MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN AMATEUR RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION
May 21 - 24, 1991
Houston, Texas

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submitted by Allan Seitelman,

Secretary

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Attendees:

Keith Calkins - President
Carol Pellowski - Vice President
Allan Seitelman - Secretary
Paul Henrickson - Treasurer
Margo Daniels - National Commissioner
Otto Dietrich - National Rules Commissioner
Ivan Bruner - Board Member
John Foust - Board Member
Steve Lerner - Board Member
Andy Roberts - Board Member (absent morning 5/21)

Non Board Member Attendees

Luke St. Onge - Executive Director ✓
John Mooney - Assistant Executive Director
Jim Hiser - Assistant Executive Director
Linda Mojer - Media Coordinator
Mark Wentura - Spalding

Absent

Renee Carnahan - Board Member (resigned)
Roger Patrick - Board Member (resigned)

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The meeting was called to order at 8 am on May, 21 by President Calkins. The roll call was taken.

The minutes of the previous AARA Board of Directors and Executive Board meetings were reviewed. The minutes were approved as submitted (m/s - Paul Henrickson / John Foust).

The Board of Directors also approved unanimously (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Steve Lerner) the Executive Board actions taken regarding the establishment of a $40,000 line of credit from the 1st National Bank of Colorado Springs, the awarding of the US National Outdoor Championships to the University of Florida, Gainesville since no response had been received from California, and the change in the requirements states must meet in order to qualify for rebates. The new requirements will be that the state must publish one newsletter per quarter rather than 6 per year. The rebates will also be paid quarterly.

ARCHIVES REPORT

The AARA continues to record the statements regarding the historical development of racquetball. Interviews with key individuals who have a historical presence in the development of the sport are being conducted in a systematic manner. The Archives report was accepted unanimously (m/s - Steve Lerner / Otto Dietrich)

CONSTITUTIONAL REPORT

Some changes are being made in the constitution to make it more consistent. Suggested changes should be sent to Otto Dietrich by December 1, 1991. Any suggested changes will be reviewed by the Executive Director to ensure that we do not draft an instrument that is not in compliance with the Amateur Sports Act. President Keith Calkins will establish a legislative committee to review all proposed legislation and constitutional changes. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the undertaking of this Constitutional Review process (m/s - Steve Lerner / Margo Daniels).

RULES REPORT

The Board of Directors reviewed two rule change proposals in order to determine the rule changes to be published in the magazine in order to obtain general membership review and that will be voted on by the Board of Directors in May. The proposal to consider the following two changes was motioned by Margo Daniels but was not seconded and therefore not voted on by the Board of Directors.

1. Change the 5 foot rule to ONLY apply to the receiver's feet.
2. Move the five foot line back.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Carol Pellowski / Ivan Bruner) to publish the racquet waiver as a proposed rule change by extending the current maximum length to 21 1/2 inches.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Margo Daniels / Carol Pellowski) to approve the Rules Committee Report. It then voted unanimously to suspend its rules and allow the consideration of the following rule change proposal (m/s - Mike Arnolt / Steve Lerner): "That Eyeguards and thongs be required at all times on the court during sanctioned tournaments." The Board

AARA Board of Directors Minutes, October 1991

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR's REPORTS

The Executive Director provided a written report regarding the Association's progress over the past twelve months. The items highlighted include the progress on the magazine, the increased usage of computers, the development of the recreational membership program, television coverage, the development of a Junior National Team as well as a Masters Team. The AARA is presently in a cash-flow problem due to the non receipt of the Peak grant funds from the USOC and the poor performance of the Outdoor National Championships. This involves approximately $60,000. This issue will be discussed in more detail during the financial report presentation. The amount of time the department heads are out of the office will be reduced this year. The Board of Directors unanimously voted (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Steve Lerner) to accept the Executive Director's report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was provided. As stated earlier we are in a cash flow problem. The reason that the Peak grant funds were lower than expected was that they changed the rules in the middle of the process. The USOC amended the rules to require that the sport has to be on the Pan Am program in Cuba in order to be eligible to receive funding.

Our net balance as of September 15, 1991 was $29,000 negative. Ken Waugh is assisting the AARA in implementing a new computerized accounting system. This system will make our financial reporting system much more responsive to our needs. We have made an offer to Maddocks to settle our debt. They have not responded to our letter. The possibility of reducing our costs by cutting back on the number of television broadcasts was briefly reviewed and will be discussed in more detail in the television section of the agenda. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Carol Pellowski) to accept the financial report.

TELEVISION

1991 was our most ambitious year yet in our commitment to television. In 1991 we televised on Prime Network the National Singles and Doubles, Intercollegiates, PAC RIM, Junior Olympics, Outdoor Nationals, and the World Cup. Three of these will also be carried on the U.S. Olympic Broadcast System on Sports Channel. Total revenue from this year's productions will be approximately $50,000 with an outlay of $112,000.

MEDIA UPDATE

The magazine has gone from 32 pages to 48 pages and it is anticipated that the next issue will have slick cover. The media guide/tournament program will possibly be expanded dependent on ad sales. The rulebook is now on our word processing system and therefore it will be easier to amend. Linda Mojer, if time permits will put together a list of former National Doubles Champions similar to the singles list previously published. Becky Maxedon is helping in our media office. We are generating millions of impressions for each of our events. Linda Mojer will be attending the US Olympic Festival as a representative of the USOC media office. She will also be assigned to cover other sports in addition to racquetball.

HALL OF FAME

Two players, Cindy Baxter and Ed Remen are being inducted into the AARA Hall of Fame this year. Mike Arnolt, Jim Austin, Ivan Bruner, Van Dubolsky, and Mike Luciw failed to win the necessary 2/3 vote. The committee will be reviewing additional candidates to determine if any more people should be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration in October. The committee recommended the following amendments to the current procedures which were adopted unanimously by the Board of Directors (m/s - Paul Henrickson / John Foust).

1. Wherever possible the forms should be standardized and typed by the National Office. The forms will be edited where necessary in order to conform with the guidelines.

2. The Selection committee will be as follows:

   a. Current members of the AARA Board of Directors.
   b. The current National Executive Director.
   c. All past presidents of the AARA as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.
   d. One representative from each of the Councils.
   e. At Large members - This category includes all individuals voted to be on the Selection Committee by the AARA Board of Directors. In addition State Presidents and Junior Regional Commissioners and former Adult Regional Commissioners will be canvassed once during the summer of 1991 to determine if they want to be added as at large members of the Selection Committee. If they respond in the affirmative they will automatically be added to the Selection Committee. However, they will be subject to the same provisions as other at large members including the provision that if they do not vote twice in a row they are automatically removed

distributed to all appropriate individuals. Juniors should be a priority of the AARA. The possibility of encouraging junior development through the grant process was discussed. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Ivan Bruner / Margo Daniels) to accept the junior development report and to make junior development a priority in awarding grants. Jim Hiser will be assigned to coordinate many of the recommendations he provided to help stimulate junior play.

The AARA will assume the responsibility of running the Junior World Championships. Jim Hiser would be the tournament director. He will be performing this function as an outside vendor. This event does not come under his present job functions. He had been getting paid by the IRF. He will be performing these functions while taking comp or other leave time.

No date at the USOC for the Junior US Team camp has been established. The applications are due by July 1, 1991. The Team will probably tour Europe. The Executive Board had asked the Team Committee to review who will be going on the tour. Strict criteria should be established.

We have been contacted by Boys Life (circulation 4,000,000) regarding the possibility of conducting an ongoing joint venture this year.

ELITE CAMP

The elite camp will be the first two weeks of August. We are giving a priority to younger athletes since this is supposed to be a developmental camp. Over 25 athletes have already been accepted into each camp. Starting January 1, 1992 we will have to pay $20 per day for every person staying at the USOTC.

PARI

The revised PARI program seems to be working very well. This program is actually a revenue producer for the AARA. The instructors and Connie Martin are paid out of clinic fees. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / John Foust) to authorize a resolution thanking Connie Martin for her efforts. A motion thanking Yvonne Calavan for her efforts in typesetting the various manuals passed unanimously (m/s - John Foust / Carol Pellowski).

REFEREE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The new tests seem to be well received. However, only 14-16 states have a separate referee certification director. If we want this program to expand more attention will have to be paid to the referee certification program.

The Board Manual will be reviewed and recommendations for change will be provided by the October Board of Directors meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was approved unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Ivan Bruner) as submitted. This was the first time that we had information as of April 30 rather than March 31 to review for the Board of Directors meeting. We currently have $65,000 in the bank with all outstanding bills paid. Our net worth is probably in excess of $200,000. We have secured insurance on the contents of the National Office for the first time. For the next report the Board of Directors would like to see the date the receivables were billed in order to make a determination as to the status of the bills and whether they may should be considered uncollectible. Luke St. Onge is currently negotiating with Maddocks ($17,853.72) and Thompson & Mitchell ($14,124.72) in order to offer them a settlement to wipe our debt to them off the books. We are currently paying each of them a small payment each month. We are attempting this with Maddocks first. Both of these liabilities stem from legal costs incurred in the 1970's.

We have not received any liability claims under our new insurance policy. We have received several medical claims some of which have already been paid. The majority of the claims had another medical insurer as the primary insurance policy.

BUDGET 1991-1992

The Budget was reviewed page by page. The total budget for 1991/1992 will be $2,688,750 ($1,733,750 cash and $955,000 in kind). It is approximately $850,000 higher than last year. It is based on 37,000 members. The US Team Athletes can receive as much as $10,000 to $11,000 if they utilize the system properly. The US Team has a budget of $161,000.

We have already signed up 36 clubs into the recreational membership program. The budget includes hiring Waugh & Associates to undertake the one year audit. The audit should include an assessment of the net worth of the Association. The budget includes $30,000 for competitive State Grants.

The budget also includes a procedural change regarding Council budgets. The new procedure is that each Council must submit a budget, its short range goals, as well as its long range goals in order to receive any funds. All administrative meetings must be held in conjunction with an approved competition or at the Olympic Training Center. Expenses will be reimbursed upon receipts submitted to the AARA.

The budget as submitted was approved unanimously (m/s - Paul Henrickson / Otto Dietrich) with the following addition: that of Directors passed this motion 5-2 with Carol Pellowski, Mike Arnolt, Ivan Bruner, Otto Dietrich, and Steve Lerner voting yes and Allan Seitelman and Margo Daniels voting nay.

OTHER BUSINESS

Other items discussed include:

1. Should the fiscal year be changed to the calendar year?

2. Possibly print the rulebook and allow changes only every two years. Recommendations regarding this will be submitted in May.

3. The approval of the rule interpretations was postponed until May in order to allow the Rules Committee to review them in detail.

4. The issue regarding the waiver of the racquet specifications was discussed. We need to get feedback and the results of the technical committee before voting on this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

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YMCA/AARA INSTRUCTORS PROGRAM

The AARA teamed up with the YMCA of the USA to coordinate an extensive racquetball development program for youth instructors with the YMCA. Twenty different sites were selected where PARI instructors will give one day clinics. The attendees of these clinics will be signed up as recreational AARA members. The Board of Directors reviewed the report on this program.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES REPORT

PAC RIM - The tournament was well received. They would like racquetball to return. We will have to decide if we want to attend next year. This tournament may develop into an important competition like the Pan American Championships.

Olympic Festival - We participated and the venue at LA was excellent for the athletes.

World Cup - This was an excellent competition among Canada, Mexico and the U.S. This was the first time we televised a match that did not include an American player.

Olympic status - We are still attempting to get racquetball added as a Exhibition sport in 1996. It looks gloomy but we are still continuing the quest.

Pan American Games - Everything seems to be in order for the 1995 Pan American Games in Argentina.

Other - We may participate in the World Games in 199[illegible]. The AARA booth will be displayed at the Olympic Congress. The AARA will investigate the feasibility of bidding to be the host country for the 1996 World Championships to be held in Atlanta since the Olympics will be held in Atlanta in 1996. If feasible we will probably pursue this objective.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Otto Dietrich) to accept the committee's report.

OFFICIAL BALL SELECTION

The AARA Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Margo Daniels / Carol Pellowski) to accept the PENN bid as the official ball for the period November 1, 1991 to October 31, 1992.

The members of the Board of Directors permitted to vote then unanimously (m/s - Mike Arnolt / Margo Daniels) approved the slate of candidates as submitted by the nominating committee.

The Election Committee also reported that the nomination forms will be printed in the March/April issue of Racquetball Magazine.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Mike Arnolt / Steve Lerner) that the Board of Directors candidate profiles can not exceed 200 words. Any that exceed this limit will be returned to the candidate for editing. Failure to submit the profile in the prescribed time will result in the profile not being published with the ballot.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Mike Arnolt) that recreation members, complimentary and club members are <u>not</u> eligible to cast ballots for the Board of Directors election.

The Board of Directors also voted unanimously (m/s - Mike Arnolt / Allan Seitelman) that the memberships will be verified by AARA National staff via current roster, membership receipt, or written verification of the state president.

The procedures that the nominees would be listed in alphabetical order on the ballot, that the Board of Directors nominees will be noted as such, that the ballot will be placed in the lower right corner of an odd numbered page with an ad on the reverse side, that the label from the magazine must accompany the ballot clipped from the magazine will still be followed.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s Steve Lerner / Allan Seitelman) to establish a Blue Ribbon Committee to examine the election and nomination procedures that will issue a full report in May. The committee should include at least two people from outside the Board of Directors. Mike Arnolt was appointed chairperson with Allan Seitelman, Carol Pellowski, and Ivan Bruner serving as committee members.

The Election Committee report was accepted unanimously (m/s Steve Lerner / Ivan Bruner).

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Steve Lerner) to keep the number of scholarships awarded to five and not award a scholarship to the sixth person originally recommended by the committee.

After extensive discussion of our financial situation and the cost of continuing to televise our events the Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Steve Lerner) to pass the following motion:

> Due to budgetary constraints, if the AARA does not land a major sponsor by January 1, 1992 to cover the costs of televising our various events, the AARA will commit to funding the televising of only the National Singles and National Doubles Championships in the 1992 season. Other events may be televised dependent on generating income to cover the costs of televising the event. The Executive Committee is empowered to authorize additional television coverage if funds so permit.
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> In addition, if we do not televise the High School Nationals this year or next then the AARA should negotiate with them regarding the glass back wall that they put up at our request. The AARA should also clear up any misunderstandings with other events regarding the televising of their events.

RECREATIONAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The recreational membership report was provided and accepted unanimously (m/s - Mike Arnolt / Margo Daniels) by the Board of Directors. We have just begun operating this program and already have 39 clubs participating in the program. Presentations in the next few weeks will be made to IRSA, the Northeast Racquet Sports Association, and to NIRSA. This program should be much more successful by May.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kevin Joyce presented the membership report which was approved unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Margo Daniels) by the Board of Directors. The membership at the end of September was 31,131 an increase over 1990 and 1989. The Penn free ball program is just beginning to show results. The Ektelon program is still generating a substantial number of memberships. The National office is now attempting to call every tournament on the Monday after the tournament to ask how everything went. The National office is behind in rebate payments to the states. A procedure was worked out that would allow the states to retain the rebate by withholding membership fees to the National Office. This procedure may become standardized since it works out to the benefit of both parties.

OCTOBER 13, 1991
MINUTES

The second day of meetings began at 8:00 am.

INTERCOLLEGIATES

The Blue Ribbon Committee presented a motion for review by the Board of Directors. The staff will continue to work with the Intercollegiate Council in the development of these proposals and in keeping them involved. The motion to accept in concept the proposal detailed below and to establish a Presidential Task Force on Intercolllegiates, including representatives from the AARA Board of Directors and the ACRA to report back in May with final recommendations passed unanimously (m/s - Otto Dietrich/ Steve Lerner) with Allan Seitelman abstaining and John Foust absent for the vote. The Task Force will use the proposal as the basis for determining their recommendations. The proposal was as follows:

Be it resolved that the AARA accept in concept that the Intercollegiate Program be divided into two separate development areas - Competitive and Recreational.

Competitive

The Intercollegiate Competitive Council is responsible directly to the AARA for state, regional and League competition for intercollegiate racquetball.

The AARA National Office will be directly responsible for the US National Intercollegiate Championships.

All funding for the Intercollegiate Council must be funneled through the AARA as part of the approved budget of the AARA.

The Intercollegiate Council will be an official Council of the AARA and subject to all the advantages and procedures accorded AARA Councils.

Recreational

The AARA will develop as a high priority a direct link to Intercollegiate racquetball players who fit the definition of a recreational player. A recreational intercollegiate player is defined as any intercollegiate player who is termed intramural club and those in physical education courses. This link will have the objective of introducing the recreational player to the advantages of racquetball as a lifetime sport after college as well as introducing them to the opportunities of competing in the competitive program of the AARA Intercollegiate Council.

AUDIT REPORT

Ken Waugh presented the Audit Report. He felt that we should have more control over postings and the review of reports with the implementation of the new system. He also recommended that we strive for a higher cash balance. The Board of Directors must decide if it wants the full extent of information that could be available (i.e. time studies). The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Mike Arnolt / Steve Lerner) to:

> accept the Audit Report. The Board of Directors also voted unanimously (m/s - Ivan Bruner / Steve Lerner) to implement the recommendations presented by Ken Waugh based upon utilization of our new accounting program and reasonable time and effort expenditure over the next twelve months. In addition, a different person should be designated to do the reconciliation of the checking account than the person who does the deposits. The practice of separately listing the cash and checks that come in before they go to the accounting area and the comparison of this list with the deposit list should be maintained.
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> The recommendations made in the report include:
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> 1. The Board of Directors and the Executive Director should receive and review the financial statements on a monthly basis. The review should consist of comparing revenue and expenses to budgeted and prior year amounts scanning the general ledger for mispostings, and reconciling the balance sheet to detail account balances.
> 2. Documenting the Association's financial policies and procedures in writing.
> 3. Deferring the unearned portion of membership dues to the appropriate years in which they are earned.
> 4. Record all membership at the gross amount and record the state rebate expense.
> 5. Upgrading our hardware and software (already accomplished).
> 6. Completing a physical inventory at year end and adjusting the general ledger accordingly (already underway).
> 7. Prelisting all daily membership cash receipts and comparing these cash receipts to the deposit slips.
> 8. Allocating expenses as checks are written.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Steve Lerner / Allan Seitelman) that Ken Waugh be retained as auditor for fiscal year 1991-1992. The Board of Directors also reviewed the

RECREATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

The recreational membership program is fully developed. Over 40 clubs have already signed up. The first trial run was made at the IRSA convention in San Francisco. It was extremely well received. In order to be successful it will have to be marketed across the country. The new program officially began June 1, 1991. A new position was included in the budget (already approved) to oversee this program as well as the recreational Intercollegiate program. John Mooney has agreed to take over these functions and a new person will be trained in his old areas of responsibility.

IRSA has developed a racquetball council with Connie Martin as its chairperson. This council will help market AARA programs.

INTERCOLLEGIATE REPORT

The Intercollegiate championships was very successful with more entires than ever, television coverage and a very cooperative collegiate council.

The Board of Directors reviewed the minutes submitted by the Council. Questions were raised regarding the handbook and the mission statement. The handbook must be reviewed and approved by the AARA rather than just reviewed. The mission statement for the Council should only list the responsibilities of the Council. The top three priorities of the Council will be to hold a regional event in each of the ten regions, have an operational league in each region and work even closer with the AARA. The budget already passed requires that councils either meet at the National Tournament or in Colorado Springs. We are attempting to get the October holiday weekend date for the Intercollegiate Council to meet.

The AARA has had extensive discussions with Mr. Will Holsbury and Jack Reznick of the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) regarding a mutual agreement between our two organizations. It is anticipated that we will have an agreement by September. Areas of mutual interest include:

a. Teaching videos
b. Rules Clinics for PhysEd Teachers
c. Teaching aides for PhysEd classes
d. Manuals
e. Joint grants from USOC and NIRSA
f. Equipment discounts for PhysEd Intramurals and club activities
g. Videos for promotion
h. Membership development

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

The Junior Council did not meet this year. The new junior handbook is available for purchase. The Junior Newsletter was

DISABLED *Represent disabled athletes* *Program Development*	*Foust*	*Mojer*	*NWRA, NADA, Visually Impaired*
COACHES/TEAM LEADERS *Selection, Policies/Procedures* *Coach/Manager/Leader*	*None*	*Hiser*	*Daniels, Pellowski, Winterton, Hastings*
MASTERS COUNCIL *Represent masters athletes* *Program Development*	*Bruner & Kenyon*	*Mooney*	*Masters Councils (Men & Women)*
JUNIOR & HIGH SCHOOLS *Program Development*	*Pellowski*	*Hiser*	*Junior Council*
INTERCOLLEGIATE COUNCIL *Program Development*	*Daniels*	*Hiser*	*ACRA/Intercollegiate Council*
WOMEN'S COUNCIL *Program Development*	*Pellowski*	*Mojer*	*Daniels*
OUTREACH COUNCIL *Program Development*	*Carter*	*Mojer*	*Outreach Council*
PUBLICATION/ETHICS *Policies/Procedures*	*Lerner*	*Mojer*	*Foust, Dietrich, legal counsel to be named*

AD HOC COMMITTEES	***CHAIR***	***STAFF***	***MEMBERS***
Blue Ribbon Committee on Ranking	*Dubolsky*	*Hiser*	*Dimoff, Easterling, Calavan, Newman*
Blue Ribbon Committee on Centralized Funding	*Dubolsky*	*St. Onge*	*Henrickson, Calavan, Lerner*
Board/Staff Room Assignments	*Pellowski*	*St. Onge*	*Daniels, Seitelman*
Banquet Committee for Nationals	*Daniels*	*Hiser*	*Arnolt, Pellowski*
Constitution	*Dietrich*	*St. Onge*	*Calkins*

NEW OFFICERS

President	*Keith Calkins*
Executive Vice President	*Carol Pellowski*
Secretary	*Al Seitelman*
Treasurer	*Steve Lerner*
National Rules Commissioner	*Otto Dietrich*
National Tournament Commissioner	*Margo Daniels*

REFEREE CERTIFICATION

The referee certification program continues to grow. However, there are 22 states without a referee certification director. A second referee newsletter is in the process of being developed. It is anticipated that eventually we will bring the level three referees for a clinic. Possibly the players should do an evaluation of the referees. This may be implemented at the Doubles. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Steve Lerner) to accept the Referee Certification Report.

HIGH SCHOOL NATIONALS

This tournament drew 127 entries last year. It will return to St. Louis this year. Despite the difficulties in targeting this area this tournament grows each year. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Mike Arnolt / Otto Dietrich) to accept the High School Report.

RANKING REPORT

Due to the inability of Van Dubolsky to attend the meeting the presentation of the report was delayed until May. A survey will be published in Racquetball Magazine in order to determine the players interest in this issue.

STATE GAMES

Racquetball continues to be added as a sport by most State Games. However, there are states like New York that continue to deny the requests to add racquetball to the games. The State Games Organization has approached the AARA to consider running a National State Games Championships. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Carol Pellowski / John Foust) to "establish the State Games National Championships as a National Tournament on a year to year basis for those racquetball players who have competed in a sanctioned (AARA) State Games Championships." It would be under the direction of an independent tournament director under the auspices of the AARA similar to the way the Junior World Championships are run. The Board of Directors also voted unanimously to accept the State Games Report.

the AARA purchase Directors and Officers insurance as indicated in the quote from the American International Surplus Lines Agency, Inc for $500,000 in liability. The estimated cost for this is $2555.00 per year.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The current membership stands at 31,584. Since approximately 5 to 9 thousand free memberships have been purged over the past several years this membership is a 35% increase over the 29,976 members we had as of May 1987. Ektelon's free ball program generated 1,297 memberships over the past year. PENN has started stuffing membership forms into 100,000 of their cans. This membership will include a free can of balls which PENN has already provided to us in order to fulfill the requests that are sent in. We currently have state affiliated organizations in every state except Oregon and Alaska. Progress is being made in both of these states. The insurance program seems to be well received by the membership. We have had six claims to date for the medical portion with no liability claims received yet.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

John and Rose Mooney have down a superb job in establishing an AARA Scholarship fund. The fund balance currently stands at $7676.95. The deadline for applying for this year's scholarship has been extended to June 15, 1991 since we have only received three applications. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Carol Pellowski) to accept the Scholarship report and to do a Board of Directors resolution commending John & Rose Mooney for their efforts in establishing and conducting the fundraising efforts for the AARA Scholarship. These efforts were in addition to their normal workload and responsibilities.

ADOPTION OF CENTRALIZED FUNDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS INCORPORATED IN JOHN BUCK'S REPORT

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Carol Pellowski / Steve Lerner) to accept the recommendations of the STATE DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE REPORT as submitted. The recommendations included:

1. The title State Director has been eliminated and the AARA will only work directly with State Associations.
2. A model format for a state association.
3. Job descriptions for all state positions.
4. Centralized funding that will give additional financial support to the State, based upon the following three categories:
   a. Developed
   b. Developing
   c. Undeveloped

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE
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October 4-5, 1991
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submitted by Allan Seitelman,

Secretary

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Otto Dietrich	- National Rules Commissioner
Ivan Bruner	- Board Member
Mike Arnolt	- Board Member

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Luke St. Onge	- Executive Director
John Mooney	- Assistant Executive Director
Jim Hiser	- Assistant Executive Director
Linda Mojer	- Media Director
Kevin Joyce	- Membership Director
Ken Waugh	- Auditor

Absent

John Foust	- Board Member (mother sick)
Van Dubolsky	- Board Member (car accident)
Athlete Representative	- None selected by the Team

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The meeting was called to order at 8 am on October 4, 1991 by President Calkins. President Calkins made some opening remarks which included commending Linda Mojer and everyone involved for the excellent progress made in the magazine and Margo Daniels and the banquet committee for the excellent job done at the banquet in Houston. President Keith Calkins also indicated that a Board of Directors pin should be developed by May and the we should possibly develop a state president's pin by January for presentation at the Seminar. It was also requested that committee Chairpersons submit their resolutions in writing to the secretary on the forms developed by the secretary. The possibility of

Elkova Icenogle. Other nominees included Brit Engel, Letisha Busse, and Andrea Beugen.

The award winners should be publicized.

REGIONAL REPORT

The new Regional Tournament format is being implemented. The new correct name is the EKTELON/AARA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS or the EKTELON/AARA REGIONAL RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS. Margo Daniels and Mike Arnolt will work with the national office to develop a new regional contract format with some funds being held back until all the requirements are met. The regional report was reviewed and accepted unanimously (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Steve Lerner).

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Margo Daniels) to suspend its rules and deal with a rule change regarding regional participation. However, to make the proposed rule change a permanent part of the rulebook would require the same process as all other rule changes. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Otto Dietrich) to: approve the waiver of rule 5.13(a)(2) on the Regional singles entry applications to allow players to enter more than one regional tournament provided that they do not enter a championship division which they won at a previous regional tournament that year.

ELECTION REPORT

The Board of Directors rejected the nominating committee's slate by a 2-3 vote (Mike Arnolt and Ivan Bruner voting yes and Carol Pellowski, Margo Daniels and Steve Lerner voting no). The aforementioned people (Arnolt, Bruner, Pellowski, Daniels, and Lerner) in addition to Keith Calkins were the only people empowered to vote since the other Board members term's of office were expiring. The slate rejected was Otto Dietrich, Van Dubolsky, Dario Mas, Earl Vassar and Donald Nelson. The reason for the rejection was that qualified candidates were ignored and people were nominated who did not have a track record with the AARA. Other people who had submitted letters of interest were John Binks, Kenneth Karmel, Dario Mas, Michael Meline, Julee Nicolia and Neil Shapiro.

The nominating committee then went into session and reconsidered their recommendations. On a revote they selected the following slate:

Otto Dietrich	Van Dubolsky
Dario Mas	Mike Meline

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From the AARA

1. NRAD will be able to sign its membership up as AARA members at the recreational membership cost. Once enrolled, they would become tournament licensed for competition in AARA events.

2. That the AARA would offer a division for deaf competitors at the 1992 U.S. National Singles.

3. That the AARA would add NRAD citations to its membership materials and add eligibility for the deaf division to the rulebook.

4. The NRAD National Championships scheduled for April 24-26, 1992 will be sanctioned by the AARA.

From the NRAD

1. The NRAD Board would have to approve this action.

2. In following years, the cost of renewal memberships would be increased at a reduced level from normal levels.

3. NRAD would service, maintain and monitor its own membership lists. It would act like a club recreational member.

WOMEN'S REPORT

The National Office is taking an active part in the operations of this Council. The Council had requested that the Women's National Invitational Tournament (ages 35 & over) be considered as a qualifying event for the National Singles since in most situations women who sign up to play in the Regionals do not play or compete in combined groups. The Board of Directors passed this motion (m/s - Carol Pellowski / Margo Daniels) unanimously with an annual review to determine if the waiver should be continued. The Women's Council Report was approved unanimously (m/s - Carol Pellowski / Margo Daniels).

The European Racquetball Federation is hosting a tournament and has invited the current world champions. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to endorse this concept and to pay the air fare for the reigning world champions since they are all Americans. We are not paying for a coach to attend.
The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Carol Pellowski / John Foust) to send the Junior Team USA (8 athletes, the coach and a female chaperon) on a goodwill tour of Europe.

The disciplinary process was debated. Whenever hearings are scheduled President Keith Calkins will appoint six (6) people to act as the hearing body in order to reduce the cost of conference calls.

U.S. Team Coach Winterton had made three recommendations to the Board of Directors which were taken under consideration by the Board of Directors. The items: two year terms for team members, professional vs. amateur status, and appointment of US Olympic Festival Coaches and Team leaders were tabled for further study. The US Team Committee will report back in October with recommendations.

The issue of Egan Enoue's suspension was discussed. His suspension started in February, 1991 and he will be eligible to rejoin the team in February, 1992. The person who finishes fifth in Houston will be added to the team if Egan is one of the top four players. This individual will remain on the team when Egan returns in February, 1992. We need to seek legal advice regarding the rights of a player to play in a qualifying event when they are under suspension, especially if the duration of the suspension is longer than the period that the qualifying event covers. Allowing the person to play if his/her suspension is longer than a one year period is potentially unfair to the players beaten by that player. Possibly we may have to have an open division and a U.S. Team qualifying division.

The U.S. Team Report was accepted unanimously by the Board of Directors (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Steve Lerner). The Board of Directors also voted by acclamation to prepare resolutions expressing our gratitude to Diana McNab and Rett Rheney for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the U.S. Team.

COACHES CLINIC

This clinic will be geared towards teaching coaches from other countries in how to coach so that they can go back to their own countries and develop other coaches. It is tentatively scheduled for October, 1991.

REGIONAL REPORT

The final recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Regional Committee were approved unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Paul Henrickson). The recommendations were as follows:

changing the Fall meeting date was also presented for future consideration by the Board of Directors.

The roll call was taken. The U.S. National Team had not selected the athlete representative to the Board of Directors. Van Dubolsky had been in a car accident on the way to the airport to attend the meeting and therefore was unable to attend. He injured his ankles and had to go to the hospital. John Foust's mother was sick and therefore he might not be able to attend the meeting.

The minutes of the previous AARA Board of Directors meetings were reviewed. The following changes were made:

p2. "Board Manual" changed to "Board code book" (first line)
p4. "on" to "one" (Regional Report 4th line)
p5. "enties" to "entrees" (Intercollegiate report 2nd line)
"minutes" to "letter" (Intercollegiate report 4th line)
p10 "Championships" to "Games" (8th line from bottom)

The minutes were approved as amended (m/s - Margo Daniels / Steve Lerner). President Keith Calkins indicated that he would like to see the AARA undertake the following goals for the upcoming year:

1. Completing the AARA Code Book.
2. Completing the revision to the Constitution.
3. Completing a manual of all Board of Directors policies.
4. Undertaking a new evaluation of administration.
5. Updating the 5 year plan.
6. Emphasizing Junior Development.
7. Establishing the athlete representative in place.
8. Evaluating the effectiveness of the Board of Directors.
9. Making Board of Directors and state presidents pins.
10. Completing an employee manual.

A mission statement for the Awards committee is needed. In addition, whenever a Blue Ribbon Committee is established a mission statement must also be developed.

The Board of Directors also defined as a general policy what is meant by approving a Council's minutes. Approving a Council's minutes means that the Board of Directors has acknowledged receipt of the minutes, and has reviewed and analyzed them. It does not mean that any action or philosophical statements made in the minutes have been accepted. Any requests for action must be made and voted on by the Board of Directors as a separate action item. Each council or committee should submit the action items that need Board of Directors action separately.

AARA 1991-92 STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	STAFF	MEMBERS
MEMBERSHIP Recreational & Competitive	Dubolsky	Mooney	None
DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING	Daniels	Mooney	On Subcommittees:
Scholarship	Mooney	Mooney	Dubolsky, Bruner, Henrickson, Chastain
Strategic Planning	Dubolsky	St. Onge	None
Awards	Foust	St. Onge	Bruner, Pellowski
RULES/REGULATIONS Referee Certification Rules & Registration of Athletes	Dietrich	Hiser	Rules Committee: Dimoff, Arnolt, Fisher, Koble, Vass, McKinney, Bellah, Clay
FINANCE Budget, Audit & Fund Raising	Lerner	St. Onge	Dietrich
MANUFACTURE/TECHNICAL Technical, Development Equipment	Arnolt	Hiser	Lerner, Bruner, Dietrich
EDUCATION/RESEARCH Elite Camp & Ranking Systems	Dubolsky	Hiser	On Subcommittees:
Sports Medicine	Rainey	Hiser	Drs. Salmoni, Bell
Sports Science	Salmoni	Hiser	Drs. Rainey, Bell
STATE ORGANIZATIONS Job Descriptions, State Officers, Grants & Centralized Funding	Seitelman	Mooney	Dubolsky, Calavan, Lerner
OLYMPIC/PAN AM INTERNATIONAL Travel/Competition USOC/Pan Am/International events	Calkins	St. Onge	Seitelman, Dietrich
ELECTIONS	Arnolt	Mojer	Nominating Members: Calkins, Pellowski, Arnolt, Daniels, Foust, Bruner, Lerner
Hall of Fame	Seitelman	Mojer	Foust, Pellowski
ATHLETES ADVISORY Represent athletes, Development	Bevelock	Hiser	Roberts, Paraiso, Gilman, Dubolsky
PERSONNEL Morale, Fringe Benefits, Contracts	Daniels	St. Onge	Arnolt, Lerner
U.S. TEAM Junior Team USA, Disabled team Selection Procedures, Policy/Promotion Budget for U.S. Team	Pellowski	Hiser	Lerner, Evon, Winterton, Foust, Athlete Rep.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Steve Lerner / Andy Roberts) to undertake the following actions regarding rings commemorating the 1990 World Championships

1. The AARA will purchase rings for the following team members:

Egan Inoue	Tim Doyle
Drew Kachtik	Dan Obremski
Doug Ganim	Michelle Gillman
Kaye Kuhlfeld	Toni Bevelock
Malia Bailey	Jackie Paraiso
Rhett Rainey	Chris Cole
Keith Calkins	Larry Liles
Gary Mazaroff	Fran Davis
Stu Hastings	Neil Shapiro

2. The AARA will permit the following individuals to purchase rings:

Andy Roberts	Todd O'Neill
Joel Bonnett	Kim Russell
Elkova Icenogle	Dianna McNab
Al Salmoni	Otto Dietrich
Paul Henrickson	John Foust
Skip Parmelly	Gary Baker
Luke St. Onge	Jim Hiser

3. That the AARA design a alternate ring that can be purchased by selected AARA members. The committee was charged with the responsibility of developing procedures regarding the distribution of this alternate ring.

1990 was a year of growth and learning for the US Team. There were many instances of disciplinary action as indicated below:

Egan Inoue - 1 year probation for inadvertent drug use
1 year probation for selling racquets in Caracas

Doug Ganim - 1 year probation for selling racquets in Caracas

Gary Mazaroff - 1 year probation for selling a glove in Caracas

Jackie Paraiso - 1 year probation for selling a racquet in Caracas

Dot Fischl - 1 year probation for drinking at the US Olympic Festival

Tim Doyle - 1 year probation for drinking at the US Olympic Festival

Drew Kachtik - 1 year probation for drinking at the US Olympic Festival

Dan Obremski - 1 year probation for wearing of unauthorized clothing at World Games.

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The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Otto Dietrich) to have the AARA bid to host the 1996 World Championships and work with the Atlanta Organizing Committee to host them in Atlanta. The event would be held in conjunction with the Olympics. A full proposal will be submitted to the Board of Directors in May.

The Hall of Fame Committee submitted the following list of names for consideration and reiterated that selection should be based on amateur accomplishments:

Ed Andrews	Jerry Hilecher	Davey Bledsoe
Irv Zeitman	Janell Marriott	Paul Henrickson
Larry Lyles		

The Board of Directors the took a written ballot to determine the candidates to be added to the Hall of Fame ballot. The only person to be named on a majority of the ballots was Ed Andrews.

The possibility of moving the Board of Directors meeting to December was discussed and it was decided that October is a good time.

The progress of the Technical Committee as well as the issues they should be researching was discussed. A full report will be submitted in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

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ELECTION MEETING OF THE NEWLY CONSTITUTED
AARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 23, 1991

The newly constituted AARA Board of Directors was called to order by President Keith Calkins. The following people were in attendance:

Keith Calkins	Margo Daniels
Carol Pellowski	Otto Dietrich
Allan Seitelman	John Foust
Mike Arnolt	Steve Lerner
Ivan Bruner	

The purpose of this meeting was to conduct elections for officers and to provide committee assignments.

Carol Pellowski was nominated for Vice President. She won by acclamation for a three year term.

Steve Lerner and Allan Seitelman were nominated for Treasurer. Steve Lerner was elected Treasurer.

These were the only two officer positions that needed were open. President Calkins still has not selected a person to fill the Board of Directors position left vacant by the resignation of Renee Carnahan.

Committee assignments were provided. A banquet committee will need to be formed to deal with the protocol for the various banquets. Margo Daniels will chair this committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 am.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT - US COACH, TEAM LEADER, TRAM MANAGER

The interviews will be conducted at the National Doubles. Job descriptions were provided to the Board of Directors in the packet. The tentative list of candidates (they may change) include:

US Coach: Larry Lyles, Fran Davis, Mary Dee, Stu Hastings, Neil Shapiro, Jim Carson and Jim Winterton

Manager: Steve Lerner and Peter Ciarrocchi

Leader: Paul Henrickson and Mike Arnolt

The Board of Directors reviewed the questions that will be asked. The Head Coach will select the Assistant Coach. The Coach should be part of the selection process for the Team Leader and manager. The Junior Team Coach will be selected by the Committee. A separate interview process will not be conducted this time.

MEDIA

The Board of Directors approved unanimously (m/s - Margo Daniels/ Steve Lerner) that Steve Lerner and Linda Mojer will put together a newsletter ad package for presentation at the Leadership Seminar. This package should include a guidebook to the various newsletters as well as a guide to potential advertisers for the various newsletters. The possibility of the five major newsletters approaching potential advertisers as a group should also be investigated.

GRANTS APPROVAL

The Committee recommended that proposals only be accepted from those states that qualified under the published guidelines. It was also recommended that a seminar on grant writing be conducted at the Leadership Seminar. The committee also recommended that a 25% advance be given to all approved grants with the remainder being paid upon receipts (including the 25% advance). The National Office can amend this advance percentage if deemed necessary by them. The Board of Directors unanimously(m/s - Paul Henrickson / Carol Pellowski) approved the recommendations of the Grant Committee for the above recommendations as well as which grants should be funded. The approved grants were as follows:

Idaho	-	Womens Development Program
Illinois	-	Junior Round Robin
Washington	-	Jr/Womens Development

observance of our sport, our Federation in Argentina was recognized and he gave his verbal approval for our inclusion in 1995. We have agreed to build two glass backwall courts in Mar de Plata. The Local Organizing Committee has agreed to help pay us back the cost of the courts through future court fees at the facility.

The Pan American Racquetball Confederation (PARC) is finalizing the plans for the next Tournament of the Americas to be held during Easter Week in Santiago, Chile. Keith Calkins and Luke St. Onge have been invited to attend the Central American Caribbean Games as part of PARC and the IRF in November.

We have been invited to participate in the first ever Hawaiian Pacific Games scheduled in June, 1991. Racquetball is one of five inaugural sports with a full Olympic Program by 1993.

The last International Racquetball Federation Executive Board was held in Venezuela. They continue to express their appreciation to the AARA for their efforts. Luke St. Onge was unfairly accused by some European members of the IRF. Luke St. Onge initially resigned as Executive Director of the IRF but later withdrew it. PENN has asked the IRF to be their world wide distributors for their balls.

U.S. TEAM REPORT

The qualifying events for the US Team are as follows:

1. Top 4 singles at Houston
2. Top 2 singles at the US Olympic Festival
3. Top 1 at Collegiate Championships
4. Top team at National Doubles
5. Top team at Olympic Festival

The qualifying events for the US Olympic Festival are as follows:

1. Top 6 singles at Houston who did not already qualify for the Festival.
2. Top 1 at Collegiate Championships.
3. Top 4 teams at National Doubles.
4. Top 1 at Junior Olympics 18 & Under.

Final placement of athletes in competitive position will be determined by the coaching staff. If a doubles player is selected to play singles, the original player's partner is added to the singles pool of players.

Athletes on the Team qualify for financial assistance - either Level 1, Level 2, Tuition Assistance, or Operation Gold. Incentive funds will also be awarded for top finishers in the various competitions. For the 1989-1990 year the AARA provided over $42,000 in direct athlete support. Operation Gold funds are under the control of the USOC.

1. Eliminate Regional Directors as currently defined.
2. Change the name of Regional Director to Regional Tournament Director.
3. The tournaments would be run on a profit basis with the current Regional Directors serving as the nucleus of tournament directors.
4. Establish up to twenty-four Regional sites. The number of regionals can be increased in future ~~years~~ depending on how successful the 1992 regionals were. following 23 sites were designated:

Boston	Columbus	New Orleans
Jacksonville	Kansas City	San Antonio
New York area	Washington	Birmingham
Denver	Los Angeles	Dallas
Hawaii	Philadelphia	Buffalo/Syracuse
Atlanta	Chicago	Raleugh-Durham
Minneapolis	Bilings	San Francisco
Seattle	Alaska	

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel committee provided their report. The Board of Directors accepted the report by a unanimous vote (m/s -Allan Seitelman/ Steve Lerner). Salary raises for the national staff are included in the budget already passed. The Executive Director was charged with the responsibility of creating an Employees Manual for review by the Board of Directors at the October meeting. The Board of Directors also passed by acclamation a resolution expressing the appreciation of the Board of Directors to Luke St. Onge and commending him for his excellent performance as Executive Director.

Andy Roberts announced that he was resigning from the Board of Directors due to time constraints. He will address the US Team to provide information regarding what is expected from the athlete representative and the commitment that must be made by the person so designated. The Board of Directors passed by acclamation a resolution expressing our appreciation to Andy Roberts for the contributions he has made to amateur racquetball and the AARA.

MARK WENTURA - SPALDING

Mark Wentura and Bruan Feeney from Spalding had requested time to address the Board of Directors regarding the oversize racquet. They provided an audiovisual as well as written presentation. He indicated that head size generates more power than overall length. The Board of Directors listened attentively and indicated that we would be reviewing the issues during the rules part of the agenda.

The need to make guidelines regarding who gets recognized at the banquet and who is allowed to make presentations was discussed. An ad hoc committee to provide recommendations regarding this issue was established.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A new conflict of interest declaration was presented for review. It would replace the current statement. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Paul Henrickson / Carol Pellowski) to accept the new statement. All current and new members of the AARA Board of Directors would be required to sign the new statement.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

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3. Philosophy
   a. Total Industry Magazine
   b. House Organ
   c. Membership only
   d. Features
   e. Circulation
   f. Management
   g. Ad philosophy

PENN has agreed through negotiation to establish a two part incentive program for state newsletter editors. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Steve Lerner / Margo Daniels) to accept the state newsletter incentive program in order to promote the growth and development of a state newsletter. The program is currently sponsored by Penn Racquet Sports and will consist of the following:

1. If State newsletter gets complete information into the AARA publishing guide and publishes 4 newsletters per year the newsletter editor/state association is eligible to receive :

   a. 2 cases of balls
   b. 12 assorted gloves
   c. 6 bags

2. The newsletters that publish a minimum of 6 times per year and has provided overall excellence in communicating to their AARA members will be eligible to compete to receive a small cash award, a certificate or trophy, and a Penn advertising contract for the next six issues.

DISABLED REPORT

At present the Disabled Council is primarily made up from the National Wheelchair Racquetball Association (NWRA) chaired by Joe Hager. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to accept the Disabled report. The Board of Directors also voted unanimously (m/s - Carol Pellowski / Steve Lerner) to accept the proposal from the National Racquetball Association for the Deaf (NRAD) to affiliate. This program will be reviewed on an annual basis to determine if we wish to continue the unique relationship and the reduced membership cost. The agreement is as follows:

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The second day of meetings began at 9am on Saturday October 5, 1991.

RACQUETBALL MAGAZINE, RULEBBOK AND PROGRAM

The quality of the magazine is improving rapidly. Since we went to a glossy cover we are now printing two covers at once since it is cheaper to do it this way. The cost of the magazine is approximately $15,000 not including AARA salaries. There will be a rate increase in January. The switch to in house production has streamlined the entire process.

The emergence of KILLSHOT magazine was discussed. The AARA philosophically would like to see this magazine survive and thrive. However, we can not take an active role in the development of this magazine or become too identified with them due to the danger of this magazine folding.

The AARA also reaffirmed its policy of not selling our mailing list.

The media guide/tournament program should be issued by the Leadership seminar. We are waiting for sponsor payments for the ads.

The rulebook is now being developed in house rather than being typeset the traditional way.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Steve Lerner) to accept Linda Mojer's report.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The publications' report was provided and accepted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Otto Dietrich).

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Margo Daniels - Steve Lerner) to:

> Establish a Blue Ribbon Committee to study the future direction and mission for RACQUETBALL magazine and to report back by December 1, 1991. The mission should include reviewing at a minimum the following issues:
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> 1. Content
> 2. Incorporation of AARA/pro/Industry/Club information

The nominating committee met and selected the following people to be nominees for the AARA Board of Directors. The potential nominees were

Mike Arnolt
John Berrilies
Gayann Bloom
Keith Calkins
Van Dubolsky
Paul Gully
Carol Pellowski

The nominees selected were Mike Arnolt, Keith Caklkins, Van Dubolsky, and Carol Pellowski.

RULES REPORT

The Board of Directors discussed the current racquet waiver granted to Spalding. It was unanimously decided to (m/s - Carol Pellowski/ Steve Lerner) establish a Technical Committee to deal with all equipment involved in racquetball. This committee will have the right to utilize independent research facilities. President Keith Calkins appointed Steve Lerner, Otto Dietrich, Mike Arnolt and Jim Hiser to this committee. The waiver will be continued until the committee provides a report regarding the racquet and its implications for the game. The Board of Directors then reviewed the proposed rule changes and voted for those proposals that should be given further consideration for adoption (i.e. - that we should solicit general membership comments and vote on these in Houston in 1991). The individual votes on the proposed rule changes were as follows:

YES 9-1	1. Proposed change regarding outcome of appeal.
NO 2-8	2. Proposed change regarding hit by ball outside of service box.
NO 4-6	3. Proposed change regarding non-serving partner's position.
NO 2-8	4. Proposed change regarding carrying the ball.
YES 7-3	5. Proposed change regarding out of court ball.
NO 1-9	6. Proposed change regarding WPRA receiving zone rule.
YES 9-1	7. Proposed change regarding loss of equipment be treated as an avoidable hinder.
NO 0 -10	8. Proposed change regarding quadrant serving.
YES 9-1	9. Proposed change regarding hinder call stops everything.
No 1-9	11 Proposed change regarding required clothing.

NEW BUSINESS

A Sports Science/Medicine Committee was also established unanimously by the Board of Directors (m/s - Steve Lerner / Andy Roberts).

The Board of Directors also agreed to allow the Ladies Master's Invitational Tournament to act as a qualifier for the US National Singles Championships for ages 50 and over. (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Margo Daniels)

Those AARA members with current memberships will be allowed to participate in AARA events but will not be covered by the insurance unless they pay the additional $5.

The Board of Directors reviewed our nomination procedures for the Board of Directors and discussed why only four nominees were selected in response to Paul Henrickson questions. A motion (m/s - Paul Henrickson / Otto Dietrich) that the Nominating Committee be reconvened to consider the slate of candidates passed 5-3-1 with John Foust, Steve Lerner and Allan Seitelman voting nay and Andy Roberts abstaining. The Nomination Committee met again and discussed the additional information supplied. The vote of the Nominating Committee remained the same. Therefore, the slate of candidates remained the same as voted earlier.

The need to sign non-conflict of interest provisions was briefly reviewed. The Board of Directors would like to come to the May meeting with an updated Code Book/Governance Book. All Committee Chairpersons should work with the staff liaison to develop written procedures for each committee.

The Board of Directors voted (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Ivan Bruner) unanimously to reopen the voting for Male Athlete of the Year based on additional information. The Board of Directors in a sealed ballot voted to elect Andy Roberts as the Male Athlete of the Year. The other candidates were Chris Cole, Todd O'Neill and Joel Bonnett.

The Board of Directors should submit nominations for the various awards one month in advance of the meeting.

The Board of Directors also voted to accept the bid from the La Mancha Hotel and Racquetball Club in Tempe Arizona regarding the 1991 Doubles Site. (m/s - Carol Pellowski / Otto Dietrich)

The meeting ended at 4:45 pm

2. Voted unanimously against (m/s - Margo Daniels / Carol Pellowski) the request that participation in the collegiate regionals be made mandatory in order to play in the World Intercollegiate Championships.

The minutes of the last Council meeting was accepted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Margo Daniels). In the future we may want to bring the Intercollegiate Regional Commissioners into the USOTC as part of next year's budget.

George Baker will be coordinating the organizing committee for the next World Intercollegiate Championships. Since he will also be retiring from coaching his college team the Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Margo Daniels / Steve Lerner) to present him with a nice award at the banquet commemorating his meritorious service.

PARI

The PARI report was received and accepted unanimously (m/s - Steve Lerner / Margo Daniels). The new PARI manual is finished. The process for certification is more streamlined and it is cheaper to get a Level 1 certification. We will not operate a clinic if it is going to loose money. We need approximately 4 full fees and two house fees in order to break even.

ELITE NATIONAL CAMP

This program continues to be a very successful program for the AARA. The USOC has officially indicated that they feel that charging tuition is an unacceptable practice. However, the Executive Director feels that he will be able to work out a compromise whereby we will accept donations and we make it clear that the funds are not going to the USOC. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Otto Dietrich) to accept the report as provided.

COACHES CLINIC

The Coaches clinic was canceled due to a lack of participation. It will be rescheduled for the spring. The Argentina Coach will be staying and studying with Jim Winterton. We should standardize the format for this type of instruction. By May it is anticipated that we have a coaches certification program with three distinct levels. The motion (m/s - Steve Lerner / Allan Seitelman) to accept the Coaches report was accepted unanimously.

4. Accept unanimously the U.S. Team Committee recommendations that Joetta Hastings be named the Junior Team Leader for the European Tour (m/s - Steve Lerner / Ivan Bruner).

5. Resignations from the U.S. Team would be effective for 12 months from the date of resignation. This would preclude a player from requalifying for the Team during that 12 month period.* A player resigning from the Team would not receive any future subsistence payments due (as per USOC agreement) but would continue to receive payments for performance incentives (previously earned).

> * A player who resigns within 3 days of the qualifying event (i.e does not sign the U.S. Team Agreement) would be eligible to re-qualify at that event the following year.

This motion (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Carol Pellowski) passed unanimously.

AWARDS

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Margo Daniels) to approve the awarding of an age group award (age 19 & over) for females and the other age group award will be for males. A motion (m/s - Mike Arnolt / Margo Daniels) to restrict the age group awards to ages 35 & over did not pass by the vote of 2-5 (Mike Arnolt and Margo Daniels voting yes - Carol Pellowski, Allan Seitelman, Ivan Bruner, Otto Dietrich, and Steve Lerner voting nay).

The male age group winner was Paul Banales with Davey Bledsoe, Ron Galbreath, and Craig Kunkel also receiving votes.

The female age group winner was Kathy Mueller with Mary Lyons and Mary Low Acuff also receiving votes.

The winner of the female Junior Athlete of the year award was Elkova Icenogle with Heather Dunn and Andrea Beugen also being nominated.

The winner of the male Junior Athlete of the year award was John Ellis with Al Engel and Sudsy Monchik also being nominated.

The winner of the High School Scholastic Athlete of the year (Dial award) was Craig Rappaport with Brit Engle and Letisha Bussel also being nominated.

The winner of the Junior Female Award (Women's Foundation) was

MASTERS REPORT

The Masters Council report was provided. They are supporting the AARA Scholarship program and are encouraging women to enter their tournaments. Nine states currently have racquetball as part of their senior games. Keith Calkins will try to attend the next meeting of the Masters Council.

WOMEN'S REPORT

The Women's Council was not that active during the past year. A meeting will be scheduled during the National Singles Championships. A new column featuring the accomplishments of women in racquetball is being developed for insertion in the next issue of Racquetball Magazine. The issue of providing waivers to all women who participate in the National Invitational Tournament was tabled until October.

DISABLED COUNCIL

Inquiries regarding the Disabled Council have increased over the past months. The National Wheelchair Racquetball Association (NWRA) under the leadership of Joe Hager is affiliated with the Disabled Council. Another group inquiring as to affiliation is the National Racquetball Association for the Deaf (NRAD).

The NWRA held a fundraiser which netted over $3,000. Despite this interest we did not receive any disabled or wheelchair entries into the 1991 National Singles Championships. We have to determine ways to reach out to these groups. A report providing recommendations for increasing the participation rates for these individuals will be presented to the Board of Directors at the Fall meeting.

FUNDRAISING

We are currently realizing approximately $18,000 per year from the VISA program. However, they are not pushing this program since 7% of our accounts are delinquent. Normally an account gets red flagged when the delinquency rate reaches 3%.

We also expect to raise $35,000 for the US Team this year. We are just beginning to explore other avenues including clothing, the Coca Cola contract etc.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

The National Singles Chamoionships promises to be one of our best events ever. Coca Cola is giving $18,000 in cash and in kind services. The Outdoor and Junior Championships are moving along nicely.

HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The High School Championships were attended by 124 participants. The male and female winners were added to the US Junior Team.

OTHER BUSINESS

The election meeting of the new Board of Directors was rescheduled for Thursday at 9 am. President Keith Calkins appointed a committee to look at the issue of room assigned to Board of Directors members, staff and other guests both at the National Singles and at other events. Carol Pellowski was appointed chairperson with Margo Daniels and Allan Seitelman added to the committee.

ADVERTISING PLUS COSTS FOR RACQUETBALL MAGAZINE

A recap of the costs of producing Racquetball Magazine as well as our advertising schedule was presented. It is costing the AARA approximately $ 0.31 per issue to publish the magazine.

Steve Lerner has taken over the advertising responsibilities from Mike Arnolt. The finished edition of the AARA State Newsletter Publishing and Advertising Guide was presented for review. The Board of Directors unanimously approved (m/s - Paul Henrickson/ Allan Seitelman) this guide as an official guide of the AARA. The Board of Directors also voted by acclamation to commend Steve Lerner on the quality of the guide.

Once we reach an audited circulation of 50,000 to 55,000 we will be in a position to attract outside advertisers.

The ethics committee had determined that nothing should be published regarding the Inoue situation until the Appeal process is finalized.

TELEVISION

Televising our various events is an important undertaking for the AARA. This effort sets us apart from the rest of the National Governing Bodies. This year Prime Network has accepted seven of our broadcasts and we are able to advertise several weeks in advance of when the event will be broadcast. The broadcast has been reduced to two hours in length which fits Prime Time's needs better. Jim Turner has made a commitment to work as a volunteer at all of our broadcasts. The cost per broadcast is approximately $17,000 and we anticipate receiving almost this amount in revenue. Sportschannel may pick up a few or our events in addition to Prime Time. The Board of Directors by acclamation (m/s - Allan Seitelman/ Carol Pellowski) passed a resolution expressing our appreciation to Jim Turner and Lynn Adams for their efforts as broadcasters.

application from Bill Cook to serve on the Finance Committee. It was decided that the Treasurer would work with him and determine if it is appropriate to add him to the committee.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee reviewed the eight applications received and recommended six for funding at $500.00. After extensive discussion of funding considerations, if six scholarships are approved, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 (with Allan Seitelman, Margo Daniels and Mike Arnolt abstaining) to award six scholarships of $500 from the scholarship fund to the top six scorers. The Board of Directors then voted unanimously to rescind the previous vote (m/s - Mike Arnolt / Otto Dietrich) since the report provided to the Scholarship Committee had inadvertently included incorrect information regarding Eric Jubin. The Board of Directors then voted to approve 5 scholarships to the top five scorers with the Scholarship Committee to review Eric Jubin's application and if they consider he is still eligible to be awarded a scholarship resubmit his name for Board of Directors action on October 5, 1991.

MASTERS REPORT

The Master's Council is a big supporter of the scholarship fund. They are including women more than in the past. They are considering organizing an international masters tournament for ages 45+. It would require IRF approval.

REGIONAL METRO CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Regional report was accepted unanimously (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Steve Lerner) as submitted. The new regional contract needs to be developed. The new regional tournament system is pretty much in place.

FUNDRAISING

This area could be a major source of revenue for the AARA. Direct solicitations requests will be expanded this year. We are just starting to get involved in direct sales. The next issue of the RACQUETBALL MAGAZINE will have an ad for a bag that is being sold by the AARA. A program whereby a state can run a fundraiser with $1,000 in wholesale product being supplied by the AARA with all proceeds split evenly between the AARA and the state organization has been sent out.

The second day of meetings was called to order by President Keith Calkins at 8:30 am.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

The proposed constitutional changes were reviewed by the Board of Directors. In addition to the proposed changes which were mainly cosmetic a committee chaired by Otto Dietrich was charged with the responsibilities of recommending further changes to the Constitution. This committee will report back to the Board of Directors in October. Board of Directors members should submit their recommendations to Otto Dietrich by August 1.

The Board of Directors voted by a 8-1 margin with Otto Dietrich voting nay to include the proposed job description of the National Commissioner and to require that the person filling this position be a member of the Board of Directors. It will not be an Executive Board position. This would be an unpaid position unless the National Commissioner works the tournament desk. This would only occur if sufficient people are not available to staff the desk and the executive director approves the National Commissioner working the desk. The National Commissioner should submit a report to the Board of Directors 30 days after each event.

The proposed changes which included changing the terms of the officers to three years, taking out the National Rules Commissioner as a Board of Directors position, changing the title of Vice President to Executive Vice President, adding the athlete representative to the Executive Board, election procedures, dates that amendments to the constitution become effective, and reformulating the committee structure passed unanimously (m/s - Paul Henrickson / Allan Seitelman).

U.S. TEAM REPORT

The United States Olympic Training Center at Northern Michigan University submitted a proposal to the AARA to establish an in-resident elite athlete training program. The athletes would receive free room and board. They would also receive a waiver of the out of state tuition fees. In fact most athletes would not have to pay any tuition. Additional benefits would be access to Sports Science services, transportation off campus venues and counseling/tutoring help. They would require one floor supervisor for every ten athletes. In some circumstances one of the athletes could serve in this position as well. The floor supervisor would receive the same benefits as the players. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Margo Daniels / Steve Lerner) to accept this proposal and to advertise in order to determine if any of our members are interested in taking advantage of this program.

The Junior Council had recommended that foreign players be excluded from playing in the 14 and 16 age divisions since they could defeat an American player thereby hurting his/her chances to accumulate points that are part of the selection process for the U.S. National Junior Team. Foreign players are already excluded from the 18 & Under division since this is a qualifier for the U.S. National Team. After debating the issue the Board of Directors defeated the motion (m/s - Carol Pellowski / Ivan Bruner) by a 1-3 vote with Ivan Bruner voting yes; Steve Lerner, Allan Seitelman, and Mike Arnolt voting nay; and Margo Daniels, Otto Dietrich and Carol Pellowski abstaining. The reason expressed for defeating the motion was that it was felt in order to foster international development it is necessary to allow foreign players an opportunity to compete. The AARA should provide the Junior Council and juniors in general with the reasons for this policy.

The Junior Team selection camp was a very positive yet traumatic experience for everyone involved. There is going to have to be more involvement at the state level.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Carol Pellowski / Steve Lerner) to approve adding the following people to the Junior Council:

Brian Hawkes	Lois Anderson	Harold Tobias
Barbara Simmons	Vicki Luque	

The Junior coaching staff of Stu Hastings and Hart Johnson as well as Jim Hiser be commended for the excellent job done.

INTERCOLLEGIATE REPORT

The last Intercollegiate Council meeting was very positive. If we continue to call the tournament the World Intercollegiate Championships then we will have to follow international rules (e.g. 15 point tiebreaker). However, we can still amend the rules if so indicated on the tournament entry blank. The format for the tournament will probably change with 1&2 , 3&4, 5&6 players playing in the same draw. The institutional fee was dropped. The ACRA will be submitting a grant application for consideration. The Board of Directors reviewed the two action items and made the following determinations:

1. Voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Margo Daniels) to approve the motion that that graduate students are eligible to compete in all intercollegiate activities as long as the player has <u>not</u> used up their 4 years of collegiate eligibility.

MEDIA REPORT

All tournament applications are now on the computer and will be easy to design for future events.

We are still able to generate substantial amounts of publicity regarding our events. The National Office is currently analyzing the feasibility of hiring a local firm to do the advance publicity at the tournament sites with Linda only coming in a few days. The media report was accepted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Carol Pellowski).

U.S. TEAM REPORT

The U.S. Team failed to select a representative to the Board of Directors. It is hoped that they will select one at the Doubles. The U.S. Team training camp was held in September and was successful.

The following motions were considered by the Board of Directors:

1. That the AARA provide U.S. Team warmups for all 35+ and older players who win the National Championships in their age group and attend the IRF Seniors/ Masters World Championships.(passed unanimously (m/s - Carol Pellowski / Margo Daniels)

2. Recommend to the IRF that Reuben Gonzalez be declared as eligible to compete in International events and determined that he will be eligible, effective immediately, to compete in U.S. events that act as qualifiers for the U.S. National Team (m/s - Carol Pellowski / Allan Seitelman). This request is based on the determination that Reuben Gonzalea has fullfilled all the requirements to be considered an amateur player.

3. Approve the U.S. Team Committee recommendations for Team Leader:

Paul Henrickson	-	Canadian Challenge
Carol Pellowski	-	Tournament of the Americas
Margo Daniels	-	World Championships

The recommendation for the Team Manager position would be forthcoming once the position is advertised and the responses evaluated.

These motions passed unanimously (m/s - Carol Pellowski / Steve Lerner).

DISABLED REPORT

The National Wheelchair Racquetball Association seems to be increasing its activity level. They are requesting that wheelchair racquetball be included in as many local events as possible.

At the World Championships held in August, Wheelchair racquetball was included as part of the competition as an exhibition sport. Canada feels that it should be a gold medal sport even if only two countries send participants. The AARA Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Keith Calkins / Steve Lerner) that "in order for the U.S. to participate in a gold medal division for the disabled in International competition there must be a minimum of five countries entered. This does not preclude the US from sending athletes for demonstration or exhibition competition.

MEDIA REPORT

With Linda Mojer functioning as a full time media specialist out of the Colorado office, we are receiving more media exposure than any time in the past. USA Today has provided a lot of coverage for our events. The Olympic Festival provides us with the most extensive media opportunities, and this year's activity was clearly double that of our first appearance in 1989. With the publication of Racquetball USA there will no longer be a need to publish the Racquetball Updates.

OLYMPIC, PAN AMERICAN, HAWAII PACIFIC GAMES, and INTERNATIONAL REPORT

There have been several important items that have occurred in the USOC over the past few months that have effected the AARA. First, we were able to win a floor battle at the USOC that will maintain our funding as a Group A member through 1997. Secondly, Atlanta won the bid to be the host city in 1996. This should help racquetball in our quest to become part of the games. It also solidifies our future with the Pan American Games and the USOC.

The 1991 Pan American Games scheduled to be held in Cuba is in a state of flux. Cuba may drop some scheduled sports and if they do and the sports are scheduled elsewhere in the hemisphere, there is an excellent chance that we will be part of the '91 Games.

During the Olympic Festival this year, the USOC (Alfredo La Mont) flew in Antonio Rodriguez, President and IOC member from Argentina, where the 1995 Pan American Games will be held. He was flown in to observe softball and racquetball. After his

The Board of Directors reaffirmed its position that only accomplishments as an amateur or that benefit the growth of the amateur game should be included in the information provided regarding each candidate.

AWARDS

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Carol Pellowski) to establish an adult age group award for female players in order to allow recognition at the National level for both male and female adult age group players. The recipients of the various awards will be determined on October 5, 1991.

OUTREACH & DEVELOPMENT

The AARA Outreach and Development Council has undergone a major administrative turnover with Michael Carter assuming the chair. This committee will attempt to expand the opportunities for the council. The Outreach Report was unanimously (m/s - Steve Lerner / Allan Seitelman) accepted as submitted.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

The Junior Report was provided with an overview of the objectives, problems and potential solutions. The Junior Report was accepted unanimously (m/s - Mike Arnolt / Steve Lerner). Since no Junior Olympic site has been selected the Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Mike Arnolt) to empower the Executive Committee to have the authority to approve the Junior Council's recommendations regarding the site for the Junior Olympics. The Junior Orange Bowl will be managed by Scott Winters. The AARA is running the Junior World Championships under the auspices of the IRF. They will pay us a per entry fee. The tournament will be held December 18-22 in Jacksonville. The proposal (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Mike Arnolt) to send the entire Junior Team of 14 players and two coaches to the World Championships in Jacksonville (the motion does not include air fare for the players) was approved 6-1 with Mike Arnolt voting nay. The projected cost will be approximately $4,000 for four suites, entry fees, per diem and flying the two coaches in.

The parents' meeting at the Junior Olympics went well. The structure of the Junior Regionals as well as the Junior Regional Directors is being evaluated. Running separate events as well as utilizing the Olympic format will be stressed.

Four rule changes plus the racquet specification rule were considered for adoption by the Board of Directors.

1. The following rules were adopted by the Board of Directors.

   a. If a player's equipment falls off it automatically becomes an avoidable hinder, provided the equipment was not knocked off by the player's opponent.
   (passed 7-2)

   b. Amending rule 3.8(e) regarding the outcome of an encroachment appeal. The following section will be deleted "... except: if in the opinion of the referee the shot was not retrievable it will result in loss of serve." This change means that when the referee calls encroachment play will stop.
   (passed 9-0)

2. The following proposed rule changes did not pass:

   a. Out of Court Balls = loss of rally
   (rejected 0-9)

   b. The rule regarding hinder call stops everything
   (rejected 1-8)

The Board of Directors debated the rule regarding racquet length in detail. The Technical Review Committee was reactivated to study the impact a racquet in excess of the current rules upon the game. A motion (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Allan Seitelman) to extend the waiver as written by one year was rejected by a 5-4 vote (Carol Pellowski, Ivan Bruner, Margo Daniels, Steve Lerner and Andy Roberts voting nay and Allan Seitelman, Paul Henrickson, Otto Dietrich and John Foust voting aye). A motion proposed by Mike Arnolt (m/s - Steve Lerner / Andy Roberts) regarding the waiver and state Racquetball Association responsibilities was rejected by a 2-6 vote (Carol Pellowski, Allan Seitelman, Paul Henrickson, Ivan Bruner, Otto Dietrich and John Foust voting nay; Steve Lerner and Andy Roberts voting aye and Margo Daniels abstaining.

The AARA Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Otto Dietrich) to accept the following ruling:

> Effective June 1, 1991 until August,31 1992 the racquet length specifications have been extended to 21 1/2 inches for experimental purposes only. Racquets exceeding 21 inches in length may not be used in AARA Regional, National Invitational and National Championship events.
>
> State racquetball associations have the responsibility to determine whether this waiver will <u>not</u> be recognized in State Sanctioned events.

It appears that the 1st day of an
AARA BOD meeting is missing.

It also appears that there were
10 pages of info on this 1st day.

The date of this meeting
was October 12, 1991.

One of the major events run in support of the AARA is the World Seniors/Masters Championships held in Albuquerque, N.M. Each year the funds have increased from $3,000 in 1988 to a projected $10,000 to $12,000 in 1991. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Margo Daniels - Otto Dietrich) "to adopt the Seniors/Masters World Championships as a major fundraiser for the AARA and support the Worlds with the AARA organization, sponsors, expertise, media, and personnel. The Executive Director is also empowered to negotiate with the local organizing committee and present a motion to the Executive Committee for approval before next May's meeting."

HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame report was approved unanimously (m/s - Ivan Bruner / Steve Lerner) which included the following action items: authorizing the National Office to commission the development of a design for a Hall of Fame ring and the inclusion of the purchase of rings for all Hall of Fame members in the 1992/1993 proposed budget which will be considered by the Board of Directors at the May meeting. Updated procedures were provided. So far less than ten State Presidents, former Regional Adult Directors and Junior Directors have responded to the survey to indicate if they have an interest in serving on the Selection Committee. Those that respond will be automatically added to the committee. The Hall of Fame committee will review the roster of the Hall of Fame at-large voters after the next round of voting when several people may drop off the roster since they failed to vote for two years in a row. If necessary, recommendations for additional people to be added to the Selection Committee will be provided at the May meeting. A canvass of the credentials of the present Hall of Fame Selection Committee may be made if it is felt necessary.

The Board of Directors will review the potential candidates and vote on October 5, 1991 for those to be added to the ballot. The potential candidates include:

Ed Andrews	Davey Bledsoe	Jerry Hilecher
Larry Liles	Janell Marriott	Paul Henrickson
Irv Zeitman		

The Board of Directors also voted unanimously (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Ivan Bruner) to amend the present policy of prohibiting people who do not wish to be considered for inclusion in the Hall of Fame to remove themselves from the ballot. If they do not wish to have their name considered they must submit their request in writing.

from the Committee. Future State Presidents and Regional Commissioners would have to be added on a individual basis as is the procedure for regular at large voting members. Members of the Board of Directors whose term has expired will automatically be added to the committee as at large representatives.

The Board of Directors also voted by acclamation to commend Allan Seitelman for his efforts in this area.

INTERNATIONAL & USOC REPORT

We are still trying to be added to the program of the 1991 Pan American Games and the 1996 Olympic Games. We still have longshot chances at succeeding in our quest. The USOC has endorsed racquetball for inclusion in the 1996 Olympics. The IOC meets in June to decide what sports will be added. It appears that Women's softball may be the preferred addition.

The Pan American Racquetball Federation awarded the 1992, 1993, and 1994 events respectively to Honduras, Bolivia, and Argentina. Our status in the 1995 Pan American Games is almost assured. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Ivan Bruner / Allan Seitelman) to approve the Executive Board recommendation that the AARA commit to building courts in Argentina at a maximum cost of approximately $40,000, if necessary to ensure our inclusion in the Pan American Games.

The Board of Directors unanimously approved (m/s - Steve Lerner / Carol Pellowski) sending a team to Honduras for the Tournament of the Americas, to Canada for the World Challenge Series. In addition the Board of Directors unanimously (m/s - Paul Henrickson / Allan Seitelman) voted to approve the sending of the US Team to Canada for the 1992 World Championships. This will be the first time that an international racquetball event will be held in Canada.

The Board of Directors also reaffirmed our commitment to international development by approving unanimously a motion (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Margo Daniels) permitting AARA personnel to undertake any travel arrangements necessary to support out Pan American and Olympic efforts.

The World Championships will be held in Holland in 1993.

Ten countries are committed to attending the Pacific Rim Championships.

The US Olympic Festival is progressing nicely. Jerry Hilecher is the Local Organizing Committee's representative. Paul Henrickson is replacing Mike Arnolt as one of the Festival Leaders. Future sites of the US Olympic Festival include - 1993, San Antonio; 1994, St Louis; and 1995 Denver.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Carol Pellowski / Margo Daniels) to accept the Election Report. There were 718 ballots cast with approximately 250 from the magazine and approximately 450 cast on the National Singles application. It was noted that the ballot while part of the application should be separate portion of the application and not contain any identifying or important information. It should be secret how each person voted. The nominating committee should be considered a subcommittee of the election committee. It was decided that it is proper for the National Office to provide information to candidates such as labels of members, etc.

DUE PROCESS

The whole issue of due process and how it is administered by the AARA was discussed. A motion was made by Otto Dietrich for specific provisions but failed to get a second. It was decided to refer the issue back to committee for review at the October Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors also voted 8-1 (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Steve Lerner) with Andy Roberts voting nay that the AARA establish in concept guidelines and a schedule of penalties which will be presented to the Board of Directors in October for consideration. It may not be permissible to raise the fee charged for filing an appeal.

The Board of Directors made the following appointments to the National Rules Committee:

Two Year Appointments (expire May, 1993)

Mike Arnolt	Mike Dimoff	Clint Koble
Rex Fisher		

One Year Appointments (expire May, 1992)

Carlton Vass	Otto Dietrich	Caryn McKinney
Mikey Bellah	Rich Clay	

RULES

The rules interpretations that the National Rules Commissioner makes are subject to Board of Directors approval. Therefore the National Rules Commissioner will send the 27 Rules Interpretations he has made to the National Rules Committee for consideration and report back to the Board of Directors in October with the recommendations of the committee.

It was the consensus of the Board of Directors that players in the Outdoor Championships must wear eyeguards not regular sunglasses and that the non serving partner can stand off the court rather than in the box.

Delaware	-	Junior Program
Ohio	-	Intercollegiate & Junior Team
Florida	-	HS/College Development

AWARDS

The Board of Directors discussed whether athletes on probation or suspension should be eligible to receive awards. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Margo Daniels) with Steve Lerner abstaining that "athletes or AARA members are not eligible for AARA awards if they are on probation or under disciplinary action." This includes the Halverson, Hall of Fame, State Director, Athlete of the Year, etc.

The Board of Directors also voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman/ Steve Lerner) to establish an award for an Adult age group player to be selected on an annual basis and to be awarded in Houston this year. The recipient of the award will be selected in May this year and October thereafter.

In order to ensure uniformity, the Board of Directors voted unanimously(m/s - Allan Seitelman / Margo Daniels) that henceforth the Male and Female USOC athlete of the year will be automatically selected as AARA athlete of the year and the Sullivan award. This will prevent confusion.

The number of athletes facing disciplinary action severely limited the field for the Athlete of the Year. On the second ballot Joel Bonnett was elected. The other players under consideration were Todd O'Neill, Andy Roberts, Chris Cole, and Jim Floyd. MIchelle Gilman was elected by acclamation.

Note: The vote for male athlete of the year was changed later in the meetings

ELECTION REPORT

The election report was provided. A motion to accept the procedures as provided with the following amendment to them was approved unanimously (m/s - Margo Daniels / Allan Seitelman) : that item 11.d recommending that valid ballots be sent out by the National Office to people who had voted improperly be stricken from the procedures. Recreational members will be permitted to vote.

The Board of Directors discussed the nomination procedures and the need to nominate more people than there are vacancies. Since this is a constitutional issue it will be brought up officially at the may meeting.

NATIONAL RACQUETBALL WEEK

The AARA staff has not had the time to properly put this program together. Possibly we should make it a major project in 1991.

RACQUETBALL USA, PROGRAM and RULEBOOK

All three publications are coming along nicely. We billed out $10,845 for the first issue. Expenses were about $2,000 more than this.

The Board of Directors discussed the proper methodology in handling crises situations and the publicity that should be accorded negative events in our publication. It was decided that the President should establish an ethics committee. He appointed Linda Mojer as staff liaison and appointed John Foust, Steve Lerner and Otto Dietrich as members. They will select a chairperson. Legal Counsel may have to become involved in specific situations. The Board of Directors also discussed the advisability of accepting ads from wholesalers selling directly to the public at prices much lower than the pro shops can afford to sell at.

The program is being restructured to also function as a media guide. The rulebook is 4 less pages than last year due to the deletion of the index. The rulebook will be on computer disk next year and therefore will be easier to revise. We billed $21,800 with approximately $15,000 in cost.

STATE NEWSLETTER PROJECT

Steve Lerner in conjunction with Linda Mojer is developing a state newsletter advertising program. He is collecting information from the states and advertisers and will develop a program getting the two groups together. It was discussed that the advertisers should contract directly with the states rather than having the AARA insert the ads.

OUTREACH/DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

We are one of the few NGB's with this type of Council. The Council sometimes feels that the AARA does not appreciate their efforts. The National Office will have to help this committee meet its mission.

Note:

The test for racquet length is two fold:

1. manufacturer's published specifications, and
2. measured length of strung racquet at time of play

The AARA Board of Directors also voted unanimously (m/s - Otto Dietrich / Margo Daniels) to adopt a policy that the "any rule changes effecting racquet specifications will go into effect two years from the annual date designated for other AARA rule changes to go into effect.

As a final action before adjourning the Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Ivan Bruner / Paul Henrickson) to continue the waiver for the Golden Masters Championships to act as a qualifier for the National Singles Championships.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

A motion to establish a blue ribbon committee to analyze the issues of centralized funding and to report back to the Board of Directors in October with specific funding and percentage recommendations passed unanimously (m/s - Paul Henrickson / Steve Lerner). President Keith Calkins appointed Van Dubolsky, Paul Henrickson, Yvonne Calavan, and Steve Lerner to this committee. The Board of Directors also voted unanimously (m/s -Allan Seitelman / Ivan Bruner) to prepare a resolution of appreciation to John Buck commending him for his efforts on behalf of the Association.

1991 NATIONAL SINGLES SITE

The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Margo Daniels) to adopt Houston as the 1992 National Singles site.

REGIONAL REPORT

The recommendations of the committee were discussed. The issue of whether a player could play in more than one Regional was debated. In order to accomplish this a rule change must be passed since the rulebook limits a player to only on region. Possibly the rule should be changed to allow a player to play in different divisions in different regionals. We could also allow this by putting a disclaimer on the Regional applications. The Board of Directors briefly reviewed the recommendation regarding the sites for the Regional Championships and decided to review the sites in more detail the following day. The Board of Directors did not disagree with the new concept for Regional Championships and the elimination of the Regional commissioners. The Junior Regionals would not be affected at this time. The request from the Wisconsin Racquetball Association regarding a new geographic breakdown was referred back to the Junior Council for recommendations.

STRINGER CONTRACT AWARD

The issue of selecting an official stringer since the Boudman contract had expired was discussed. The Board of Directors discussed the need for an official stringer and voted unanimously(m/s - Steve Lerner / Margo Daniels) to eliminate exclusive stringer contracts and to develop in concept approved stringer(s) rather than an official stringer. The Technical and Manufacturers Committee was empowered to develop guidelines and submit them to the Executive Board for approval. Stringing at National events will be bid and determined by the local site. Uniform criteria to be an approved stringer will be developed with the criteria the same for all stringers. There will be a time period for requalification.

The Board of Directors did not take any action regarding the Gay Games. Luke St. Onge will seek further guidance from the USOC. The Maccabi Pan American Championships included racquetball for the first time. Allan Seitelman is serving as the United State's Chairperson and Coach for racquetball.

RANKING REVIEW

The issue of the viability of our current ranking system was discussed. The main item of agreement was that the ranking system should be controlled internally and not farmed out. President Keith Calkins will be appointing a committee to investigate this issue. The members of this committee will be announced at the initial meeting of the new Board of Directors.

AWARDS SELECTION

The male and female athletes of the year are automatically the athletes who were selected as Olympic Athletes of the Year. Therefore, there was no need to take a vote at this meeting.

The Board of Directors discussed the age group award and whether it should include juniors. The consensus was that it was designed for players age 19 & over. There should be separate awards for male and female junior age group winners. The Board of Directors voted unanimously (m/s - Allan Seitelman / Otto Dietrich) to establish Junior male and female athlete of the year awards with the recipients to be determined by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting. The Board of Directors subsequently voted by acclamation (Margo Daniels / Paul Henrickson) to name Sudsy Monchik and Elkova Icenogle as winners of this first award.

Dave Kovanda was selected by acclamation (m/s - Paul Henrickson / Steve Lerner) as the person to receive the age group award. The Board of Directors also determined that the need to create a separate age group award for a female athlete should be considered. No action was taken at this time.

A ballot was taken to elect the Halverson Award winner was taken. The three nominees were Fran Davis, Connie Martin and Doug Ganim. Fran Davis won on the first ballot.

President Keith Calkins asked the Board of Directors to take a vote on who should receive the Presidential award even though the President has the authority to make this award without Board of Directors action. The four nominees were Doug Ganim, Yvonne Calavan, Julie Nicolia and Mike Moline. Doug Ganim received a majority of votes on the first ballot. The Board of Directors also voted to name all the nominees and to give them a Board of Directors resolution recognizing their efforts as State Presidents.