

CONFERENCE CALL
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
February 17, 1982
12:00 Noon Central Standard Time

This special Board Meeting was called to order by President, Keith Calkins. Those present were:

Luke St. Onge	Barb Smith	Ed Martin
Hallie Singer	Holly Ferris	John Lepore
Keith Calkins	Jim Austin	Dewane Grimes
Al Schattner	George Dwyer	Paul Henrickson

The first item on the agenda addressed by President Calkins was the proposed constitutional changes (as attached) to comply with United States Olympic Committee standards for possible approval of membership of the Association into the USOC at Group C level. George Dwyer moved that these changes be approved and accepted as presented and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion concerning the candidates to be considered and voted upon by this Board for the Hall of Fame followed. Those nominated were: John Halverson, Gene Grapes and Ike Gumer. Background information and a ballot will be sent to each member of the Board to be returned indicating their choices. Board members may vote for all three or two or only one candidate.

Jim Austin moved that the United States Racquetball team be selected from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the Open (men's and women's divisions) of the National Singles Championships, the 1st place winner in the Intercollegiates and the 1st place winner in the Junior 18 and under division of the Junior Nationals. The coach would then determine the three players to play for the team (the two remaining players to be designated as alternates). This motion passed unanimously.

Discussion as to how the coach would be selected followed and this was determined to be a Board decision based upon applicants and their background information that was to be submitted to the Board for consideration at the May Board meeting.

George Dwyer moved that the agreement with the E.Z. tag company previously sent to the Board and attached be accepted and this motion passed unanimously.

Barb Smith moved that the revised ball approval agreement be accepted. This proposal previously sent to the Board is attached. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominees for Board of Directors positions to be open in May, 1982 are:

Van Dubolsky, FL	Clint Koble, SD
Al Seitelman, NY	Mimi Kelly, MA
Joe Simon, S.C.	Dennis Dorner, IL
Joe Shelto, CT	Shirley Smith, FL
Mary Bean, TX	Bruce Radford, CA

It was decided that all interested parties who had submitted resumes and background information in detail would be placed on the slate to be voted upon in May at the General Membership meeting. March 1, 1982 is the deadline for accepting candidates for the three positions these to be the seats now held by Keith Calkins, Ed Martin and John Lepore.

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Discussion occurred concerning a Board member being able to succeed himself. It was felt that a member of the Board could place his name on the ballot in May of the year his term expired and could run again. His office, if held on the Board, would also be revoted upon. This proposal will be presented in writing to the Board members and will be acted upon by March 17, 1982, by return response from Board members.

Keith Calkins requested that all members of the Board make advance plans and reservations for the 1982 Singles in Buffalo, New York now in order to secure the least expensive rate of travel fare.

The meeting was adjourned with no further business to come before this Board at

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May 25, 1982
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Let these minutes reflect that the official agenda was abandoned for general discussion of the membership package which now reflects honest and correct figures and that a complete breakdown of memberships per amount be reported to this Board. It was discussed as to whether the incentive plan for the Executive Director was of value or benefit. Further discussion and a report of the outstanding debts and financial obligations owed by the Association was reviewed as was the outside support from sponsorships and manufacturers not involved in Racquetball. This response and outreach has been extremely limited.

The meeting of this Board officially was called to order at 12:00 noon on May 25, 1982. Those in attendance were the following members of this Board:

Keith Calkins	Dewane Grimes
Ed Martin	Paul Henrickson
John Lepore	Al Schattner
Holly Ferris	Jim Austin
Barb Smith	George Dwyer

Also attending were Executive Director, Luke St. Onge and Executive Secretary, Hallie Singer.

Additions to the agenda were requested at this time and the following items were added:

1. Intercollegiate Council
2. Bids for National office
3. Mandate for the use of eye guards
4. Solid information on "Why should one join the AARA"

Al Schattner moved that the minutes of the past meetings be approved. This motion passed.

It was directed that it would be a number one priority that the minutes from meetings be completed and returned to Board members within 30 days of a meeting.

President, Keith Calkins presented his suggestions to the Board that the new President should visit the National Headquarters in Memphis as soon as possible to observe office policy and procedures.

Discussion of the budget followed and it was felt that Ed Martin could advise a better method for the presentation of this budget to the Executive Director as there is a problem of "seeing" the income side of the budget.

Keith Calkins gave Luke St. Onge a directive to tell the new President to check into the possibility of securing a credit card or line of credit in the Association's name with interim period of indebtedness not to exceed \$3000 in Luke St. Onge's name.

In preparation for the presentation to be made by Gerald Pope of National Reporter Publications, the owners of Racquetball Magazine, Luke St. Onge gave the Board some insight into the situation this company is now faced with. Due to the loss of income on Racquetball Magazine and only a 2% renewal rate at present Pope will propose a tabloid format as the official publication for the Association this will be offered to the membership as an automatic service beginning September 1, 1982. There will be no additional charge for this tabloid and it can not be subscribed to without a membership as a part of the program.

Gerald Pope's proposal was accepted.

The nominating committee report was given in regard to the manner in which the slate for the new Board positions was compiled and presented. Floor nominations will have to be addressed and accepted, however this is an item that should be seriously reviewed in updating and compiling revisions of the constitution.

A report on the Juniors was given jointly by Ed Martin and Dewane Grimes who did not have complete details in on the Junior Regionals as they were just ending prior to this National Singles.

The particulars of "WHY one should be an AARA member" were presented as follows:

In order to have a voice in the policy making of the Association

For \$6.00 3 issues of RACQUETBALL Magazine

For \$6.00, \$3.00 is returned to the State Association

Qualify for National amateur ranking points

Membership card for both state and national associations

Rule Book

Equipment discounts worth \$30-\$40 in savings

Awareness of developments in the sport and the Association

These benefits for one year cost \$6.00; at the present time

a two year membership is \$10.00

The States receive labels of current members, help with securing sponsors for tournaments, shirt discounts, assistance in organization of state association and management.

It was requested of Paul Henrickson that he prepare for all State and Regional Directors the procedure used so effectively to organize the New England states and Region. This should include the details of electing a Board for each state association, the formation of the newsletter and the consistent requirements used to unify the New England states.

Prior to January 1, Luke St. Onge is to make it a point to meet with all 15 Regional Directors to educate them in using the model developed by the New England Racquetball Association to obtain memberships. Jim Austin so moved and this motion passed unanimously.

It was mandated from the President that this was indeed to happen and to take this as a number one priority.

Ed Martin moved that Luke St. Onge evaluate all 15 Regional Directors and make necessary changes directing them as to the priority of memberships and submit this information to the President within 30 days. This motion passed unanimously.

Barb Smith moved that starting June 1, 1982 the State Associations would receive a percentage of the renewals sent to the National office for their state associations that met the following criteria:

these state associations must publish a monthly newsletter and send a copy of same to the National office and that all State Association members would receive a copy of this newsletter monthly by mail.

This motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 26th, 1982 at 9:00 a.m. the Board of Directors of the A.A.R.A. reconvened. The first item to be discussed was the constitutional revision. Items to be of major concern and reevaluation are the procedure for election of officers on the Board, whether Board members can succeed themselves, and the overall election process of members to the Board. Members of this committee will be Keith Calkins, Ed Martin, George Dwyer and Barb Smith.

A rules committee was appointed to consist of Phil Simborg, Jim Austin and Barb Smith. To be included in the newest edition of the rule book will be:

1. tips for referees
2. special section on rules for Juniors
3. each page is to be numbered
4. the edition is to be noted
5. an AARA application blank
6. guidelines for how to referee withn there is no ref

This printing is to take place by September 1, 1982 and it is felt by Luke St. Onge that this will present no problem and that Gerald Pope will do this. It is felt we should print ½ million copies and send these rules to all court clubs and manufacturers. It was suggested that these rules be printed in all major Racquetball publications, area newspapers and new books.

New rules adopted at this meeting are:

- Forfeit time of a match is changed from 20 minutes to 10 minutes
- Adopt a 25+ age division for both men and women called Junior Veterans
- Change the tie breaker points from 15 to 11
- Adopt a moratorium for two years on any additional rule changes

Jim Austin has accepted the responsibility of further clarifying the language changes presented to this Board in a letter from Phil Simborg on April 5, 1982. This information is attached and includes additional corrections and clarifications to our present rules. The above rules and the addendum will be effective September 1, 1982.

Male Athlete of the year was awarded on the basis of tournament achievements and was presented to Ed Andrews unanimously. Female Athlete was awarded on the same criteria to Cindy Baxter unanimously.

Hugh Morgan, publisher of National Racquetball made a brief presentation regarding his wish to be involved with the AARA as a vehicle for informing the public of developments in the Association.

Nominated for U.S.O.C. delegate was Keith Calkins by George Dwyer and Ed Martin by Jim Austin. Ed Martin was selected to serve in this position.

Nominations for Person of the year were Van Dubolsky, Clint Koble and Maureen Henrickson. Maureen Henrickson was selected. A permanent award will be chosen with the tribute prepared by Bud Muehleisen incorporated upon it and it will hang in the National Headquarters.

Presentations for site for the National Doubles were made by Bill Gillespie of Federal Way Athletic Club, Bob Klass of International Club in Denver, Colorado, the Quadrangle Club in Fort Lauderdale, FL and it was Federal Way in Seattle, WA selected by an 8 to 2 vote.

Paul Henrickson moved that the Association relocate its Headquarters in Colorado Springs Colorado contingent on approval of the budget and the process for securing these necessary funds. This motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

On Thursday, May 27 the Board met at 8:00 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Board began at 9:30 a.m. and bids were accepted and discussed for the ball to be used in the National Doubles, 1982. Penn, Voit and Seamco presented bids with Seamco's bid being chosen.

Dewane Grimes moved that this bid be accepted upon the contingency that Seamco begin to give its product visibility and specify in acceptance of the ball the exact product to be used. This motion passed.

International competition was discussed with funding for the team and selection of the coach items of interest. If no coach is selected due to financial problems, then Luke St. Onge will coach the team.

The Board voted to adopt in concept A.P.R.O.'s Player evaluation system.

The Board approved the insurance plan written and added to these minutes.

A job description of the Executive Secretary is to be written.

The possibility of using a ring as an award was discussed to be looked at more closely at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

We have implemented a new "Two Part Medical Insurance Program" that has the potential of saving this Association approximately \$2,700 per year. Here's how it works:

The old plan, which had an annual cost of approximately \$5,750, had the following benefits:

- I. A \$100.00 deductible (maximum of 2 per family)
- II. A \$400.00 stop loss (maximum out of pocket expenses a family could incur in a calendar year not including the deductible).
- III. 100 % reimbursement after stop loss and deductible
- IV. 100 % reimbursement of in hospital charges.

Part one of the NEW program with an annual cost of only \$3,075 has the following benefits:

- I. A \$300.00 deductible (maximum of 2 per family)
- II. A \$900 stop loss (maximum out of pocket expenses a family could incur in a calendar year not including the deductible)
- III. 100 % reimbursement after stop loss and deductible.

Part two of the NEW program, since it is our desire not to drastically reduce benefits, will reimburse the employee the difference in his or her out of pocket cost. For instance, if an employee had \$4,000 of medical expenses in a calendar year, Part I of the NEW plan would pay \$2,960 (\$4,000 - \$300.00 deductible times 80% paid by insurance company). Part II of the NEW plan would pay \$700.00 (\$200.00 difference in deductibles plus \$500.00 difference in stop losses). The employee would pay the remaining \$340.00 in cost.

The Part I cost would be provided by the insurance company and the Part II cost would be funded by the savings (\$2,700.00 per year) in the NEW Two Part Program over the old plan.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING A.A.R.A.
May 30, 1982
Buffalo, New York

Election of officers of the Board of Directors began on Sunday, May 30, 1982 under Luke St. Onge who called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Nominated for the office of President were Jim Austin and Paul Henrickson who presented their viewpoints on issues facing the Association. Elected was Paul Henrickson who then took over the floor and proceedings of the meeting.

Nominated by acclimation for the office of Secretary-Treasurer was Ali Swofford. Nominated by acclimation for the office of National Commissioner was George Dwyer.

The complete slate of officers for 1982-82 are as follows:

President -	Paul Henrickson
Vice Pres.-	Al Schattner
Sec./Treas.-	Ali Swofford
Nat'l Rules	Jim Austin
Commissioner	
National Commissioner -	George Dwyer

Paul Henrickson moved that Keith Calkins, past President, sit on this Board as a non-voting member. This motion passed unanimously.

George Dwyer moved that the meeting for the election of officers for the Board of Directors of the A.A.R.A. be adjourned and this motion passed.

Immediately following the adjournment of the election meeting a special meeting of the new A.A.R.A. Board of Directors was called to order by President, Paul Henrickson at 11:15 a.m. Those present:

Paul Henrickson	Al Seitelman
Jim Austin	Holly Ferris
Al Schattner	Barb Smith
Mimi Kelly	Dewane Grimes
Ali Swofford	George Dwyer
Keith Calkins	Luke St. Onge

Prior to the National Doubles tournament President Henrickson and Secretary-Treasurer Swofford would be subsidized to visit and meet with Mr. St. Onge at the National Office. The total Board would then be apprised of all issues by phone and written communication.

Committee appointments made by President Henrickson were:

Constitution Committee: Chairman, Keith Calkins
George Dwyer
Barb Smith

Executive Board Election and Extension Committee: Chaired jointly by Holly Ferris and Jim Austin
Al Seitelman to be a member

Personnel Committee: Chairman, Al Schattner
Member, Mimi Kelly

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The next communication will be via newsletter. Mr. Dwyer moved that this meeting be adjourned and the motion passed

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY ON LAWSUITS

Vittert-Seamco - Filed in 1977 against A.A.R.A, etc. based upon breach of contract. Settled, 1979 on following conditions:

1. Open Ball policy adopted
2. \$15,000 payment to Seamco paid out at \$5000 per year for 3 years in royalty reduction for approved ball - completed in May of 1982
3. \$15,000 payment to Vittert paid out at \$5000 per year for 3 years in royalty reduction for approved ball - completed in May of 1982. (Vittert is also out of business)

Point West - Filed in 1977 against AARA, etc based upon Sherman Anti-trust violation. Settled in 1979 under following conditions:

1. Open ball policy adopted
2. \$15,000 payment to Point West to be paid out at \$5000 per year for 3 years in royalty reduction for approved ball - completed in May, 1982. (Point West went bankrupt) The suit against the AARA has been resolved, but it continues against the USRA and Bob Kendler.

Metro VII - Filed in 1979 against the AARA for services rendered on the magazine and not paid under Bill Tanner's term. An out of court settlement was made with the Association paying \$200 per month towards a total figure of \$8000. Last payment to be made in October 1984. Includes 12% interest

Tanner - Filed in 1978 against the AARA for costs allegedly incurred by Bill Tanner while he served as President of the AARA. Out of court settlement reached whereby the Association pays \$300 per month towards a total figure of \$12,500 plus 12% interest to be paid off in approximately 3 years.

Gray, Carey, Ames & Frye - Filed in May, 1982 against the AARA for services rendered in 1977 - 1979 on the Point West suit. These expenses were incurred for their representation on this anti-trust suit. We have filed an answer asking that the court fix a reasonable payoff rate that we can live with. We are awaiting their response. Total liability involved \$18,400.98 plus 10% interest per year since 1979.

Other Debts -

Towery - \$167,000 - no agreement to be paid. Present situation is on total ability to make payment at later date.

Thompson & Mitchell - St. Louis attorneys - This firm defended Tanner and the AARA in the Vittert suit. Unpaid balance of \$6436.75. Have been paying \$200 per month on this, but no payment has been made since April, 1981. Payments will resume upon ability to pay.

Luke St. Onge - owed as out of pocket travel expenses incurred in the amount of \$2114.89

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AMERICAN AMATEUR RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION
Tuesday, October 19, 1982
Federal Way, WA

On Tuesday, October 19, 1982 at the Holiday Inn - SeaTac in Federal Way (Seattle) Washington a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Amateur Racquetball Association was called to order by President, Paul Henrickson, at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were:

Ali Swofford	Al Seitelman
Barb Smith	Keith Calkins
Mimi Kelly	Paul Henrickson
Al Schattner	Hallie Singer
Jim Austin	Luke St. Onge

Those Board members not attending were George Dwyer (illness) and Holly Ferris (late arrival).

The Minutes of the May, 1982 meeting were approved as submitted.

After opening remarks by Executive Director, Luke St. Onge, regarding the fact that all pertinent information relating to agenda items had been previously sent to each Board member and therefore everyone should be familiar with the subjects to be discussed.

Barb Smith moved to eliminate the 2-year \$10.00 membership plan. This motion passed unanimously.

Jim Austin moved that a family membership plan should be adopted in the amount of \$10.00 for 2 family members and an additional dollar added for each family member over the amount of 2. This motion passed unanimously.

The Board acknowledged the presence of Greg Eveland, Product Manager for Racquet Sports and Games for D.P. Leach and was offered a proposal whereby D.P. Leach would be the "official" racquet sponsor of the A.A.R.A. for the 1983 Singles and Doubles Regionals and Nationals, the Junior Regionals and Nationals and the Intercollegiate Nationals. This would not commit the players to the exclusive use of the Leach racquet, but would simply designate them as the "official" racquet sponsor.

Al Seitelman moved that the D.P. Leach proposal be accepted. This motion passed unanimously. It was suggested that the A.A.R.A. receive a quarterly report from Leach regarding their feelings how their involvement with the Association was working and developing. It was also pointed out that it was National's responsibility for funnelling information back to Leach regarding the success of an event and the recording of media coverage.

Jim Austin moved that the Board vacancy created by the resignation of Dewane Grimes be filled. This motion passed with one negative vote cast by Al Schattner.

Al Schattner moved that the following names be placed into nomination for this position:

Shirley Smith
Don Lowe

Bill Gillespie

Van Dubolsky
Clint Koble

It was decided that unless one candidate won by a majority then there would be a run off of the top two vote getters.

The seat was won by Van Dubolsky receiving 5 of the 7 votes cast.

Barb Smith moved that the term of office for the U.S.O.C. and I.A.R.F. delegates should be of a four (4) year duration. This motion was ammended by Ali Swofford to cover the current delegates who would serve out the duration of this term until the 1984 Olympics and then merge the position into a 4-year term along with the Olympic Games schedule. This motion was passed.

After a lunch break from Noon until 12:30 the Board resumed its meeting.

President Henrickson appointed Barb Smith as chairman of the Banquet committee for May, 1983, to work with and coordinate efforts with the local committee.

Al Schattner was named to Chair the Hall of Fame committee and Keith Calkins was asked to continue to serve on this committee. Names for the Hall of Fame, Male Athlete of the Year, Female Athlete of the Year and the John Halverson Award are to be submitted by January and a vote will be conducted by mail.

The Halverson Award is to be coordinated with suggestions from the National office, but specifically under the direction of Mimi Kelly who is to check with Hallie Singer and Luke St. Onge for suggestions, but a decision should be made in January.

Jim Austin reported on the Rules committee and that he has received many requests for rule books that have still not been published. It was decided that the Rules Commissioner would select his committee and that they would serve as long as the Commissioner held this position.

Tabor Ames from the United States Amateur Athletic Travel Union made a presentation to the Board concerning the advantages of his program and suggested that the Board accept this as part of the new membership package. Jim Austin moved that this proposal be accepted and the motion passed.

Al Schattner moved that the Yellow Dot, Wilson and Spalding racquetballs be accepted as "approved" ball products. The Board passed this motion unanimously.

Jim Austin moved the Pripps energy drink proposal be accepted. This motion passed.

Ali Swofford moved that the WPRA proposal be accepted and this motion passed.

Barb Smith moved that the new regional alignment be accepted as proposed and this motion passed.

It was reported that there will be international regional competition held in Canada but a \$5000 financial commitment must be made by November 1st. The World Championships have been located in Munich not Zurich as originally scheduled.

The United States Racquetball Team has a new member, Dot Fischel, coached by John Brinson. Dot replaces Dianne Bullard who has turned pro.

Jim Austin moved that Paul Henrickson serve as Coach for the U.S. Team if these games are competed in Montreal as he could drive to the location. This motion passed.

The I.O.C. is to address the I.A.R.F. application for membership in November.

Additional funds for moving were requested and Ali Swofford is to oversee and Chair the committee to direct this expenditure .

Jim Austin moved that Board members have their entry fees paid in the National Singles and Doubles tournaments. This motion passed.

It was mentioned that Hugh Morgan of National Racquetball Magazine has shown an interest in purchasing "Racquetball in Review" from National Reporter Publications.

Although it is not in writing a commitment on the part of the Racquet Club in Memphis has been made by Mac Winker, Executive Director, for three years to host the Intercollegiate Championships and contribute \$2000 minimum toward sponsorship for this event. This would not be scholarship funds.

At this point Holly Ferris joined the meeting as her arrival had been delayed due to business commitments.

Discussion concerning the Military representative that would occupy a seat on the Board ensued. It was decided that they would not be allowed a proxy vote and that one representative would suffice for all branches of the government.

Al Seitelman moved that the Nominating Committee select a slate of at least one more than needed to fill all vacant Board seats and not more than two additional names. This list to be published in the February issue of Racquetball in Review. This motion passed. It was felt by the reporting committee that no nominations should be taken from the floor at the General Membership meeting in May and that this election should not take place in May as previously held.

It was moved by Barb Smith that the entire Board would serve on the nominating committee with the exception of those going off the Board that year. This motion passed unanimously.

Al Seitelman moved that additional persons may be placed on the ballot for Board of Directors, if a petition received 2 weeks in advance of the National Singles championships is signed by 100 A.A.R.A. members in good standing. The potential candidate must also submit the same biographical material required of candidates nominated by the nominating committee. This motion passed unanimously.

Al Schattner moved that a constitutional change be made to say that a Board member could be elected by a plurality not a majority. This motion passed.

Jim Austin moved that the constitution be changed to read that a candidate will be elected each year at the annual meeting to fill those terms of Board members whose terms have expired. This motion passed unanimously. This discussion was tabled until this Board reconvenes at 9:00 a.m. on October 19th.

The meeting of October 19, 1982 was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

On October 20, 1982, a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the A.A.R.A. reconvened at 9:30 a.m. with the following Board members in attendance:

Ali Swofford	Barb Smith	Keith Calkins
Paul Henrickson	Holly Ferris	Hallie Singer
Al Schattner	Mimi Kelly	Luke St. Onge
Al Seitelman	Jim Austin	

Al Seitelman moved that the term of office for all officers of this Board (who maintain their seat on the Board) may be elected by this Board to a term of two years and may be elected to a second 2 year term. The term of an office can not exceed four years. This motion passed.

Keith Calkins and Al Seitelman will re work the constitution and specifically look at whether the National Commissioner and the National Rules Commissioner should be members of the Board and the length of the term of this office. They are to make their report to the Board in May, 1983.

Ali Swofford moved that the Penn Athletic Company bid on the Intercollegiate "official" ball be accepted. This motion passed.

Two bids were offered on the Junior Regionals and Championships. They were Penn and MacGregor. Jim Austin moved that the Penn bid be accepted subject to renegotiation as to the allocation of funds as designated in the Penn bid. This motion passed.

Two bids were offered on the Adult Regionals and Singles. They were Voit and Penn. Jim Austin moved that the Penn bid be accepted subject to renegotiation as to the allocation of funds as designated in the Penn bid. This motion passed.

Al Schattner moved that this meeting adjourn until after lunch which it did. The Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Jim Austin moved we accept only United States citizens in our adult National Singles and Doubles Championships. This motion passed.

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A presentation was heard in cassette tape form from Pete Crummey of the Sportrooms in Coral Gables, Al Seitelman on behalf of Syosset, New York and Dick Bagby from the Houston Downtown Y M C A. for the host site of the 1983 National Singles Championships. Houston was selected as the site.

Ali Swofford is to coordinate efforts and arrangements for a mini trade show to be held during the National Singles.

It has been reported that Junior Council has placed the decision making authority back into the hands of the National office with monies to be retained in their own special account.

It was decided that the A.A.R.A. Logo must appear on all National entry blanks of A.A.R.A. sanctioned events. It was also the decision of this Board that the National entry blanks should be the responsibility of the National Commissioner.

It was directed that the selection of the National Singles site for 1984 as well as the 1983 National Doubles site and all the appropriate ball bids for these events is to be decided in Houston at the 1983 National Singles.

Holly Ferris is to be the liason for ball bids and reach out to ball manufacturers to encourage their bid on these events. She is to work with Ali Swofford in this effort.

The site selection and solicitation of bids on sites should be coordinated between the National Commissioner and the Executive Director.

Mimi Kelly is to be the liason on the Registration of tournament participants.

Al Seitelman is named Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

An announcement is to be placed in Racquetball in Review requesting that all those interested in running for a position on the Board contact Al Seitelman.

Al Seitelman was selected to be the Junior Representative to the Board as a coordinator in National Junior Championship efforts.

Van Dubolsky is to^{be} the Intercollegiate representative.

At 4:35 p.m. Jim Austin moved for adjournment. All were in favor of this motion and the 1982 Board of Director's meeting came to a close.

A.A.R.A. BOARD MEETING
May, 1983

May 24, 1983

At 9:15 A.M. President, Paul Hendrickson, called the A.A.R.A. Board Meeting to order. Members present included Paul Hendrickson, Jim Austin, George Dwyer, Holly Ferris, Barb Smith, Mimi Kelly, Al Seitelman, Van Dubolsky, Steve Ducoff, Luke St. Onge, and Ali Swofford. A report was then given on the Houston Downtown Y.M.C.A. site and the draw for the 1983 U.S. Open National Singles Championships.

It was moved by Ali Swofford and seconded by Barb Smith that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. The motion was passed. Ali Swofford then presented the budget for 1983-1984. Discussion on each item followed. George Dwyer requested that it be noted that he was uncomfortable with the proposed figures. Items of particular interest included the \$5,500 deficit for the U.S. Team. It was the feeling of the Board that if enough money was not raised through the D.P. Leach National Tournament that the general funds should not be utilized for the balance. It was also noted that under miscellaneous income $3\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ from both Racquetball In Review and National Racquetball would total 7¢ in postage. It was moved by Jim Austin and seconded by Mimi Kelly that the proposed budget be accepted contingent on discussion on salaries and actual income. The motion was passed.

Luke reported that as of April 30th, 1983 the publisher of the existing Racquetball In Review discontinued publication. He further recommended that P.M.I., owners of National Racquetball, be allowed to take over publication of Racquetball In Review, with editorial control resting with the A.A.R.A. Executive Director. If disagreement should arise between P.M.I. and the A.A.R.A. a third party would arbitrate on editorial matters. A letter of intent stating P.M.I.'s desire to publish Racquetball In Review as of August, 1983 was introduced. It was recommended by the Board that legal advise be sought, and that the agreement be subject to yearly legal review.

The next item of business dealt with Regional Tournaments. It was brought to the Board's attention that Michigan and Ohio, and Wyoming and Montana were playing their regionals June 10-12th, after the nationals. Also, that due to lack of participation Wisconsin and Iowa did not have a regional tournament. It was moved by Jim Austin and seconded by Holly Ferris that Illinois be re-aligned with Iowa and Wisconsin. The motion was passed. Discussion then centered on attending regionals prior to nationals. It was suggested that the racquetball calendar year be set up from June to May, with a sequence of state, regional, and national participation. Jim Austin recommended that a committee be set up to study a package of qualifications for participation at the U.S. Open Championships. A committee consisting of Jim Austin, Chairman, Mimi Kelly, Barb Smith, and Van Dubolsky was appointed and charged with the responsibility to report back to the board at the next meeting.

A report on rankings was then presented. The effort will be coordinated through the national office. A cost of \$900 will be incurred in order to utilize Penn State's computer capabilities.

The membership report reflected that overall the state associations were doing well. Iowa, Wisconsin, Montana, and Utah were, at this point, non-functional. Hawaii was viewed as a target state for improvement.

The nominating committee reported that no petitions were received for addition to the 1983 election ballot. Therefore, the five candidates published will vie for the three open slots on the A.A.R.A. Board of Directors. Election to take place at the membership meeting, with the top three total vote getters being elected.

It was reported that the Intercollegiate program was going well in states where a state organization was involved, and not well where no state organization existed. Miller Lite and Penn are both interested in this program.

Barb Smith moved that we adjourn for lunch. Jim Austin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting re-convened with George Dwyer moving that the fall 1983 board meeting be held in Colorado Springs in the month of September, prior to the national doubles tournament. It was seconded by Steve Ducoff. Motion passed.

The next order of business was the National Singles Tournament. Conducting an open or closed tournament and its' title were of prime importance. It was moved by Jim Austin and seconded by George Dwyer that all A.A.R.A. tournaments at the national level, be open and that the name reflect U.S. Open National. Motion passed.

It was reported that the current manufacturer's show had ten exhibitors. It was the board's feeling that this was worthwhile and should be repeated at the next U.S. Open National Singles event.

The following individuals were nominated for the Male and Female Athlete of the Year Awards: Larry Fox, Jack Newman, Charlie Garfinkel, Jim Austin, Cindy Baxter, Dot Fischel, Tammy Hajar, Marci Drexler, and Diane Bullard. Larry Fox and Cindy Baxter were elected.

The following individuals were nominated for the John Halverson Award: Al Seitelman, John Dennely, Kirk Howe, Scott Jensen, Mike Arnoldt, Lou Fabian, and Van Dubolsky. Al Seitelman was selected.

No one was elected to the Hall of Fame at this time.

The rules committee reported on the status of the Referee Certification Program. Lack of funds seemed to be the major issue. The target date for the program was set for September, 1983. Each state will be provided with guides on how to run the clinics, testing procedures, cards, etc. A \$3.00 fee with one-half going to the individual running the clinic will be charged. It was moved by Jim Austin and seconded by Mimi Kelly that the National Referee Certification Program be adopted as presented. Motion passed. It was moved by Jim Austin and seconded by George Dwyer that the court specifications as presented by the Association of Racquetsports Manufacturer's and Suppliers under Standard Specification for Racquetball Court Construction, be adopted. Motion passed.

It was moved by Barb Smith and Seconded by Mimi Kelly that the board meeting be adjourned. Motion Passed.

The spring 1983 board meeting was re-convened at 9:15 A.M. on May 25th.

Tabor Ames explained the expanded benefits of the U.S. Amateur Card. Of particular interest was the addition of Piedmont Airlines, expanded Holiday Inn service, increased discount from American Airlines, and contract rate from Hertz.

Luke St. Onge reported on the Junior's Program. Two regionals were cancelled in Arkansas and Mississippi. An average of two times greater participation was reported overall. The theme for the nationals is circus. Bids for the 1984 tournament included Beaverton, Oregon, and Columbus, Ohio. The Explorer Olympics will be held at Ohio State University in July, 1983. It was moved by Al Seitelman and seconded by Van Dubolsky, that Jim Barish be the National Commissioner of High School Racquetball. Motion passed.

Concerning the U.S.O.C. Ed Martin is the delegate. Racquetball is well accepted in the Springs, and it was felt that all was progressing well.

A.P.R.O. It was the board's wishes that Luke St. Onge write a letter to the effect that the A.A.R.A. backs the player evaluation concept, but that unless re-organization of the organization occurs no further backing can be extended.

Election of A.A.R.A. Board Members. It was moved by Ali Swofford and seconded by Holly Ferris that Absentee ballots to all A.A.R.A. members be issued through the publication, in addition to a National on-site vote. Motion passed. The selection committee was charged with beginning the selection process in June; board approval of the slate at the September Board Meeting; publication of the slate in the November issue; petitions for placement on the slate by January; biography write-ups in the March issue along with absentee ballots; all absentee ballots in to the national office by May 15th. It was further recommended that mailing labels be utilized for voting.

It was reported by Luke St. Onge that verbal approval of tax deductible status had transpired. Written approval should arrive in six weeks. The full ramifications for all levels of the A.A.R.A. organization is not known.

Jerry Willy is developing guidelines and procedures for procurement of funds.

It was moved by George Dwyer and seconded by Ali Swofford that the meeting be adjourned for lunch. Motion passed.

The meeting was re-convened with discussion on the National Doubles Site. Proposals were made by Boston, and the Tyrone Racquetball Club in St. Petersburg, Florida. It was moved by Ali Swofford and seconded by Jim Austin that the bid be awarded to the Tyrone Racquetball Club. Motion passed.

No site was named for the 1984 U.S. Open National Singles. Permission was granted Luke St. Onge to pursue having the tournament in Houston again.

Official Ball Bids for the U.S. Open National Doubles Tournament were submitted by Wilson and Penn. It was moved by George Dwyer and seconded by Holly Ferris that the \$500 cash for shirts, \$2,500 cash for the tournament, 24 bags for give-away, total \$4,140 total package bid by Penn be accepted. Motion passed.

Under New Business the United Cerebral Palsy mutual fund raiser was discussed. Sale of courts, raffels, T.V. etc. were introduced with a 70% U.C.P. 30% A.A.R.A. split proposed. Denver, Miami, N.Y., Boston, and L.A. were targeted for test markets.

An age division discussion took place concerning 19-24 year olds. It was proposed that this issue be brought up to the state and region representatives.

It was discussed that Miller Lite and Penn have concerns about dollar value for their participation in the A.A.R.A. Luke St. Onge indicated that contract negotiations were re-opening with Miller in October, and that Penn wanted their name on applications and shirts.

The possibility of computer assistance for states was discussed.

It was moved by Ali Swofford and seconded by Barb Smith that certificates of participation for all A.A.R.A. U.S. Open National events be issued to each participant, starting with doubles in 1983. Motion passed.

Following a discussion of the U.S. Team Coaching situation a committee was appointed to develop criteria for a National Team Coach and to solicit applicants through our periodical. Chairman Steve Ducoff, Keith Calkins, and Holly Ferris members. Ed Martin will coach through October, 1983.

Canada's status in international racquetball. It was reported that they were coming around and hopefully will go to Costa Rica. They will definitely participate in California.

Keith Calkins brought be some concerns about the past-presidents role with the board. It was moved by Jim Austin and seconded by Van Dubolsky that the immediate past president, as an exofficio member of the board, be given the right to vote for one year following his or her term. Motion passed.

Better communications between the national office and the Board of Directors was discussed.

A month-to-month budget review was asked for by the board. George Dwyer was appointed chairman of the personnel committee along with Ali Swofford and Barb Smith. They were charged with the responsibility to review exhisiting contracts and incentives for the employees of the association and report to the board at the fall meeting.

It was moved by Keith Calkins, and seconded by George Dwyer that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Passed.

Sunday May 29th

The meeting was called to order at 9.05 A.M. Al Seitelman was nominated for Vice President by Holly Ferris. It was moved by Van and seconded by Clint that nominations be closed. Motion passed. Al Seitelman was elected Vice President.

Barb Smith moved to adjourn. Van seconded the motion. Metting adjourned by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Al Seitelman and seconded by Van Dubolsky that a special session of the board convene. Motion passed.

Barb Smith reported on the committee findings concerning open vs. closed national tournaments. A plan will be presented at the fall meeting. It was moved by Al Seitelman and seconded by Ali Swofford that all players must participate in a regional tournament in order to be eligible to play in the U.S. Open Singles Tournament. Motion passed.

A policy guide to the committee was recommended that if less then six participants enter a division, each player will be notified that they may come and play off the division. However, if they choose not to come and still pay for the division they will be viewed as fulfilling their intent to participate in the regionals and will be eligible for national competition.

A further recommendation to the rules committee was that in considering a 19-24 year old division, a 70+ division also be evaluated.

It was moved by George Dwyer and seconded by Mimi Kelly that the spring meeting of the A.A.R.A. Board of Directors be adjourned. Motion passed.

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AMERICAN AMATEUR RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION
September 17, 18, 1983

On September 17 and 18, 1983 the Board of Directors of the American Amateur Racquetball Association convened at the United States Olympic Committee Complex in the Conference Room at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on September 17th by President of the Board Paul Henrickson. Those in attendance were:

Paul Henrickson	Ali Swofford
Jim Austin	Holly Ferris
Mimi Kelly	George Dwyer
Clint Koble	Stephen D. Ducoff
Al Seitelman	Barb Smith
Van Dubolsky	Luke St. Onge

The minutes of the May, 1983 meeting were adopted after George Dwyer's requested amendments were approved. On page 1 in paragraph 3 the word "legal" was deleted and the phrase "yearly review" reinstated. On page 4, paragraph 14 under "policy guide" discussion concluded that there should be strong clarification of the number of participants in a given division. George Dwyer also requested a review of "existing contracts" as suggested on page 4 in paragraph 8 to be done at a later time. After Mr. Dwyer's motion for adoption of the minutes as amended, there was a second of this motion by Jim Austin, and the motion passed.

Luke St. Onge presented the agenda for the meeting with changes regarding the time of a presentation by Mr. Bob Beebe of Penn Athletic Products Company, Tabor Ames, representing Fugazy Travel in connection with U.S. Amateur Athletic Travel Union. The reports on certificates, Seamco/Yellow Dot, Intercollegiate Program and Ektelon would be heard at the end of the meeting.

Paul Henrickson announced that the starting time for the meeting on the following day would be 8:30 a.m. rather than 9:00 a.m.

Executive Director, Luke St. Onge, deferred the financial report to Ali Swofford. Monies received in the spring were expected to cover the usual summer slump.

Since "Racquetball Today" is no longer published, Luke St. Onge reported that Mr. Drew Stoddard of "International Racquetball" publication in Salt Lake City would have flyers in the monthly mailings offered at \$15.00, subject to Board approval. A.A.R.A. would receive a \$6.00 rebate and this arrangement will cost the A.A.R.A. nothing. Luke also reported that there was on hand the sum of \$31,000 with some funds being held back to pay off expenses (air-fares, etc.). The A.A.R.A. received \$5,000 from the National Doubles, \$3,500 from Miller's for the U.S. Team and \$2,300 from Leach for the Junior Council. A suggestion from George Dwyer indicated the need for an accounting system programmed into a computer to print out information for Board members so that all would be aware of the deficits and positive cash flows. Luke St. Onge said that because of increased membership and tournaments there would be a surplus shown. Ali Swofford suggested a narrative listing of figures as to the budget would be helpful; Paul Henrickson agreed and Luke St. Onge said that

he would set up a system in which to provide that information in the future. Paul Henrickson was most pleased with the financial rewards of the Nationals and Regionals, as there was a profit of \$16,000 on the Regionals. The motion was made by Ali Swofford that a narrative summary of financial report be adopted; the motion was seconded by Jim Austin. George Dwyer suggested that the report be called an "analysis" rather than "status." The motion passed.

Mr. St. Onge informed the Board of the indictment of William Tanner and the confiscation of records. He also said that West Coast lawyers are being paid \$50.00 a month due to bills owed a collection agency, but under the law the A.A.R.A. was in good condition. The Metro 7 lawsuit might go for a settlement. The amount owed is \$3,000.

Bob Beebe of Penn Athletic Products Company reaffirmed Penn's support of the A.A.R.A., identifying any needs with plans to satisfy those needs. In his presentation he suggested balls at no cost for Regionals and Juniors and a cash grant for all shirts (\$2.50 per shirt with 2,850 total number of shirts). He committed Penn to \$5,000 for facility in Regional support with Junior's Handbook at \$5,000. He estimated a \$25,000 involvement beyond the Regional and National events in Junior development with a bid of \$50,285 for Juniors, \$22,565.00 for Intercollegiates, and \$73,395.00 for Adults. The major line item was \$45,000. Mr. Beebe displayed an attractive promotional easel with tear-off pads to stimulate new memberships. The theme stated: "Join Penn and the A.A.R.A. in Supporting the U.S. National Team." The project would involve 15,000 clubs with an estimated 5% redemption rate, meaning approximately \$45,000 raised for A.A.R.A. funds. He expected that the idea could be readied for review in four to six weeks with an apparent need to have racquetball more prevalent in the poster easel presentation; it was decided that a picture of the U.S. Team be included. Promotional luggage tags with the Penn logo and support statement was also discussed. Mr. Beebe concluded his presentation with an expression of gratitude for support from the A.A.R.A. and the expectation of a long run with the grassroots player in racquetball.

After a coffee break, Luke St. Onge discussed the situation with "Racquetball In Review" and the new publisher, Hugh Morgan. He reviewed his letter to Mr. Morgan expressing disappointment in some areas of the first P M I publication and outlined requirements for improvement in future editions. As no legal agreement with P M I had been signed, it was suggested by Stephen Ducoff that A.A.R.A. have the right to amend a contract on a periodic basis with a legal review before signing the contract. It was also suggested by George Dwyer and Stephen Ducoff that the engaging of a local attorney in Colorado Springs be looked into.

Luke St. Onge reported membership in A.A.R.A. of 25,804 with over 23,000 paid. Actually there could be 1,200 additional members due to Kentucky's losing the names of new members. He expressed the concern for Arizona, Utah and Hawaii as special target areas. Clint Koble was complimented on the good job performed in his area, especially with this year's Regionals.

A vote was requested by Mr. St. Onge concerning raising the level from 2 to 4 on State Championships. A motion to this effect was made by Ali Swofford and seconded by Al Seitelman. During discussion, George Dwyer and Stephen Ducoff recommended that inner-service rankings on National Championships could be set at 5, with Regionals at 4, and Nationals at 6. The original motion which provided that level 4 be used in State, Regional and National rankings was passed.

Van Dubolsky set forth a policy for review concerning the National Singles Requirements. This policy states that the eligibility for the 1984 National Singles be limited to A.A.R.A. members who have participated in any of the 1984 Regional Singles Championships held

throughout the country. "Participation" consists of paying the entry fee at the Regional tournament of one's choice. Any championship division with at least six entrants must be held at the Regionals. The tournament director is requested to play any championship division with five or less contestants as a round-robin event. Any player entered in a division with five or less who does not wish to participate in a round-robin or in another division will be refunded his/her entry fee. This player will still be eligible to participate in the Nationals. The Regional Director and the A.A.R.A. Executive Director will be allowed to excuse any players who are unable to meet the participation requirements due to extenuating (emergency) circumstances, such as personal family tragedies and injuries documented with a physician's note to be included with the National entry blank.) An exemption will be extended to the current defending Singles National Champions in each championship division, as well as to anyone currently residing outside the continental U.S. Players may enter any division at the Nationals so long as they have met these participation requirements. All existing other eligibility rules apply. This policy was adopted by the Board.

Luke St. Onge gave a report from D P Leach, as a representative was unable to attend. He stressed Leach's total dedication with a two-year agreement and hoping for a three-year agreement. Leach's hope for a five-year agreement would be put on hold. Overall cost for racquet approval would be 2 1/2% off the top in royalties on racquets Leach sells. Leach's desire is to be the official racquet of the U.S. Team next year. Ektelon has never responded to any opportunity for this position, but Stephen Ducoff suggested options be kept open in the future. As there is no offer from Ektelon Ali Swofford suggested a three-year commitment to Leach because of their support. The Board agreed. The possibility of Leach as a supplier of uniforms was made known.

The site of the 1984 National Singles Championships was announced as being the Downtown Y in Houston. Luke St. Onge stated that last year there was overspending on evening meals (hospitality) and Holly Ferris suggested that food should be served at a specific time. Clint Koble suggested a better bid package and George Dwyer wanted assurance of the tournaments being moved around. President Paul Henrickson said that had always been adhered to as the A.A.R.A. policy and will continue to be adhered to, but that sometimes people are scared away by bids such as those we have had in the past which may be judged intimidating. Luke added that most people do not know how to make out a bid without a sample. Paul Henrickson asked for a motion on returning to Houston. George Dwyer made such a motion which was seconded by Stephen Ducoff.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

The military report was given by Stephen Ducoff who requested a survey of Army and Marine numbers of courts. He estimated that the Air Force will have one of the largest number which will be approximately 562 world-wide. Inner-service championships are now in their fourth year, with George Dwyer playing an important part in the enormous success which has been evident. Mr. Ducoff said that services include the opening of seniors' and womens' champions way to be paid to the Nationals. He expressed the concern for need of quality people to conduct post championships. There are 1,080 beginning now to qualify for Regionals and he is hoping for a good turn-out for the Nationals.

Mimi Kelly announced that there were no candidates nominated for the Hall of Fame.

Selection of the Nominating Committee was made: Gary Mazaroff, New Mexico; Van Dubolsky, Florida; Jon Denley, New Jersey; Garner White, South Dakota; Mike Arnolt, Indiana; John Foust, Colorado. These A.A.R.A. members serve on the A.A.R.A. Board of Directors for a period of three years. Others wishing to be nominated must submit a petition with 100 signatures of current A.A.R.A. members nominating them to the Board.

The petition must be sent to the National Headquarters by January 1, 1984. Balloting will occur in the March issue of "Racquetball In Review" and at the National Singles Championships in Houston, Texas. Four positions will become vacant.

Luke St. Onge told the Board that he had met with Lynne Heintz Schlaeger after the May Board Meeting and there was proposed substantial support from Miller for two years. Mr. St. Onge requested that Miller underwrite tournament banquets if the tournament director is unable to do so. Lite would be in title (Lite/A.A.R.A.) in Regionals but would be used as "presenting" the Nationals. There would be a joint logo made up for additional public relations for each of the events. Miller would be sending several representatives to the Doubles and any agreement would be left open-ended at the end of each year.

Luke St. Onge announced that there were commitments to the U.S. National Team from Miller, Leach and Penn but at the time there were no definite amounts firmed up. The athletes would be responsible for their travel to the place of embarkment and housing would be in a local hotel. Fugazy Travel would be handling arrangements for the trip to Costa Rica, October 7-15, 1983. Uniforms were provided by Levi Strauss. For the World Championships there have been commitments from Miller and Leach, and nineteen countries have expressed the desire to participate. There has been excellent coverage of the World Games through Ed Martin in California with the Gleneagles brochure. Paul Henrickson asked for a motion that necessary steps be taken to appropriate the needed funds for the Team. Al Seitelman made this motion and it was seconded by Steve Ducoff. After discussion concerning verbal commitments the motion was carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Barb Smith and seconded by Van Dubolsky that Ed Martin remain head coach of the U.S. National Team until October 1, 1984. This motion carried.

Fugazy Travel was suggested as official travel agent for the A.A.R.A. in connection with Tabor Ames in U.S. Amateur Athletic Travel Union. There is to be 24-hour service and travel cards provided, with credits to the A.A.R.A. as commissions. It was advised by Steve Ducoff that a contract be based on a yearly renewal and a motion was made to that effect and seconded by Jim Austin. This motion passed.

Luke St. Onge reported that all approved ball companies were sent bids in special letters and follow-up correspondence. There was a deal finally made later with Seamco. The Wilson proposal was printed on a chalkboard and compared with the ball proposal from Penn. Wilson's stipulation was a commitment for the Nationals and then a desire to bid later on the Juniors and Regionals. Paul Henrickson expressed the necessity for flexibility but added that Penn is the most popular ball although Wilson has a good ball. Paul Henrickson asked for a motion concerning accepting Penn as the official ball for the Nationals, Regionals and Intercollegiates. Jim Austin made this motion and it was seconded by Van Dubolsky. The motion carried.

Luke St. Onge gave the referee certification program to Mike Arnolt of Indiana so that booklets could be integrated. Penn and Leach will print their logos. It was established that once the program is approved the A.A.R.A. will have regular clinics to bring in people certified to administer it.

Based upon U.S.O.C. approval, a National Racquetball Camp will be conducted at the Olympic Training Center during the month of August, 1984, as proposed by Luke St. Onge.

Luke St. Onge informed the Board that Caravat Communications wants to televise the major A.A.R.A. events as proposed by Bill Ashley. They would buy the rights from A.A.R.A.

Luke St. Onge proposed that all National's participants be given a certificate of participation to which Jim Austin will submit a design.

Ed Martin gave an overview of the Olympic movement. The great concern was for more exposure for the athletes and funding of their trips. The quest for Group A participation is being consistently pursued. The reality of racquetball's being an Olympic sport could be in 1992. Letters are being sent on a regular basis requesting participation in the Pan American Games in 1987. A Blue Ribbon Racquetball Committee for raising funds for the U.S. Team and expenses toward having racquetball accepted as an Olympic sport was established.

Ed Martin made a request that Sparetime Inc. be the official consultant of the A.A.R.A. After discussion by the Board the decision was made to review the list of available consultants and to table this request with action to be taken concerning a consultant at a later time.

Tabor Ames of the U.S. Amateur Athletic Travel Union expressed his appreciation to the A.A.R.A. Board for accepting Fugazy as the travel coordinator of A.A.R.A.

Jim Austin presented a rules overview and proposed changes will be published in the January issue of "Racquetball in Review."

Van Dubolsky printed copies of his brochure "What Does the A.A.R.A. Do?" of which he has printed 4,000. He also presented a questionnaire for review which had been of immense help in Florida and which he encouraged use of in other states.

As there was no other new business there was a motion made for adjournment by Barb Smith. The motion was seconded and carried.

Sunday, September 18, 1983

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Henrickson at 8:00 a.m.

It was moved by Holly Ferris and seconded by George Dwyer that we establish the following new divisions for play in tournaments:

19+ Junior Open
70+ Advanced Golden Masters

The motion passed and will be presented to the membership in May of 1984.

Barb Smith made the motion that we adopt the Wheelchair Division Rules. The motion was seconded by George Dwyer and was carried.

A recommendation was made that all financial matters be made available, and if necessary, marked "confidential." The Board would like a breakdown of Regional's and National's monies received.

The motion to adjourn was made by Stephen Ducoff and seconded by Al Seitelman. The motion carried.

1984 Board Meeting of the A.A.R.A. Tuesday May 22, 1984

Paul Henrickson called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. Present were Luke St. Onge, Barb Smith, Van Dublosky, Steve Ducoff, Mimi Kelly, Al Seitelman, Clint Koble, Jim Austin, and Ali Swofford.

Reports- Luke reported on the back up system on the computer for the tournament draw. Barb moved to approve the September, 1983 minutes. Steve seconded the motion. The motion carried. A financial report was given by Luke. It was stated that at least \$15,000 more should come in from regional tournaments. An update on the outstanding debts was given. The budget proposal for the upcoming year was introduced. Steve moved to approve the budget with the exception of the salary and retirement sections. Jim seconded the motion. It passed.

Contracts- Three DP contracts were introduced. Dollar figures reflected growth from \$32,000 to \$51,000 to the organization for the next five years. It was moved by Van and seconded by Jim that the DP Energy Drink proposal be accepted. Passed. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Van that the team uniform proposal by DP be accepted. Passed. It was moved by Al, seconded by Clint that the DP racquet of the sponsor be approved. Passed. It was announced that the Lite contract comes up again in September. A review of the relationship will be undertaken at the fall board meeting.

Elite Training Camp-It was announced that three weeks of elite training camp would be run by Spare Time. The first week was to be geared for Open Competition, the second week to Junior Competition age 16 and 18 only, and the third week to Age Group. Qualifying criteria was reviewed for each weeks participation. The total cost per week was estimated at \$3,000 with the AARA making approximately \$9,000.

Membership- It was reported that the total membership was 34,000 and still growing toward a projected goal of 40,000.

It was announced that the World Masters Games would be held in July, 1985 in Montreal, Canada. It was also announced that the Racquetball Manufacturer's Association had granted the AARA an honorary position in the association, and that an eleven stop pro tour was being considered.

Ball Contracts-Spalding did not renew it's contract. Ram/Seamco was sent an invoice, but to date no response.

USOC- It was reported that racquetball as a sport and Luke as the Executive Director are well received by the USOC. As for the Pan Am Games and being an official demonstration sport, an \$80,000 cash request, along with building courts and training the host team made the idea unrealistic for now. However, further developments in Cuba June 9th could alter this decision.

Military Report- The all military championships were held at Ft. Jackson. The Air Force won the service championship, and has sent both the men's and women's champions to the AARA Nationals. The new official name for the 1985 event will be the Armed Forces Championships.

After much discussion it was decided that at the fall meeting the method for National Tournament entry, based upon Lite/AARA Regionals would be looked at. It was announced that the AARA was covered with liability insurance for the 1984 National Tournament.

US Team- Currently ten fund raisers are in the plans to support the US Team. Bag tags, and Olympic pins will be sold at registration as part of these events. It was the suggestion of the board that Luke consult a USOC attorney concerning incorporation of state organizations, and ramifications of tax responsibility to volunteers. The information gathered should be distributed to all state directors.

Intercollegiate Program- It was reported that 23 state championships were held this year. The National Juniors Tournament made \$3,000, and went well. There is a move toward regional tournaments. A proposal will be forthcoming. Luke re-affirmed the importance of the board's authority as to intercollegiate site selection. For the tournament to move an equal or better facility should be the basis for the decision. Al moved and Van seconded the motion that the 1985 National Intercollegiate Championships be held at the Racquet Club of Memphis. Passed.

Junior Report- The DP and Penn Junior League proposals were distributed. Jim Hiser has agreed to write the handbook. Nationals will be in Detroit. There are 15 courts, pool, etc. The Hyatt will be the Host hotel. Team competition has been further developed. Detroit has indicated interest in the 1985 tournament. Information about the Junior Orange Bowl to be held between Christmas and New Year's with selection based upon the Nationals was distributed. More assistance in the junior development is still needed.

Ball Selection- Both Penn and Wilson submitted bids for the 1985 National Doubles Tournament. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Clint that the Wilson bid be accepted. Passed.

Women's Report- It was moved by Barb and seconded by Van that Maureen Henrickson be appointed as Commissioner of Racquetball for Women. Passed. It was noted that since two women were leaving the board in 1985 and there must be a minimum of two women, two of the three board openings must go to women. Further a panel was being set up on how to keep women active in tournament racquetball.

Referee Certification materials were distributed. Discussion to follow at the Wednesday board meeting.

World Championships- To be held July 16-22. Fourteen countries are entered to date. There will be a banquet, cut glass awards, flags on the tables, a slide presentation and Las Vegas night. To date there is a total of \$7,500 from DP, Life, and Penn to support the event.

Manufacturer's Show- It was proposed that a questionnaire be sent to manufacturers concerning the feasibility of a show in 1985.

It was proposed that the Fall Board Meeting be held in January. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Mimi. Passed. Tentively the second weekend in January was suggested.

Election Committee Report- It was reported that the final election votes will be cast Friday night at the membership meeting. Membership cards must be shown in order to secure a ballot. Candidates will be given three minutes to speak. Next year the same procedure will be utilized. (Combination publication and meeting ballots).

Blue Ribbon Committee- The goal of this committee is to get racquetball to Group A status. Immediately the committee would like to raise enough money to hire an assistant for Luke, thus freeing him to spend more time with sponsors and the Olympic groups.

Male and Female Athlete of the Year Awards- Mr.'s Ferris, Hennen, Austin, Roberts, Navarro, and Berneckl were nominated for the male award. Ms's Baxter, Kamoamo, Faulkenberry, Glavova, Frenck, and Rasmussen were nominated for the female award.

John Halverson Award- Mr.'s Dublosky, Martin, Koble, Heiser, Auston, and Arnoldt, and Ms. Henrickson were nominated for the award. Selection of each recipient is by board vote, with announcement at the banquet.

Board Policy- It was moved by Barb and seconded by Mimi that board members not be compensated for travel to Board Meetings if they are not in attendance for both days of the meetings. Also, if a board member misses two consecutive meetings he/she will be asked to resign. Passed.

Rules- It was moved by Steve and seconded by Ali that Rule 1 be approved. Passed. It was brought up that the older players do not like the format of the shorter game due to the expense and distance of travel. Steve moved and Mimi seconded that Rule 2 be adopted. The motion was defeated. It was moved by Steve and seconded by Van that Rule 3 be adopted. Passed. Since there was no motion concerning Rule 4 it was left in committee. It was moved by Paul and seconded by Van that Rule 5 be adopted. Passed. It was moved by Steve and seconded by Barb that rule 6 be adopted. It was moved by Van and

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seconded by Steve to amend the motion to read: "If the server enters into the safety zone before the served ball passes the short line, it shall result in loss of serve." Passed. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Clint that the wording for Rule 7 should be as follows: "In doubles, when either partner serves out of order, any points which may have been scored during the out of order serve will be valid, but an 'out' (either a handout or sideout) shall be applied to the partner who should have been serving. The referee should advise the players as soon as he/she notices that an out of order serve has been or is about to occur." Passed. It was moved by Ali and seconded by Van to adopt Rule 8. Passed. It is a recommendation of the board that all courts paint a dotted line across the court to indicate the five foot line. Rule 9 died in committee. Rule 10 died in committee. It was moved by Mimi and seconded by Van that consolation be played three games, the best two out of three to eleven. Passed. It was moved by Ali and seconded by Van that the Wheel Chair Division Rules be adopted as submitted. Passed. It was moved by Steve and seconded by Van that the following be included in the Round Robin Rules: Determination of a winner will be decided in the following fashion should a tie occur. First, total match points won. One point awarded for each game won, plus a bonus point for the match winner. Second, head-to-head competition. Third, points scored against. In the event of a forfeit games won will count, but all points scored against will be removed from the outcome of the tournament. After much discussion the motion was tabled.

Jim moved and Barb seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Passed.

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 AM on May 23rd by Paul Hendrickson. All of the board members present the presiding day were again present with the addition of Holly Ferris.

Salary Requests: Luke requested an increase for Mary Ellen based upon the work load increasing by 300%. It was recommended by the board that Mary Ellen's salary be raised from \$12,000 to \$13,900 with \$600 put in an IRA account. All Swofford was appointed to chair a committee to review Luke's contract. Expense account, vesting, length of contract, incentive, raise and removal areas were all of concern. It was moved by Steve and seconded by Al that a \$200 per month IRA account be established for Luke. Passed. It was the board's feeling that the yearly audit and the salary and rate schedule should be tied together in order to determine future per centages of increases.

Rankings- The American Racquetball Handicap System proposal was introduced. It was recommended that the AARA try it for one year. It was moved by Al and seconded by Jim that we accept the ARHS System. Passed. Al, Van, Holly and Clint were appointed to work on the ranking system and report to the board their findings.

Keith Caulkins gave a report on the IARF and USOC. It was his recommendation that the AARA get more involved in other countries organizations. He stresses PR and International Protocol. Keith stressed that the representative must attend every meeting and be vocal concerning rules, court specifications, qualification and dues

plus changes in the organization.

Al and Steve were named as co-chairmen of a committee to set up the method of naming five delegates and alternatives for Olympic representation. Barb moved and Jim seconded that the IARF and USOC representative be the same person. Passed. Jim moved and Van seconded that we appoint an alternative at the time we elect the USOC Delegate. Passed. Keith Caulkins was elected Delegate and Al Seitelman was appointed alternate.

Membership Dues- Luke discussed the many new benefits added such as insurance. It was recommended that dues increase in September of 1985 to \$10 with a \$5/\$5 split.

Racquetball In Review- There is a need for better understanding and growth together. The AARA needs to maintain a professional attitude concerning the publication.

Professional Status of Players- Janet Simon brought a proposal before the board regarding professional status of players currently participating in AARA events. The board directed the proposal to the rules committee for recommendations.

National Rules Certification Program- It was moved by Jim and seconded by Van that the National Rules Certification Program be accepted with the rule changes that had previously been passed at the board meeting. Passed.

The rule concerning having two chances to make a good serve with the exception of violating the safety zone was referred back to the rules committee.

Travel Expenses for the AARA President- It was moved by Steve and seconded by Jim that the budget be amended to reflect a \$3,000 discretionary fund for the President of the AARA. Passed.

National Doubles Site Presentations- After hearing all proposals it was moved by Jim and seconded by Steve that the site for the 1984 National Doubles Tournament be Boise, Idaho, and the site for the 1985 National Doubles Tournament be Cheyenne, Wyoming, subject the Cheyenne's submitting the same or an improved bid from the one submitted at this board meeting. Passed.

It was moved by Ali and seconded by Steve that the Board Meeting be adjourned. Passed.

A special meeting was called by President Paul Henrickson at 10:15 pm. Present were Al, Garner, Van Paul, Jim, Mike, Him, Steve, Mimi, Luke and Ali. It was announced that Houston had submitted a bid for 1985 with right of first refusal for 1986 to host the National Singles Tournament. It was moved by Ali and seconded by Garner that Houston be granted the bid provided that a like or better package for hospitality, lodging, and transportation be included. Passed. It was moved by Mimi and seconded by Jim that the meeting be adjourned. Passed.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM by Paul Henrickson.

Present were Paul, Garner, Clint, Steve, Al, Van, Ali, Jim, Jim, Mike and Mimi.

Election of Officers- Mike nominated Paul Henrickson for President. Garner moved and Clint seconded that nominations be closed. Passed. Paul was unanimously elected. Mimi nominated Al Seitelman for Vice President. Van moved and Garner seconded that nominations be closed. Passed. Al was unanimously elected. Steve nominated Ali Swefford for Secretary/Treasurer. Jim Austin moved to close nominations, Van seconded. Passed. Ali was unanimously elected. Al nominated Van for National Commissioner. Garner moved and Clint seconded that nominations be closed. Passed. Van was unanimously elected. Jim Hiser nominated Mike Arnoldt for National Rules Commissioner. Garner moved and Mimi seconded that nominations be closed. Passed. Mike was elected with two abstentions.

Ali moved and Mimi seconded that the election meeting be adjourned. Passed.

Paul Henrickson opened the business meeting at 8:30. All members present.

A report on the fund raising efforts of the Blue Ribbon Committee was given, along with requests that the board commit to the idea of an office manager for the AARA and develop a job description. Much discussion followed with the board feeling that at least \$12,000 should be in hand prior to any further action concerning hiring another person be contemplated.

Jim Austin was appointed chairman of a committee to evaluate the election of officers procedure. Also the length of terms. Steve as appointed as a member of this committee.

Clint was appointed chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee with persons presented for consideration in January.

It was moved by Van and seconded by Jim Hiser that the language on the five foot rule be clarified. Passed and sent to the rules committee.

Jim Hiser nominated Garner for Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Ali moved that nominations be closed. Seconded Al. Passed. Garner unanimously elected.

Jim Hiser and Steve Ducoff will serve with Ali on the contract review committee.

Garner will seek persons from outside the board to serve as Historian for the Association.

Mimi was appointed as contact person to serve as a liasion with the Wheel Chair Associaton.

In the January meeting registration and hospitality will be reviewed with recommendations for the Houston Tournament Committee following.

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The board wished to thank Pat, Luke, Mary Ellen, and Barbara for all their work in making the AABA and the national events such a huge success.

All moved and Al seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Passed