Executive Board unanimously approved this proposal.

- a. Undertake a mid year review by Ken Waugh of our financial status.
- b. The National Racquetball Account should be checked and function as a clearing account (already being done)
- c. The state phone program should be entered into the general ledger (already being done)
- d. Enter payee name rather than a description of the vendor in the general ledger.
- e. Pursue the hiring of an attorney in Tennessee to determine the status of our note with Towery Press if it can be accomplished without great expense

The Board of Directors as part of the same motion voted to send a letter to Ken Waugh thanking him for his efforts on behalf of the Association.

The feasibility of the AARA purchasing the building it now occupies should be investigated.

Manufacturers Report:

Jim Hiser and Luke St. Onge provided the manufacturers report. Ektelon is happy regarding their involvement with the AARA. Our relationships with the other manufacturers is still positive. We will be exhibiting at the IRSA convention in Reno in March. The AARA should develop a professional backdrop for use at our events and when we display at shows. National Racquetball will sell us their backdrop for \$150. We will try to have the backdrop ready for use at the National Doubles. Since this is a capital expenditure under \$500 Board of Directors approval is not necessary.

The armed services were given permission to seek outside corporate sponsorship for the first time. This may have some implications for racquetball.

HEAD is setting up a membership program for the AARA. Ektelon may be sold to Prince which could be a positive step for the industry.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

John Mooney presented a comprehensive membership report in conjunction with his written report. The paid membership level is still increasing. John suggested that we create awards for attaining certain levels of gold points. A committee was established to study this issue and report back to the Board.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN AMATEUR RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

October 2-3, 1987

Colorado Springs, Colorado

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Attendees:

Van Dubolsky - President
Jim Hiser - Vice President
Dave Anderson - Treasurer
Allan Seitelman - Recording Secretary
Mike Arnolt - National Rules Commissioner
Keith Calkins - Board Member
Judi Schmidt - Board Member
John Foust - Board Member
Steve Ducoff - Board Member
Luke St. Onge - Executive Director (non-voting)
John Mooney - National Staff (non-voting)

Absent:

Cathie Frederickson - Board Member
Jon Denley - Board Member

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM Friday, October 2, 1987 at the Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado by President Van Dubolsky.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

AUDIT REPORT:

Ken Waugh distributed the year end audit report and reviewed his findings. He indicated that the Towery Press debt is approaching the statue of limitations for litigation. He also indicated that the net worth of the Association is negative at this time but that overall there are some positive indications for the coming year and that the Association appears to be well managed. Our administrative overhead is lower than many other NGB's. The recommendation letter incorporating specific recommendations is reduced in size from previous years. The audit report was accepted unanimously (m/s - Keith Calkins / Steve Ducoff) unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT:

Dave Anderson presented the financial report. The Association encountered a cash poor summer partially due to the cancellation of the DP contract. Overall we are in good shape but we must watch our expenditures very carefully.

The financial report and a commendation for Dave Anderson was approved unanimously (m/s - Steve Ducoff / Mike Arnolt).

ELECTION AND NOMINATION REPORT:

The election procedures will change with the elimination of Racquetball in Review. The Board of Directors empowered Luke St. Onge (m/s -ma / Keith Calkins) to investigate methodology of a universal mail ballot and the possibility of obtaining funding for the mailing of the ballot. The feasibility of having the membership vote on proposed rule changes at the same time will be investigated. A black and white photo of the candidates will be included with the ballot. It was restated that the Board position is that the candidates should be responsible for submitting the material to the National Office or Allan Seitelman for inclusion in the ballot.

The Nominating Committee elected Renee Penley, Carol Pellowski, Paul Henrickson, and Keith Calkins as the official slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. One of the candidates elected must be a woman due to constitutional requirements.

REFEREE CERTIFICATION:

Over 342 referees have been certified. New Level 1&2 tests are being finalized.

The National Office will send a list of certified referees to each state.

RULES:

The feasibility of including suggested rule changes with the ballot for the Board of Directors should be investigated. A proposed rule change to limit appeals to three per game except for a game ending appeal and a rule regarding the removal of referees will be voted upon in May.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Arnolt will prepare a report on the recommended distribution of lifetime membership monies.

John Foust will be acting as team manager on the trip to Bolivia for the Tournament of the Americas.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

The nominating committee recommended Linda Mojer, Renee Penley, Allan Seitelman and Otto Dietrich for consideration as nominees for the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors unanimously voted to accept the committee's recommendations.

The Board of Directors also voted (m/s - John Foust / Keith Calkins) that all the candidates whether by petition or by nomination by the Board of Directors should be listed on one slate. The candidates should be listed alphabetically on the ballot. The Board of Directors nominees will be indicated on the ballot as official nominees.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board of Directors voted unanimously to change John Mooney's title to Assistant Executive Director.

The Board of Directors proceeded to the Executive Director's contract. Recommendation's will be brought to the Executive Board for review.

The Board also voted to send to Rose Mooney and Barbara St. Onge a formal letter of appreciation acknowledging her efforts.

The feasibility of hiring a program service person was discussed. It was decided that the Personnel Committee will make recommendations to the Executive Board and if approved by the Executive Board we can start advertising in National Racquetball Magazine. We could then conduct interviews and possibly select the person at the National Single Championships in May.

The meeting ended at 4:50 PM.

2. The dates are subject to when the holidays occur.
3. The \$1 rebate from the Intercollegiate Regionals should only apply to events run by the ACRA
4. The establishment of an All-American Team must be approved by the AARA Board of Directors.
5. The AARA Board of Directors had previously voted not to allow exceptions to the need to qualify for the AARA Adult Singles Championships unless the intercollegiate player's home regional was scheduled on the same weekend as the National Intercollegiate Championships.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT:

High School development is moving ahead nicely. The new handbook should be ready in October.

The Board of Directors unanimously approved the motion (m/s - Judi Schmidt / Mike Arnolt) empowering Luke St. Onge to handle the details concerning the dates and site selection for the National High School Championships subject to final approval by the Executive Board.

ELITE TRAINING CAMP:

The 1987 program was our most successful one to date. There was a lot of USOC involvement at the awards ceremony. The Colorado location is better suited to our needs. The Board of Directors officially thanked Jim Hiser for his efforts in this area.

STATE AND REGIONAL SEMINAR:

The seminar is slated for January at the Colorado USOTC. Strategic planning should be made part of the Agenda. Keith Calkins, Van Dubolsky, Jim Hiser, Steve Ducoff, Dave Anderson, and Allan Seitelman will look at the Canadian document and draft one for review at the seminar.

NATIONAL DOUBLES:

The tournament is developing nicely. John Foust, Mike Arnolt, Van Dubolsky will meet at this tournament to help plan the agenda for the Seminar.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Judi Schmidt was added to the Olympic/ Pan Am Committee. The question of developing an umbrella organization to include the pros was discussed. The International Federation is dropping the word amateur from its name. Steve Ducoff indicated that by including professionals in our organization we may be jeopardizing our non profit status. The strategic

HALL OF FAME:

The Board of Directors had an opportunity to review the credentials of the various candidates.

A motion to amend the Hall of Fame procedures to allow for the yearly review of the candidates still on the ballot from the previous year and to allow for their removal by a majority vote of the Board of Directors passed unanimously (m/s -Paul Henrickson/ Keith Calkins).

After passage of the above motion the Board of Directors decided to review the credentials of the candidates who were listed on the previous year's ballot and were not elected.

A motion to remove Bud Held from the ballot passed 7-0 with Allan Seitelman, Otto Dietrich and John Foust abstaining (m/s -Keith Calkins /Paul Henrickson).

A motion (m/s - Paul Henrickson / Keith Calkins) to remove Ivan Bruner from the ballot passes unanimously with Allan Seitelman abstaining.

The Board of Directors felt that both candidates due to their lack of support for the AARA should not be candidates.

After review of the eligibility criteria the following people were eligible for consideration as nominees for the Hall Of Fame - C.Garfinkel, K. Mueller, L Wilde, M. Luciw, P. Whitehill and Ed Martin. Based on a closed ballot Charlie Garfinkel, Luzell Wilde and Mike Luciw were added to the Hall of Fame ballot joining Bill Schmidtke. The ballot will be mailed to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee for final voting for the selectees into the Hall of Fame.

PLAYOFFS FOR THIRD PLACE:

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Mike Arnolt) that in the National Championships the players must play for third place. If they do not play they do not get the medals. They will be awarded semifinalist points if they do not play.

The Board of Directors also felt that it was allowable to award a medal for reaching the semifinals.

REFEREE CERTIFICATION:

The Board of Directors voted unanimously to empower Otto Dietrich to review the referee certification program. The Executive Board would review the recommended changes and provide approval of the changes for presentation at the Leadership Seminar. Full Board of Directors approval will be needed in May.

WOMENS REPORT:

There was not much to report under this section.

FUNDRAISING:

The company running the Carry the Torch program has gone bankrupt. Visa continues to be a growing source of revenue. Over a 1,000 AARA members have been accepted for Visa cards. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Keith Calkins / John Foust) to enter into a program with the United States Association of Blind Athletes to develop a pilot program and if successful establish a model program for presentation at the Leadership Seminar. The program will have to be approved by the Executive Committee before implementation.

HALL OF FAME:

Allan Seitelman provided the Hall of Fame Report. The Hall of Fame which was recently reactivated is developing into a viable annual program. The method of determining the potential nominees was changed for this year. Rather than waiting for people interested in nominating potential candidates, a general mailing to potential nominees was undertaken asking that they complete the form themselves and return the completed form back to the Hall of Fame Committee. This was done since this year we received zero nominations. The completed responses and the Committee's recommendations were distributed to the Board of Directors for final selection of the nominees. The Board of Directors were to review the credentials of each person and select the people to be officially nominated.

A motion (m/s - Allan Seitelman / John Foust) that people cannot be nominated for the Hall of Fame while they are a member of the Board of Directors passed unanimously. In addition, the motion (m/s - Allan Seitelman/ Carol Pellowski) that in order to be considered for nomination a completed form must be returned to the AARA unless there are extenuating circumstances passed 8-1 with Otto Dietrich voting nay.

The need for a ceremony and advance information was discussed. A committee to plan and implement the appropriate ceremony was created with Keith Calkins, Carol Pellowski, Jim Hiser and Allan Seitelman serving on this committee.

Manufacturers Report:

An overview of the manufacturers report was provided. Diversified Products seems to have dropped out of racquetball. Head has new management and has taken a booth at the Trade Show. The attitude of Pro-Kennex towards the AARA is still uncertain. The AARA is not getting involved with an official eyeguard due to liability exposure. Ektelon seems satisfied with our contract. Finn is a new company in the market and their involvement with the AARA will have to be developed.

Membership Report:

Paid memberships are up 29% over the past eighteen months. The full report submitted by John Mooney was reviewed. The cost of numbering applications will be determined and a report provided to the Board of Directors. It was also suggested that we put the multi-year option on top of the membership renewal forms rather than at the bottom.

The Board of Directors unanimously passed the following motion (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Steve Ducoff) based on Executive Board approval and the feelings of the participants at the Leadership Seminar:

That membership rebates be continues to a State if they publish a newsletter four times a year, if they submit monthly information to Racquetball In Review Regional page, or six times a year if they do not. It was also recommended that the Board approve the motion that special State rebates will be provided to the State Organizations if they are :

1. Incorporated as a non profit organization.
2. Copies of the organic documents of the State organization are on file with the National Office
3. The State Chapter achieves 90% compliance with the sanctioning requirements each quarter starting 7/1/88. The rebates will be provided if the State was in compliance at the end of each quarter.

note:

Compliance is defined as fulfilling the requirements of sanctioning (e.g. sending in memberships, membership money, and results) or informing the National Office of follow-up action (e.g. the club did not collect memberships). Cancellation of a tournament does not count either for or against the state when calculating the compliance percentage.

The closing of the US National Singles, National Doubles and National Juniors to allow only US citizens to compete was discussed. The reason for this was that foreign nationals if they competed could effect the selection of the US National Team. It was voted unanimously with Mike Arnolt and Judi Schmidt abstaining (m/s : Jim Hiser/ Keith Calkins) that "players that are not U.S. citizens cannot compete in divisions in the US Nationals (Juniors, Singles, and Doubles) from which US team members are selected."

The problem with Fin racquets trying to sponsor events that are already sponsored by National sponsors was discussed. It was decided to send a letter to the individuals involved reaffirming our policy regarding National Sponsors and their sponsorship of National events.

Intercollegiate Council:

The minutes of the American Collegiate Racquetball Association were submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. Keith Calkins requested that the US Team coaches be included in the Coach's clinic. He was informed that the AARA would control the grant application and that the coaching staff would include the US Team coaches. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the ACRA minutes as submitted (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Keith Calkins). In addition the Board of Directors endorsed Colorado Springs as the site for the Intercollegiate Championships and authorized the executive director to undertake efforts to help ensure that the Championships are held in Colorado Springs (m/s : Keith Calkins / Allan Seitelman).

High School Report:

The High School Championships are an important program of the AARA. The possibility of returning to Indiana for next year's championships should be explored.

National Elite Training Camp:

The Elite Camp will only be offered during a one week period since that is all the time we could get at Colorado Springs.

USOC and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

7000 The Board of Directors approved unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman/ Mike Arnolt) the motion to send Keith Calkins to the Tournament of the Americas and to hire Mr. Sanchez from Mexico as a consultant for \$250 per month for twelve months to try and get racquetball on the venue of the Pan American Games (This action was recommended by the USOC).

IARF recently received \$18,000 in grants from the IOC. IARF will be making a presentation to the Barcelona Organizing Committee asking that racquetball be designated an exhibition sport in the 1992 Olympics.

The next meeting of the USOC House of Delegates is in April in Washington D.C. and Keith Calkins and as will be attending. Keith Calkins was elected to the Executive Board of the USOC and will represent all Class C Sports.

A presentation regarding racquetball will be made at the GAISF meeting to be held at Colorado Springs.

US TEAM REPORT:

The US Team was victorious in the Pan American Championships. Keith Calkins and the US Team Coach will investigate the whole issue of recognition of the Team (e.g. rings).

The Board of Directors unanimously passed the motion (m/s - Steve Ducoff / Judi Schmidt) authorizing the purchase of US Team jackets that will be given to every player as they make the team.

The US Team Coach had not submitted his report yet. Larry Lyles will be the US Team Coach until the World Championships conclude in August. At that time there will be no official coach until the October Board meeting.

The Board of Directors expressed its appreciation to Keith Calkins for all the fine work he has done.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:

Jim Cascio was selected to be the USOC Male Athlete of the Year by a 5-3 vote over Andy Roberts.

Dianne Green was selected to be the Female Athlete of the Year by a 6-1 vote over Kaye Kuhfeld.

HALL OF FAME REPORT:

The Board of Directors approved the Committee report (m/s - Keith Calkins / Judi Schmidt) and empowered the Hall of Fame Committee to select people for the Selection Committee and to follow the outlines provided in the Committee report in order to ensure that there will be inductees for the National Singles Banquet which will mark the twentieth anniversary of the AARA. Allan Seitelman will develop the final guidelines and procedures to be followed in conjunction with John Foust. The Board, in principle, allowed for the exclusion of people that have not made a meaningful contribution to the sport as determined by the Board of Directors.

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT:

The Junior National Championships was a very successful event.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously to amend the Junior Council minutes (m/s - Steve Ducoff / Keith Calkins) to mandate that chaperons must be 21 years of age or older and that the name of the chaperon and age must be on the application. The Board of Directors also expressed the feeling that the Junior Council should look at the feasibility of developing a code of conduct to be included with the Junior application.

The Board of Directors also votes unanimously (m/s - Mike Arnolt / John Foust) to approve the bid of Sports Club to host the Junior National Championships subject to Luke St. Onge negotiating the final contract with them.

PRESENTATION BY HEAD, PENN, AND EKTELON:

Theresa Nunn from Ektelon, Debbie Nohstadt from Head, and Dick Roberson and Larry Daub from Penn all addressed the Board of Directors. They provided insight into their company's relationship with the AARA, their view of racquetball in general and presented their bids to be the official ball for future AARA events. The Board of Directors expressed their appreciation to all of the manufacturers who attended the meeting.

BALL SELECTION:

After due consideration the Board of Directors unanimously approved (m/s - Keith Calkins / Steve Ducoff) the acceptance of Penn's bid to be the official ball for the 1987/88 Regional Championship Tournaments and the 5 1988 AARA National Championship Tournaments (Adult Singles, Adult Doubles, Intercollegiate, High School, and Juniors) subject to Penn deleting reference from their bid specifications that they will receive a free ad in the tournament program and deleting that they have right of first refusal for any 1989 AARA National Tournaments.

RPM CONTRACT:

The RPM contract is no longer in effect.

INTERCOLLEGIATE COUNCIL REPORT:

The Board of Directors unanimously accepted the minutes (m/s - Dave Anderson/ John Foust) of the Intercollegiate Council including the designation of the site for the Intercollegiate Championships subject to the following changes:

1. That the entry fee be increased by \$5 and that this be turned over to the ACRA subject to availability of these funds

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN AMATEUR RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

Sunday, May 29, 1988

Hyatt Regency, Houston Texas

Attendees:

Van Dubolsky - President
Jim Hiser - Vice President
Allan Seitelman - Recording Secretary
Mike Arnolt - National Rules Commissioner
Keith Calkins - Board Member
Judi Schmidt - Board Member
John Foust - Board Member
Paul Henrickson - Board Member
Carol Pellowski - Board Member
Otto Dietrich - Board Member
Luke St. Onge - Executive Director (non-voting)

Absent:

no one

The meeting was called to order by President Van Dubolsky at 8:35 AM, Sunday May 29, 1988.

Van Dubolsky announced that he had appointed Otto Dietrich to fill out the term of Jon Denley who had resigned.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect new officers.

Van Dubolsky was nominated to run for reelection for president (m/s : Allan Seitelman / John Foust). Since no one else was nominated Van Dubolsky won by acclamation.

The vice presidency is not up for election at this time.

Allan Seitelman was nominated to run for reelection as secretary (m/s : John Foust / Keith Calkins). Since no one else was nominated Allan Seitelman won by acclamation.

Keith Calkins was nominated to run for treasurer (m/s : John Foust / Judi Schmidt). Since no one else was nominated Keith Calkins won by acclamation.

Paul Henrickson was nominated to run for National Commissioner (m/s : John Foust / Judi Schmidt). Since no one else was nominated Paul Henrickson won by acclamation.

Otto Dietrich was nominated to run for National Rules Commissioner (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Mike Arnolt). Since no one else was nominated Otto Dietrich won by acclamation.

Committee Assignments

Membership	John Foust	Judi Schmidt Carol Pellowski
Development	Paul Henrickson	Mike Arnolt Judi Schmidt Keith Calkins
Rules	Otto Dietrich	Allan Seitelman Jim Hiser Mike Arnolt
Finance	Keith Calkins	Allan Seitelman Mike Arnolt
Manufacturers	Jim Hiser	Mike Arnolt Otto Dietrich
Education (PARI)	Jim Hiser	Carol Pellowski Judi Schmidt
State Organi- zations	Allan Seitelman	Carol Pellowski Otto Dietrich
Olympic Pan American US Team	Keith Calkins	Allan Seitelman Judi Schmidt Jim Hiser
Election	John Foust	Paul Henrickson Carol Pellowski
Personnel	Paul Henrickson	Mike Arnolt Keith Calkins
Strategic Planning	Allan Seitelman	Paul Henrickson Jim Hiser
Fundraising	Judi Schmidt	John Foust
Disabled	Judi Schmidt	John Foust
Hall of Fame	Allan Seitelman	John Foust Carol Pellowski
Grants	Jim Hiser	Allan Seitelman Keith Calkins
Management Seminar	Jim Hiser	Mike Arnolt John Foust
Athletes Advisory Council	Keith Calkins Judi Schmidt	

selected to attend the World Championships by the Head Coach. If they are not selected to go to Germany for some exceptional reason then the Head Coach shall select two men and two women players to go to Barcelona. These selections must be announced at the same time that the selections of the team to go to Germany are made.

The tentative schedule for US Team activities over the next few years is as follows:

- 1989 - Tournament of the Americas
- 1989 - South American Tour
- 1989 - US Olympic Festival
- 1990 - Pan American Games
- 1991 - Pan American Championships (HOPEFULLY)
- 1991 - Good Will Tour
- 1992 - World Championships
- 1992 - Olympics (HOPEFULLY)

The feasibility of sending a senior or junior team on a goodwill tour should also be investigated.

Awards:

A motion to name the USOC athletes of the year as the AARA athletes of the year (m/s : Keith Calkins / Van Dubolsky) was turned down by a 1-6 vote with Keith Calkins voting in favor of the motion. A motion to nominate everyone mentioned on the report as candidates passed 7-1 (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Keith Calkins) with Mike Arnolt voting against. A ballot was held and Jim Cascio and Dianne Green were selected as athletes of the year. When the awards are announced it should be made clear that this award is for 1987. A discussion was held whether we should continue to name the same athletes as USOC athlete of the year and AARA athlete of the year.

Linda Mojer was elected to receive the John Halverson award by acclamation.

The balloting for the President's award to the State Director was voted on by the Board of Directors. After several ballots Sherri Armstrong was selected to receive this award.

The Board voted to establish a Regional Director's award (m/s : Mike Arnolt / Allan Seitelman) by a 7-1 vote with Steve Ducoff voting in the negative. The Board of Directors then voted to select Jack Sorenson as the winner.

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The Georgia Racquetball Association raised \$1,000 to donate to the US National Team. The check will be presented at the Banquet on Saturday night.

The executive director is seeking someone to run a US team fundraiser with the Ektelon product. It was decided that whoever could run this event would contact the executive director.

The Board of Directors wanted the minutes to reflect our appreciation to Luke St. Onge for the excellent work done by him on behalf of the Association.

Jim Hiser requested that we consider a dress code for the National Championships. This will be looked at in October.

The Board of Directors also voted to express our appreciation to Cheryl who is leaving in June. She has done an excellent job. Melanie Weiss will be the new secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT:

The Junior Regionals can now be called the Junior Olympics. We do not know the ramifications of this yet.

The Board of Directors approved the Executive Committee recommendations that the following Junior regional Commissioners be appointed to a Junior Council and be invited to attend the Leadership Seminar in January to create a plan for junior racquetball: Scott Winters, Pat Powers, Gene Hanson, Renee Penley, Mary Anne Cazpar, and Carol Pellowski (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Jim Hiser).

The impact of the date change on the Orange Bowl remains to be determined.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously to accept Greenbriar Club as the site for the 1989 National Junior Championships (m/s - Carol Pellowski / Mike Arnolt) with Allan Seitelman abstaining.

INTERCOLLEGIATE REPORT:

After some discussion the Board of Directors voted unanimously to accept the Intercollegiate Council's recommendations contained in the minutes of their meeting including those regarding the expansion of the size of the teams and the increase in the fees with half the increase going to the ACRA (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Keith Calkins).

The Board of Directors also voted to award the 1989 Intercollegiate Nationals to the YMCA of New Orleans subject to acceptance by the ACRA.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT:

This area is a potential growth area for the AARA. The selection of the Indiana Athletic Club as the site for the 1989 High School Championships was unanimous (m/s - Allan Seitelman -Otto Dietrich).

The handbook is being distributed and several local High School programs have been started.

ELITE CAMP:

The camp generated a surplus for the AARA treasury even though the camp was offered for only one week. We will try to get three weeks at the Colorado facility. We should exercise more control over the selection of the attendees. Last year

National Doubles:

The Board of Directors voted (m/s : Mike Arnolt / Keith Calkins) to offer 25+, 30+, 35+ mixed doubles at the National Doubles. However, players will still only be permitted to enter two events.

The tournament is progressing nicely and the finals will be televised.

National Singles and Regional Report:

The tournament is the largest in history and is expected to be a prestige event. The Houston Sports Foundation is providing excellent support. The finals will be televised. The National Singles report was accepted. As reported earlier in the minutes, in the future the divisions that are used to select the US National Team from will be open to only US citizens. The Regionals were a success. However, there is still a problem obtaining all of the results of the Regionals.

Military Report:

Racquetball is flourishing in the military. This is the last meeting that Steve Ducoff will be representing the military. Mr. Roger Patrick from the Navy will have been elected by the Armed Forces Sports Committee to succeed Steve.

The Board of Directors also passed a motion (m/s : Mike Arnolt, Steve Ducoff) to allow any military person who plays in a service qualifier or the All Services Championships to play in the AARA National Championships without the requirement that they play in a Regional Championship.

Masters Council:

The Masters Council has been an active group. They are a separate entity at the present time. However, there are problems that some AARA members are encountering with the Masters Council. In addition, the question of the Golden Masters tournament counting as a qualifier for the US National Singles Championships has to be resolved. The Masters Council does not concern itself with female players at this time. A committee was established to investigate the problem and make some recommendations regarding corrective actions, including whether the activities of this Council should be brought under the more direct supervision of the National Office. Mike Arnolt will chair this ad hoc committee with Judi Schmidt, Keith Calkins, Luke St. Onge, and John Mooney serving on the committee.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN AMATEUR RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

October 22, 1988

Baltimore, Maryland

Attendees:

Van Dubolsky	- President
Jim Hiser	- Vice President
Allan Seitelman	- Secretary
Mike Arnolt	- Board Member
Paul Henrickson	- National Commissioner
Otto Dietrich	- National Rules Commissioner
Carol Pellowski	- Board Member
Luke St. Onge	- Executive Director (non-voting)
John Mooney	- Assistant Executive Director (non-voting)

A motion to call a special meeting of the Board of Directors was made by Otto Dietrich and seconded by Jim Hiser. Since a quorum of the Board was present the Board voted unanimously to convene a special meeting of the Board of Directors charged with the sole purpose of interviewing the five finalists and selecting the US Team Coaches from these individuals. The meeting was called to order at 5 pm on October 22, 1988 at the National Doubles site at the Security Club in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously to redesignate the positions available to Head US Team Coach, Separate US Team Technical Advisor Coaches for Men and Women's teams, and two Assistant Coaches.

After extensive discussion and based on a sealed ballot Larry Lyles was selected to be the US Head Coach, Fran Davis the Technical Advisor for the Women's Team, Stu Hastings as the Technical Advisor for the Men's Team, and Neil Shapiro and Gary Mazaroff as the Assistant Coaches. It was also discussed that there may not be the need for a Team Manager position under this framework.

to consider PARI as an AARA program in the future and not have it break away as a separate organization (m/s : Mike Arnolt/ Judi Schmidt).

RMA:

The RMA appears as if they are not going to continue their involvement in professional racquetball. There are indications that they may award a grant to the AARA to help defray the expenses involved in participating in the US Olympic Festival.

National Racquetball, Program and Rulebook:

The current method of providing copy to National Racquetball is working very well. The rulebook should be available September 1. The new programs are being well received. The Board of Directors by acclamation (m/s : Steve Ducoff/ Allan Seitelman) approved a vote of confidence for all the efforts that Florida Trade Publications and Helen Quinn are doing on behalf of the AARA. It is projected that the benefit to the AARA exceeds \$50,000 a year.

Junior Council Report:

The USOC approved at their last meeting the use of the term Junior Olympics by Class C members. The AARA had submitted an application to use the term for the Junior Regional and National events. The USOC indicated that the AARA should incorporate state and local events in the program and that they did not want Ektelon as part of the title. The executive director will explore this suggestion with Ektelon. The Board of Directors voted to pursue the Junior Olympic program with the USOC with final approval at the October Board meeting (m/s : Keith Calkins / Allan Seitelman).

The Junior Code of Conduct was unanimously approved with the only modification being the removal of the parental consent portion since it is duplicative of the application and many parents will not be at the Nationals to sign the Code of Conduct (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Judi Schmidt).

The Orange Bowl Contract was discussed. They are asking for a three year contract with the AARA and the IARF. The AARA's recommendations would be submitted to the IARF for consideration. The Board of Directors unanimously approved, with Steve Ducoff abstaining, the motion to accept the proposed contract subject to minor revisions (m/s : Keith Calkins / Allan Seitelman). The revisions involved changing the termination clause to allow for termination for cause.

Seniors Council:

The Seniors Invitational was cancelled this year.

Minority Council:

The Board of Directors accepted the report. The Board of Directors also voted to change (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Keith Calkins) the name of the committee to the "Outreach Council" and to draft a letter of appreciation to Syd Williams thanking him for his efforts.

Women's Report:

The Board of Directors voted to accept the Women's Report (m/s : Allan Seitelman Keith Calkins). The committee has tripled in size over the past two years. There will be a meeting in Houston. Over 70 players are expected to attend. Amy Simonetta was named by the Women's Sports Foundation's as the "Up & Coming" award winner in Individual vs. Individual competition. There was some discussion on making the selection of the candidate for this award based on wider input. Possibly the Board of Directors should approve the nominee. The WPRF is now publishing a "Women in Racquetball" Newsletter.

Disabled Report:

The publication of the Ektelon sponsored AARA/NWRA brochure has afforded us the ability to disseminate more complete information regarding wheelchair racquetball. Over two hundred agencies have received information. The National Office will be resuming the responsibilities for file maintenance, responding to basic requests for information, etc. A sponsor for a video regarding wheelchair racquetball has not been found yet. PARI has been contacted to request that they include basic instructional information and techniques on wheelchair racquetball. The possibility of sanctioning the National Championships for the deaf is being explored by Judi Schmidt and Allan Seitelman. The disabled report was accepted unanimously (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Keith Calkins).

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the American
Amateur Racquetball Association
May 23, 1988

Attendees:

Van Dubolsky	- President
Jim Hiser	- Vice-President
Allan Seitelman	- Recording Secretary
Luke St. Onge	- Executive Director (non-voting)

Absent:

Dave Anderson	- Treasurer
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Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Van Dubolsky at 8:30 PM on May 23, 1988.

The Executive Board reviewed the agenda items.

The financial report and budget were discussed. No problems were presented.

It was unanimously decided to recommend to the Board that John Mooney be asked to attend the Oregon Racquetball Association meeting since the Executive Director will not be available to attend the meeting.

The Executive Board voted unanimously to recommend for approval that the Leadership Seminar be established on a yearly basis, that the State Games be accepted as an official function of the AARA and that membership rebates be continues to a State if they publish a newsletter four times a year (contingent if they submit monthly information to Racquetball In Review Regional page or six times a year if they do no). It was also recommended that the Board approve the motion that special State rebates will be provided to the State Organizations if they are :

1. Incorporated as a non profit organization
2. Copies of the organic documents of the State organization are on file with the National Office
3. The State Chapter achieves 90% compliance with the sanctioning requirements each quarter starting 7/1/88. The rebates will be provided if the State was in compliance at the end of each quarter.

note:

Compliance is defined as fulfilling the requirements of sanctioning (e.g. sending in memberships, membership money, and results) or informing the National Office of follow-up action (e.g. the club did not collect memberships). Cancellation of a tournament does not count either for or against when calculating the compliance percentage.

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The Elite Camp and methods to increase the participation by our elite athletes was reviewed.

The Executive Board voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Directors that the name of the North American Senior Championships be changed to the World Senior/Master Championships (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Keith Calkins).

We are investigating the possibility of operating a program in conjunction with the United States Association for Blind Athletes. If the program is successful we may offer it at the Leadership Seminar to the State and Regional Directors. The Executive Board voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Directors that it be added as an exhibition division at our National Singles (m/s - Jim Hiser/ Keith Calkins).

The vision statement does not include special services to women as a separate goal.

The Executive Board feelings were that the Sullivan Award should be under the Board of Directors purview.

The National Singles Championships may have to be expanded to six days.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 AM.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN AMATEUR RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

October 14, 1988

Colorado Springs

Attendees:

Van Dubolsky - President
Jim Hiser - Vice President
Allan Seitelman - Secretary
Mike Arnolt - Board Member
Keith Calkins - Treasurer
Paul Henrickson - National Commissioner
John Foust - Board Member
Roger Patrick - Board Member
Otto Dietrich - National Rules Commissioner
Carol Pellowski - Board Member
Luke St. Onge - Executive Director (non-voting)
John Mooney - National Staff (non-voting)

Absent:

Judi Schmidt - Board Member

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM October 14, 1988 at the US Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs by President Van Dubolsky.

The roll call was taken and the minutes of the previous meetings (Executive and Board) were approved unanimously (m/s - Keith Calkins / Paul Henrickson). It was decided to include the list of nominees for each of the awards in the minutes. Contracts should be inserted into the code book and not made part of the minutes.

Financial Report:

The financial report was provided by Keith Calkins. We are in the better financial situation than we have ever been in. We are experiencing a shortfall in U.S. Team funds that will have to be made up by fundraising or grants. The three month financial report was accepted by the Board of Directors unanimously (m/s -Allan Seitelman / Paul Henrickson).

Audit Report:

Ken Waugh provided the Board of Directors with the Audit Report and verbally summarized his findings. The recommendations provided by Ken Waugh were accepted unanimously by the Board of Directors (m/s - Keith Calkins / Paul Henrickson). They are as follows:

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the American
Amateur Racquetball Association
October 13, 1988

Attendees:

Van Dubolsky	- President
Jim Hiser	- Vice-President
Allan Seitelman	- Recording Secretary
Keith Calkins	- Treasurer
Luke St. Onge	- Executive Director (non-voting)

Guests:

Paul Henrickson

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Van Dubolsky at 10:30 PM on October 13, 1988.

The Executive Board reviewed the agenda items.

The financial report and budget were discussed. No problems were presented. We are in the best financial situation at this time of the year than we have ever been.

The previous meeting's minutes and the comments received were discussed. It was decided to include the list of nominees for the various awards in the minutes.

Our present definition of amateur eligibility was discussed.

The financial report was accepted unanimously (m/s - Keith Calkins/ Allan Seitelman). It was recommended that we hire a lawyer to determine the status of the Towery Press debt especially as it applies to the statute of limitations and that the State phone charges be reflected in the general ledger. This recommendation was accepted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Keith Calkins).

The Ektelon contract, its impact and status was discussed. It was decided to recommend to the Board of Directors that Luke St. Onge be empowered to pursue an extension to the Ektelon contract (m/s - Jim Hiser/ Keith Calkins).

A motion to recommend to the Board of Directors that we bring in the Junior Council members during the Leadership Seminar and meet with them was passed unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Jim Hiser).

The Intercollegiate Council recommendations especially as it pertains to the team format was analyzed. A motion to recommend to the Board of Directors that the recommendations be accepted was passed unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Keith Calkins). The possibility of moving the site to New Orleans for the Intercollegiates was reviewed.

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the American
Amateur Racquetball Association

January 21, 1988

Attendees

Van Dubolsky	- President
Jim Hiser	- Vice-President
Allan Seitelman	- Recording Secretary
Dave Anderson	- Treasurer
Luke St. Onge	- Executive Director (non-voting)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Van Dubolsky at 1:30 PM on January 21, 1988 via a telephone conference call.

Ektelon Shoe Proposal:

The proposal by Ektelon to become the official sneaker of the Association was discussed. Attached is a summary of their proposal. Essentially the offer was \$2,000 cash, free sneakers to each State Director and Board member and men's and women's state champion, AARA membership certificates in over 200,000 gloves and a special membership promotion whereby a player will get a free can of Ektelon balls for becoming a member of the AARA.

WTS recommended that we accept the proposal even though they would receive no commission from this sponsorship, since no other companies contacted had expressed an interest in becoming the official shoe of the AARA.

Allan Seitelman questioned whether the Executive Board has the Constitutional right to approve this type of activity. After discussion it was decided that the Executive Board has the ability to conduct all business of the Association subject to the approval of the full Board.

A motion to accept the Ektelon proposal to become the official shoe of the AARA and incorporate the additional provisions into the present contract passed unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman/Jim Hiser).

Carry the Torch Campaign:

The Carry the Torch Fundraising Campaign was discussed including the issue of whether the proceeds should be split with the States. They will underwrite the cost of sending the ballots out to the membership this year.

The Executive Board approved the motion to permit the AARA to participate in the Carry the Torch Fundraising Program with 50% of the proceeds to be split with the States.

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The Committee assignments are detailed on the next page.

The possibility of putting the Hall of Fame show on videotape was discussed.

It was requested that committee reports be submitted three weeks in advance of the Board meeting.

It was also requested that all proposals being submitted for Board of Directors action be submitted in writing in advance of the meeting.

The National Singles Rules Committee will prepare a report to the Board of Directors regarding the Inoue situation that occurred at the tournament.

The Board of Directors adjourned at 9:40 AM.

NFL Division in Houston:

The Executive Board unanimously approved the offering of a division at the National Championships for NFL players. This will be a non-Championship division.

Official Instructional Book of the AARA:

Our previous agreement with Strademo regarding the official status of his book was terminated effective January 1, 1988. The proposal to make Randy Stafford's book the official book of the AARA was tabled until May since the Executive Board did not have enough information to make a decision. The Executive Director will ensure that all members of the Board have copies of the proposed book as well as other knowledgeable individuals before the Board considers this motion. The feasibility of the book also being designated the official book of PARI should also be considered. The Executive Director will coordinate the review committee.

Luke St. Onge also requested that input be provided to him regarding possible means to celebrate our twentieth anniversary.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

2. To send Keith Calkins and the executive director to San Juan for the PASO meeting (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Mike Arnolt).
3. That the Secretary-General of the IARF and one more member of the AARA Board of Directors be sent to the World Championships and to vote at the World Congress.. The member of the AARA Board would also serve as team manager.
4. Keith was re-elected USOC delegate (m/s : Jim Hiser / Allan Seitelman)
5. To tentavtively plan a South American Tour in 1988- 1989 subject to the availability of funding.
6. That the United States should be represented at the Tournament of the Americas even if grant funding is not obtained. If funding is not obtained possibly only two people will be sent (m/s : Judi Schmidt / Mike Arnolt).
7. The AARA will run the 1990 Tournament of the Americas in Miami. This tournament may serve as the qualifier for the Pan American Games if racquetball is added to the Games (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Mike Arnolt)
8. Approve Keith Calkins as the President of PARC (m s : Allan Seitelman / Mike Arnolt).
9. Continue our support for the IARF, GAISF, and other International Associations in concept (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Judi Schmidt).
10. That the AARA defray the expenses incurred by the Secretary-General in attending the Olympics in Seoul, Korea as a delegate from the IARF (m/s : Mike Arnolt / Allan Seitelman).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

The situation that occurred at the US National singles regarding inappropriate player behavior was discussed. Our actions and lack of same were discussed in depth. There should have been a report regarding the situation that occurred at the 1988 Nationals to the full Board much sooner than was done in this case. Since the Board of Directors was meeting 5 months after the incident it was decided unanimously (m/s -Paul Henrickson / Otto Dietrich) that it would be inappropriate to take severe disciplinary actions against the Enson and Egan Inoue and Jeff Leon. The Board of Directors decided that a disciplinary procedure incorporating due process must be established. The Board of Directors prepared the following disciplinary policies and accepted them unanimously:

The disciplinary procedures shall be a process that provides for the consistent application of penalties and ensures that players have a right to due process. The three stages of the disciplinary process are:

1. Probation is an official status whereby a player is placed on probation for a specific period of time as a result of actions by that individual. Probation is an official warning to the player(s) that his/her/their actions are detrimental to the sport of racquetball and their fellow athletes. Any further action that is deemed to be detrimental to the sport by the tournament director, tournament committee or referee will result in suspension from the event and if grave enough suspension or expulsion from the AARA.
2. Suspension is an official status whereby the player has committed actions deemed serious enough by the governing Board of the Association to suspend the player from participating in all AARA sanctioned events for the specified period of time. Actions deemed serious enough to warrant this penalty are those that are detrimental to the sport of racquetball and to the players. Players who are on probation and commit further acts of unsportsmanlike behavior shall be considered for suspension.
3. Expulsion is the official status whereby a player after due process and a complete review of the facts is barred for life from participating in all activities of the AARA including but not limited to tournaments, clinics, and all other official activities of the Association. This action shall be taken only if the actions precipitating this decision are of such serious nature to warrant this judgement and the Governing Body has determined that this is the appropriate penalty.

John Boudman's Contract as Official AARA Stringer:

The Board of Directors voted to accept John Boudman's proposal to be the official stringer of the AARA. A motion (m/s : Allan Seitelman/ Judi Schmidt) was unanimously approved to enter into an agreement with John Boudman to be the official stringer of the AARA. The agreement proposed by John Boudman must be changed to a three year agreement and the monies provided to the AARA will be the percentages listed minus local fees or contributions. The agreement originally proposed appeared to state that if any local fees are charged the AARA would not receive any money.

Bill Battle Enterprises:

A motion to allow the executive director to pursue an agreement with Battle Enterprises and bring an agreement to the full Board for approval was unanimously passed (m/s : Mike Arnolt / Steve Ducoff). The agreement should protect Norm Bloom and the AARA itself.

Personnel Committee:

Any action regarding this committee was postponed until Sunday.

At 1 PM the meeting adjourned for lunch. Steve Ducoff indicated that he was leaving and that he wanted to indicate that he enjoyed serving on the Board and hoped that he had contributed something.

The Board presented him with an award in appreciation of his long and dedicated service on behalf of the AARA.

Rules:

The two rule proposals were reviewed.

The proposed rule to limit appeals " A player, or team, may have three appeals per game. However, if either of the two line judges disagree with the referee's call, that appeal will not count against the three-appeal limit. In addition, a team or player which expends its three appeals still retains the right to a game-ending appeal" passed unanimously.

The proposed rule regarding removal of a certified referee was rejected unanimously.

The Board of Directors also passed unanimously that if a proposed rule fails to get passed by the Board of Directors it can not be brought up again for two years.

The Board of Directors also voted to change the name of an avoidable hinder to point hinder.

There was an extensive discussion regarding the proper interpretation of what is a point hinder. Mike Arnolt felt that the rulebook should include an interpretation of what is a point hinder. The Board of Directors felt that this was a rule change and should follow the same process as any rule change.

Other Business:

The next Board of Directors meeting will be October, 7-10 weekend.

The Board of Directors voted to pursue a relationship with Jim Hiser's casebooks on tournament management and refereeing. We would like to see them as official publications of the AARA.

The Board of Directors unanimously voted (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Keith Calkins) to request that when a state chapter collects a membership from an out of state player that the state send 1/2 of the membership dues collected to that player's home state and 1/2 to National.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously to accept the committee recommendations regarding the selection process to pick the teams for US Olympic Festival if we are invited to attend. The recommendation was as follows:

The top eight men/women finishers in the National Singles Championships and the top four doubles finishers in the National Doubles Championships will qualify to be participants. The breakout of these players into the respective teams will be determined at a later date. If teams can not attend, then the US Head Coach will select the team from the US National Team.

An Athletes Advisory Committee will have to be established in the near future.

A committee to review grant applications was established with Keith Calkins, Allan Seitelman, and Jim Hiser serving on this committee.

us in any way they can. They have 800 players under contract and will forward a list of the Ektelon sponsored players on a state by state basis so that the State Organizations can contact them for assistance. Theresa also indicated that Ektelon was in the process of being bought and that this should help the company since it will bring an infusion of cash.

RMA:

The RMA recently gave \$1,000 to the AARA from a grant they had received. The AARA would be eligible for continued and increased developmental funding as a member of the RMA. The RMA would like to see the AARA join the organization and is offering a greatly reduced membership fee of \$150. A motion to approve the joining of RMA passed unanimously (m/s - Judi Schmidt / Keith Calkins).

RACQUETBALL IN REVIEW, PROGRAM, AND RULEBOOK:

Racquetball in Review is losing approximately \$50,000 per year and Florida Trade Publications cannot continue to absorb these losses. The concept of incorporating Racquetball in Review into National Racquetball and offering the magazine at a \$5.00 rate to AARA members was discussed. By a unanimous vote (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Mike Arnolt) the Board of Directors empowered Luke St. Onge to negotiate with National Racquetball for the most advantageous arrangement to allow for the elimination of Racquetball in Review, its inclusion into National Racquetball, and the offering of National Racquetball at a reduced rate to AARA members subject to final approval by the Executive Board.

The reason for this decision was that it was not feasible to continue to publish Racquetball in Review on an economic basis and that the members can now receive a high quality magazine for a slight increase in the amount they pay for membership.

The elimination of Racquetball in Review will cause a slight change in the election procedures which will be dealt with under the election section.

The program will be published on an annual rather than semi annual basis. The rulebooks should be out by October.

TEACHING CERTIFICATION:

PARI is one of the more important developmental programs that the AARA is currently operating. Since its inception the project has been successful. The Board recommended that PARI work closer with the State Organizations.

BALL SELECTION:

PENN was approved as the official ball for the 1988/89 National & Regional Championship Tournaments.

AARA LICENSING PROGRAM:

The Board of Directors voted to accept the contract submitted at the May meeting with Bill Battle Enterprises.

NATIONAL SINGLES:

The possibility of expanding the tournament to six days and moving the Team auction to Friday night was discussed.

RULES:

The Board of Directors reviewed proposed rule changes to determine the rules changes to be offered to the membership in National Racquetball.

The proposed rule changes and the voting on each were as follows:

1. The change in the balk rule was approved 10-0.
2. The proposed change regarding profanity passed 7-3
3. The proposed change in the appeal retention did not pass by the vote of 3-6.
4. The change in timeouts did not pass 4-6.
5. The proposed change regarding the backswing hinder did not pass 4-6.
6. The proposed rule change regarding one serve did not pass 0-10.
7. The proposed change regarding the readiness rule passed 7-2.
8. The proposed change regarding the point hinder description passed 8-1.
9. The proposed change regarding foot fault was tabled since the vote was 5-5.
10. The proposed rule regarding departing the service zone was tabled since the vote was 5-5.

ELECTION REPORT:

The procedure for voting will be essentially the same as last year. Members can vote by returning the ballot with their label from National Racquetball, by sending in the completed ballot with their national singles application, by voting at the National Singles, or by requesting a ballot from the National Office and returning it completed.

Allan Seitelman suggested that an alphabetical listing for the rankings be generated which would make the chore of checking duplications much easier. John will check into the feasibility of having this program written. The Leadership seminar is progressing nicely. We need the State certificates of Incorporation in order to complete our records for those states that indicates that they are incorporated.

EKTELON CONTRACT:

The relationship with Ektelon has been beneficial to both parties. A motion (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Mike Arnolt) to allow Luke St. Onge to begin negotiations with Ektelon for a three year extension with a 10% increase that will start with the beginning of the calendar year passed unanimously.

TEACHING CERTIFICATION:

There is a tremendous amount of interest in this program. The management of this program must be improved. Therefore, the National Office assumed control over the program and it should be even more successful in the coming year.

RMA:

The RMA is no longer involved in the professional tour. They may get involved in other areas.

NATIONAL RACQUETBALL - PROGRAM AND RULEBOOKS:

We have been operating under the new system of Racquetball in Review being an integral part of National Racquetball for one year. Overall, its been a success especially regarding the \$5 subscription priced to the magazine. However, the quality of the magazine needs to be improved. Some of the editorial content of the magazine is in conflict with the AARA's positions (e.g. eyeguards, APRO tips, etc.)

The AARA had to take the rulebook back. We made a \$6,000 profit selling ads for the rulebook.

We are still trying to sell ads in the program which we also took back from National Racquetball. A committee of John Foust, Van Dubolsky, and Linda Mojer was appointed to work on the format and content for the program. The program should be ready January 1, 1989 for shipment to tournaments.

After passing this motion the Board of Directors voted unanimously to place Enson Enoue, Egon Enoue and Jeff Leon on probation until July 1, 1989.

In the future the Board of Directors would like written reports re regarding any instances where disciplinary action may have to be taken.

The National Singles may start on Wednesday and the day for the team auction will be moved to Friday.

BALL SELECTION:

PENN was selected as the official ball for the 1989 National and Regional events unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Keith Calkins).

BILL BATTLE LICENSING AGREEMENT:

The agreement with Bill Battle Enterprises was accepted unanimously (m/s - Keith Calkins / Otto Dietrich).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm.

The Board of Directors was called to order on 10/15/88 at 8 am by President Van Dubolsky.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

The Strategic Planning report was provided by Van Dubolsky. The written report was very complete and is based on a lot of input from the various segments of our industry. The report should possibly be given to Linda Mojer for rewrite into acceptable publishable language.

The Strategic planning document when finished should include minority and women involvement and the purchasing of a permanent facility for the Association.

A motion to accept the Strategic Planning Report and use it as a viable working document (and adding military to items 5 and 6 after finalization) was approved unanimously (m/s - Keith Calkins/Allan Seitelman).



To: AARA Board of Directors
From: Allan Seitelman
Re: Minutes of Executive Board meeting May 23, Board of
Directors meeting May 24,25 and Board of Director's
meeting on May 29, 1988
Date: June 5, 1988

Attached for your review and consideration are the minutes from the May meetings. If you have any changes you want please let me know as soon as possible.

In addition, please send me a list of people you think should be considered for nomination to the Hall of Fame. All you have to do is send me the name and address (if you have it). I would like this list of names as soon as possible.



MANUFACTURERS REPORT:

Jim Hiser and Luke St. Onge provided an update regarding the status of the racquetball manufacturers. Overall our relationship with the manufacturers have never been better. Head is "upset" over the lack of promotional opportunities. However, it was pointed out that they had apple opportunities to bid on various projects over the past several years. The RMA may reconsider its involvement with the pro tour.

Mike Arnolt has conducted a survey of the eyeguard manufacturers and he provided the Board with a summary of his findings.

The Board of Directors reviewed the Court Sports Productions proposal regarding the portable court. It was the mood of the Board that the AARA pursue this proposal in order to determine our possible involvement.

STATE ORGANIZATION and MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

John Mooney presented the membership report and distributed an extensive written analysis. Over 5,000 duplicative or ghost memberships have been purged over the past six months.

There is a slight problem in getting the rankings to count points over a twelve month basis. It should be corrected by next month's deadline for mailing the monthly reports to the States.

A motion to approve the reinstatement of Region 13 (Wyoming, Montana) was approved unanimously (m/s - Judi Schmidt/ Keith Calkins).

The West Virginia situation with two competing factions asking for recognition was discussed. A motion to empower the National Staff to document the situation in West Virginia and offer recommendations to the Executive Board for decision passed unanimously (m/s - Judi Schmidt / Mike Arnolt).

The Board of Directors also officially commended John Mooney for his excellent work on behalf of the Association.

WTS INTERNATIONAL REPORT:

WTS is still attempting to secure sponsors for the AARA. They will receive 25% of the funds they generate. A motion to extend the contract with WTS as the AARA's exclusive agent for the next six months passed unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman/ John Foust).

EKTELON CONTRACT:

The Ektelon Contract as ratified by the Board of Directors and the Executive Board is in effect and everything appears to be copescetic with Ektelon even though Mark Wentura is no longer with Ektelon. Theresa Nunn came in to address the Board of Directors and indicated that Ektelon is glad to be affiliated with the AARA and that they will help

The Executive Board also recommended unanimously that the Board approve the following motions:

1. That the WTS contract be extended
2. That the executive director be empowered to open negotiations with Ektelon for a 10% across the board increase
3. Accept the PARI report
4. Vote of confidence for National Racquetball
5. Accept the Junior Council recommendations with the slight change in the Code Of Conduct
6. Accept the Intercollegiate Report
7. That a Committee be formed that will reviews the Masters Council, their functions, responsibilities, the elimination of the waiver that allowed Golden Masters to not play in the Regionals if they played in the Golden Masters Invitational, and all other issues affecting this group of players.
8. Approve the Fundraising report
9. Approve the Election Committee's recommendation to accept ballots at the check in desk until 5PM Thursday for those members who have not already voted.
10. Approve the awarding of a Regional Director's Award
11. Accept the priorities as outlined in the Foundation Grants Report.
12. Accept the recommendation that we pursue a three year agreement with Houston
13. Accept John Boudman's proposal to be the Official Stringer of the AARA subject to final negotiation.
14. Allow the Executive Director to pursue an agreement with Bill Battle Enterprises

The Hall of Fame awards were discussed. The letter from W.T. Blakeslee regarding minority membership on the Board was reviewed. It was decided to refer this to committee and review the committee's recommendations in October.

The USOC and International Development Committee report was reviewed in detail. The recommendations outlined on page four and five of the Committee report were approved unanimously. Each will be reflected as an individual motion in the Board of Directors minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 PM.

4-5 people were unable to adequately participate due to poor physical conditioning. A method to increase the pool of applicants and a procedure to select only those physically capable of undertaking the physical demands of the camp must be developed. A committee composed of Luke St. Onge, Jim Hiser, Otto Dietrich, and Carol Pellowski will investigate the problem and recommend possible corrective actions that could be undertaken. The State Championships will act as a qualifier for the Elite Camp in order to broaden the base of applicants.

NATIONAL DOUBLES:

The National Doubles tournament is shaping up nicely. It will be televised nationwide with the total cost estimated to be less than \$8,000 plus the expenses of Joe Gallagher, the director. The four floor managers will be Scott Winters, Paul Henrickson, Van Dubolsky, and Pat Garity.

MILITARY REPORT:

Roger Patrick provided the military report. He reported that racquetball is still very popular in the military and that they are starting to charge user fees for the first time. The Navy has a problem requiring the use of eyeguards since they have a requirement that if they mandate the use of a piece of equipment they must also supply that equipment.

MASTERS COUNCIL:

The North American Senior/Master Championships have already been designated as the World Senior/Master Racquetball Championships by the IRF. Seven countries have already agreed to send representatives. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Keith Calkins) to designate the North American Senior/Master Championships as the World Senior/Master Championships for a minimum of three years.

It was also the sentiment of the Board that the Golden Master waiver regarding their participation in the Regional Championships not be continued for the 1989 Series.

The Board of Directors also passed a motion empowering the National office to send a letter to Mary Walker thanking her for her efforts on behalf of senior and master women.

OUTREACH REPORT:

The National Office needs to get more involved with this Committee.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN AMATEUR RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

May 24-25, 1988

Hyatt Regency, Houston Texas

Attendees:

Van Dubolsky	- President
Jim Hiser	- Vice President
Allan Seitelman	- Recording Secretary
Mike Arnolt	- National Rules Commissioner
Keith Calkins	- Board Member
Judi Schmidt	- Board Member
John Foust	- Board Member (absent on May 24, 1988)
Steve Ducoff	- Board Member
Luke St. Onge	- Executive Director (non-voting)
John Mooney	- National Staff (non-voting)

Absent:

Cathie Frederickson	- Board Member
Jon Denley	- RESIGNED
Dave Anderson	- Board Member

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM Tuesday May 24, 1988 Hyatt Regency, Houston Texas by President Van Dubolsky.

The roll call was taken and the minutes of the previous meetings (Executive and Board) were approved unanimously.

Financial Report:

The financial report was provided by Van Dubolsky in the absence of Dave Anderson. It was reported that we are showing a positive balance for the first time. The Board (m/s : Steve Ducoff / Judi Schmidt) unanimously approved the financial report with the following change - "that the PARI clinicians be shown as independent contractors and not as employees of the AARA".

Budget Report:

The budget was discussed. The personnel cost may be lower since the new secretary will be paid at \$14,000. The feasibility of purchasing the office was reviewed and it was decided that it was not feasible. The use of a 800 or Watts line was investigated and it was reported that it is not feasible for us at the present time. Steve Ducoff voiced some concerns regarding the assumed increase of 7,000 paid memberships. He wanted to create a contingency fund in case we do not generate these memberships. It was decided that we will do the same thing we did this year when we did not meet the revenue projections - we will reduce our spending. The budget was unanimously approved (m/s : Keith Calkins / Allan Seitelman).

Planning Committee will look at this issue. The method of reimbursing state chapters on lifetime memberships was reviewed. No conclusion was made at this time. Two Board members (Cathie Frederickson and Jon Denley) have missed two consecutive meetings. Allan Seitelman indicated that he had tried to contact both people before the meeting and that he had left a message at both person's place of business asking that they return his call. Since May would have been Cathie Frederickson's last meeting no action is needed other than to ask for her resignation so that there will be no confusion regarding the May Board meeting. Jon Denley had been excused from the previous Board meeting due to a back injury. It was determined that Luke St. Onge or Van Dubolsky will contact Jon Denley to determine his status and recommend a course of action that the Board should take.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:10 PM

A SECOND DAY OF MEETINGS WAS CONVENED TO ORDER BY Van Dubolsky AT 8:10 AM OCTOBER 3, 1987

MILITARY REPORT:

It is difficult to sign up military members since forced memberships are not allowed at military bases.

MASTERS REPORT:

Overall, the masters movement has been very successful. The Board reiterated its position that the Regional Championships are the only qualifiers for the US National Championships and that invitational tournaments, however important, cannot take the place of the Regionals.

However, in order to provide a compromise position The Board of Directors authorized unanimously with Mike Arnolt abstaining (m/s - John Foust / Allan Seitelman) Luke St. Onge to develop an agreement with the Golden Masters to run their 1988 tournament as a qualifier for the Nationals but that under the agreement they must move the date for the tournament to between September and January thereafter and that their tournament will no longer function as a qualifier for the National Singles Championships. Their tournament will still be a level 5 tournament with all the prestige that it entails.

SENIORS COUNCIL:

There is more of a movement to include older age divisions in local tournaments. The feasibility of developing a generic application was considered. Van Dubolsky will develop a prototype for the Board to review at the next meeting.

Other Considerations:

The USOTC can only give the Elite Camp one week in Colorado. Jim Hiser and Luke St. Onge will decide what to do with the other two weeks.

The Hall Of Fame ballot was discussed. It was decided that if no persons are named by a majority of the Board then a second ballot will be distributed with the leading vote getters being listed. The five people already in the Hall Of Fame are: [Bud Muehleisen, Joe Sobek, Larry Leaderman, Gene Grapes, and Ike Gummer]

The election ballot and the order of the candidates was reviewed. After much discussion it was decided that the intent of the Board was to highlight the Board nominees and that the order of the candidates on the ballot should remain as established. It was also decided that changing the name of the write in candidate to nominated by petition was allowable.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

The feasibility of continuing the practice of not allowing current members of the Board of Directors to be selected for awards was debated. It was decided to continue the present practice of not permitting Board of Directors members to receive these awards.

Referee Certification:

There are approximately 330 certified referees with 23 Level II and 12 Level III. Some states are not pushing it and should get more involved. Possibly the States should require Board members to be certified. The AARA Board may want to consider this as a mandate for the AARA Board. The Level II test is almost completed.

Foundation Grants:

The Foundation report and recommendations were accepted unanimously (m/s : Allan Seitelman / John Foust). The grants we will be applying for in order of their priority are:

1. Tournament of the Americas, Spring 1989
2. South American Tour, Summer, 1989
3. Intercollegiate Coaches Clinic, Fall, 1989
4. Promotional Film for Racquetball, Summer, 1989

The Executive Director is on the USOC Committee that awards grants. This is a prestigious honor. The amount available to the Group C Sports was cut from the original proposal of the USOC Committee at the House of Delegates meeting in Washington. The split will be 92/3/5 instead of the originally recommended split of 80/10/10.

Management Seminar:

The Management Seminar will be sponsored by Ektelon and will be offered in Michigan. Racquetball and fitness will be included in the Seminar. Jim Hiser will coordinate the effort. Allan Seitelman, Mike Arnolt, and John Foust will assist in the formulation of this seminar.

1989 National Singles and Doubles Sites:

The Board of Directors unanimously recommended that we pursue a three year deal with the Downtown YMCA and the Houston Sports Foundation. The final agreement will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval in October (m/s : Steve Ducoff / John Foust).

Any action regarding the selection of the 1989 Doubles site was postponed until October due to incomplete bids being submitted. Clint Koble made a presentation on behalf of the Ports Club of Las Vegas.

The Board of Directors also passed unanimously the following motions regarding membership:

1. To empower John Mooney to attend the Oregon Racquetball Association meeting, if it is deemed necessary to have AARA representation at the meeting (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Steve Ducoff).
2. To establish the State Training Seminar as a yearly activity with the States paying airfare and the AARA providing housing and food (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Judi Schmidt).
3. Accept State Games as an official function of the AARA (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Keith Calkins).
4. Approve the agreements with HSI and Paul Arpin Van Lines and distribute promotional materials with our membership packet (m/s : Keith Calkins / Judi Schmidt).

The costs associated with any activity have to be approved as part of the Annual Budget process. Therefore, it is not necessary to add this to any motion.

Mike Arnolt also made a motion that the process of awarding lifetime memberships be changed. There was no second for this motion.

WTS International:

The Board of Directors unanimously voted (m/s : Keith Calkins / Judi Schmidt) to extend the WTS contract until December 31, 1988.

Ektelon Contract:

The Board of Directors voted unanimously to empower the executive director to negotiate with Ektelon to seek a 10% across the board increase in funds in both 1989 and 1990 (m/s : Keith Calkins / Judi Schmidt).

PARI:

The Professional Association of Racquetball Instructors has been a very successful program for the AARA. The issue of whether PARI should eventually be spun off as a separate organization was discussed in detail. The Board of Directors unanimously voted to accept the PARI report and to continue

U.S.O.C. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:

The sending to Korea of Keith Calkins by the AARA was a positive step for us and he expressed his appreciation to the AARA for their trust and help. We must prepare our plans for the Tournament of the Americas scheduled for Quito, Ecuador. The U.S. Team contingent will depend on whether we get a USOC grant. However, it is recommended that we send at least one male and one female player even if we do not get a grant to send the team to Quito. A motion to select Paul Henrickson as the person to function as Team Manager for the Tournament of the Americas and to also coordinate the planned South American Tour with Jim Hiser's assistance in coordinating the instruction to be provided on the Tour passed unanimously (m/s - John Foust / Mike Arnolt) with Paul Henrickson abstaining.

There is a good chance that racquetball may be part of the next US Olympic Festival. The initial estimates of the cost of sending participants to the Festival seem excessive. The team size and composition will depend on the total cost and the amount of time permitted for competition.

The Board of Directors needs to select the alternate delegate and the procedure for seating our delegates when we become Group A members of the USOC. Allan Seitelman was interested in continuing to serve in this position. Mike Arnolt was also interested in serving in this position. The Board of Directors then voted to select the Alternate Delegate and Allan Seitelman was elected. Keith Calkins recommended that if we get Group A status we should select the Executive Director, the President, a woman, an open player, and one other Board member. This procedure will be decided in May.

The Board of Directors approved the continuation of Keith Calkins in his position as Secretary General of the International Racquetball Federation (m/s - Keith Calkins / Allan Seitelman).

We will need to select new Team Coaches. The Committee recommended that we select a men's head coach and a women's head coach plus two alternates. The Board of Directors voted on the candidates and via a closed ballot narrowed the field down to five finalists who will be asked to come to Baltimore for an interview. The five finalists were Larry Lyles, Fran Davis, Gary Mazaroff, Neil Shapiro, and Stu Hastings. The Board of Directors will give suggested questions to Van Dubolsky who will prepare standardized questions for the candidates to address at the interview. The Board of Directors also voted to officially send a letter of commendation to Larry Lyles, Mary Dee, and Gary Mazaroff thanking them for their efforts in making the team so successful during their coaching tenure and that they should be presented with awards at the National Singles subject to approval by the Executive Board (m/s - Keith Calkins/ Paul Henrickson).

MINORITY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Minority Council formed in May is already very active. The motion to accept the Minority Council as an official Council of the AARA was unanimously approved (m/s - Steve Ducoff / Keith Calkins).

WOMENS REPORT:

We are continuing to try and develop programs in this area.

FUNDRAISING:

Judi Schmidt is trying to develop a list of potential donors. Florida is also starting a model program of selling old shirts as a fundraiser for the National Team. The idea of selling team replica items to the general public should be investigated. Steve Ducoff suggested the idea of a lottery as a fundraiser. Other NGB's are doing this and he will investigate the feasibility of the AARA undertaking this activity.

Modern Communications has submitted a proposal to do fundraising activities on behalf of the Association. The Board of Directors voted to accept in concept the proposal of Modern Communications and to authorize the executive director to enter into an agreement with them if deemed appropriate as long as the concerns regarding mailing list integrity, quality of the items, etc. are satisfied (m/s - Judi Schmidt / John Foust).

DISABLED REPORT:

This area has shown great growth with the Disabled National Championships being held separately for the first time.

Racquetball clinics were put on for the first time at the World Special Olympics held at Notre Dame University. Racquetball is slated as an exhibition sport and then a full medal sport in the next two competitions.

A presentation will be made at the GAISF Conference. In addition, a separate brochure regarding racquetball for the disabled is being prepared.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

No action is needed on personnel matters.

PLANNING, GOALS, and FOUNDATION GRANTS:

Strategic planning concerns will be reviewed by the ad hoc committee created and at the State and Regional Seminar.

Two foundation grants were approved - \$33,860 for the US National Team to attend the 1988 World Championships and \$17,940 for the US Team to attend the Tournament of the Americas in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

Fundraising:

The main fundraising efforts beside membership, sponsors, and tournament revenue include the following : Carry the Torch, Ektelon US Team Fundraiser, Visa, Marvin Cherna (greeting cards), direct mail, and the addition to the application asking for a donation.

Carry the Torch - Currently over 100,000 of the flyers are out in the market. Banktails and direct solicitation in 1,300 court clubs is taking place. Estimated net revenue is not determinable at this time.

Visa - Two direct mailings have already taken place. Three ads have been taken out in National Racquetball. The estimated net revenue in 1988-1989 is \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Marvin Cherna - Greeting Cards - Mailed May 15, 1988. Estimated net revenue is \$10,000.

Direct Mail - We raised \$2,000 last Christmas.

Ektelon Fundraiser - Ektelon has donated \$1,000 in equipment as part of the fundraising for the US Team in the glove contract. The Executive Director is seeking a member from the Board or other qualified individual to run this event and make \$3,000 to \$4,000 for the US Team. This request was tabled until the next day.

Request for donation on the National application - over \$1,500 was donated by players entering the National Championships

Hall of Fame:

There will be three new inductees into the Hall of Fame to join the present five members. The three new inductees are Charlie Brumfield, Bob Kendler, and Peggy Steding. They will be receiving awards while the present five members will also be honored. Joe and Nancy Sobek will be attending the tournament and will make a speech at the banquet. The process for selecting the Hall of Fame worked very well. The only problems were the lack of time and the paucity of written backup regarding each candidate. The process will be changed next year. The committee will receive names of people that should be considered. A letter will be sent to the individuals so named asking that they complete a form and mail it back. This will allow for a more uniform resume. The Board of Directors at the October meeting will select the candidates for the Hall of Fame. Ballots will then be mailed to the members of the Selection Committee. The Board of Directors unanimously accepted the Hall of Fame Report (m/s : Mike Arnolt / Judi Schmidt).

Carol Pellowski and Roger Patrick were added to the Olympic Committee and Roger Patrick was added to the Athletes Advisory Committee.

A motion "to canvass the US National Team to determine what they would like to receive as the award for winning the World Championships subject to obtaining additional funding. The awards would be given to all team players and coaches who attended the World Championships. Members of the official delegation, other players and coaches would be permitted to purchase the award" passed 9-1 with Mike Arnolt voting nay (m/s - Carol Pellowski / Jim Hiser).

The issue of an Athletic Advisory Board must be addressed. As the first step in this process, a motion "to ask the men's and women's coach to poll the team and select a male and female athlete liaison to come to the May Board meeting to sit in and observe. These people would not be voting members" passed unanimously (m/s - Keith Calkins / Paul Henrickson).

The Board of Directors discussed the problems with US Team members selling equipment while representing our country overseas. A motion that "members of the US Official Delegation are not permitted to sell equipment (players, coaches, etc.) on AARA sponsored US National Team activities while they are representing the US. Violation of this will result in disciplinary action." The motion (m/s - Keith Calkins / Allan Seitelman) passed unanimously.

The final motion regarding the US team was that "members of the US Team shall be informed of the USOC drug testing policy at the US Olympic Festival and shall sign a waiver" passed unanimously (m/s - Mike Arnolt / Keith Calkins).

AWARD SELECTION:

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Mike Arnolt / Allan Seitelman) to create new levels of awards for gold points as follows:

2,300, 5,000, 7,500, and 10,000.

An appropriate award will be developed for each level. Possibly pins with different colors could be used.

The nominees for USOC Olympic Athlete of the year were male: A. Roberts, D. Ganim and D. Obremski and female: T. Bevelock, D. Green, T. Rasmussen, M. Gillman and R. Levine. Andy Roberts and Toni Bevelock were elected unanimously. A motion to recommend the Olympic Athletes of the year for the Sullivan Award (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Keith Calkins) passed 9-1 with Otto Dietrich voting no.

Election Committee Report:

The general mailing of ballots to the membership in addition to the ballots in National Racquetball and on the National Application was not accomplished in time for the deadline since the post office held up the mailing for over eight weeks. However, do to the inclusion of the ballot in the National application more members voted than ever in history. It was decided to continue to accept ballots at the registration desk until 5 PM Thursday since all the candidates had been informed that there would be voting at the Nationals. Allan Seitelman, Judi Schmidt, and John Foust will man the registration desk to oversee the election process. Only those members who have not already voted will be permitted to vote at the Nationals.

The Board of Directors also discussed the need to change the election procedures if the general mail ballot is not going to be accomplished in a timely manner. The Committee will make a full report at the October meeting.

The letter from Tom Blakeslee regarding minority representation on the Board of Directors was discussed. It was noted that we have a Minority Council and that we operate under the rules of the USOC. A motion was made to seek clarification from the USOC regarding minority representation on the Board and draft an appropriate policy statement and response that follows USOC policy. It was passed unanimously (m/s : Judi Schmidt/ Allan Seitelman).

Strategic Planning Committee Report:

The results of the questionnaire were reviewed at the Leadership Seminar and the Board of Directors meeting. The response rate to the questionnaire was extremely high. A motion to accept the committee report and develop a second level questionnaire was passed unanimously (m/s : Allan Seitelman / Keith Calkins).

USOC and International Development:

The Committee Report was detailed and was provided to all Board members. These minutes will not resummairize the report.

The following motions were passed unanimously:

1. Pursue AARA involvement in the US Olympic Festival. The selection process for the team will be decided at a future date (m/s : Mike Arnolt / Allan Seitelman).