



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Iowa ACS Board of Directors

Saturday, February 6th, 2022
First Avenue Club, Iowa City, IA

- I. The meeting was called to order by the Iowa ACS President, Tim Bringman.
- II. Members present:

Julie Bolsinger, Delaware County
Jim Cook, Melodee Music
Brett Elder, Iowa City Metro Pool League
Julie Guzman, Independent Pool Players League of Des Moines
Tara Scudder, GRE Amusement
Holly Jacobson, Marshalltown Pool League
Jo Ruther, JoeDees
Mark
Jesse & Brandi Meredith, Ottumwa Pool
Cammy Wagenknecht, Iowa City Women's
Tim Bringman, President
Marty Plumb, Vice President
Dwayne Bowman, Tournament Director
Nancy Beadel, Treasurer
Dee Raschke, Secretary
Jen Cole, Qualifications Committee
Faith Eichman, Qualifications Committee
- III. Introductions were done, and the President thanked all of the League Operators (LOs) for attending the meeting.
- IV. The President called for approval of the agenda. All were in favor.
- V. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the 2020 Annual General Meeting. All were in favor.
- VI. **President's Report –**

The President reported that overall the 2021 tournament went very well.

Treasurer's Report –

The Treasurer distributed copies of the financial reports (copies attached) for the 2021 tournament. She reported:

- No rebate from the National ACS.
- The biggest difference - Reduced income by \$6,000.
- \$8,200 added income went to the payouts.
- \$20,000 withheld from entry fee – went to table rental.
- There was a 32% increase in entries. Probably due to covid. We are getting close to the MW ACS numbers.
- We have been assured we will get our rebate this year.
- Compared out-of-state players - 28% of players were from out of state. Not ready to go independent yet. Still a goal.

JM moved to approve the financial report. JB seconded. All were in favor.

Secretary's Report –

The Secretary presented the following report:

- The list of LOs was updated in August 2021, so hopefully, we were able to reach more members this past year. It is so important that we have the LO's input. Their input is the best way to improve and grow the IA ACS tournament.
- As most of you know, we had a delay in play at the tournament due to the wi-fi going down at the River Center. Problems with the wi-fi have been an ongoing issue at the River Center, and they continue to improve. A massive shout out to Scott Norberg, the MPA Assistant to John Stitch, for a great job of getting everything back up and running as quickly as possible. Also, a big shout out to the Vice President, Marty Plumb, for partnering with Scott in getting the database set up for our tournament and for helping the LOs in getting their players signed up. This process was a huge task and required a lot of hours.
- The Qualifications Committee met before the tournament to discuss the placement of players. The committee individually reviewed all new players in the tournament. We mainly heard positive feedback about the placements. The committee is always open to suggestions and input.
- The IA ACS website, www.iaasc.com, was an excellent resource for our players. We had 4,375 site visitors to the website in the last twelve months. The webmaster, Craig Rice, stated that "According to Google, for this category (Billiards), these are strong numbers." A big shout out to the webmaster for a great job maintaining and improving the website. Dee R. and Jen C. will be working with the webmaster to make the site a little more user-friendly. Craig has several suggestions to improve traffic and engagement.
- Thank you to our new shirt vendor, Q.C. Tees. The Vice President was able to secure a contract with them to provide an assortment of apparel items. Their staff met with Jen C. and Dee R. to select a variety of styles of shirts and jackets. One of the great features that Q.C. Tees offered was an online store before the tournament dates. Players were able to visit our website at www.iaacs.com and purchase items. The items were brought to the tournament for pick up to avoid shipping costs. This was their first-ever pool tournament, so we appreciate their efforts in providing a good selection at reasonable prices.
- At the last AGM, there was a discussion about using Google Drive to correspond with the LOs for meeting notifications and sharing documents. As of December 2021, most of the forms used by the

IA ACS are now available on Google drive. Any LO who wants access to the Google drive should contact the Secretary.

- The Board of Directors held a meeting on December 17, 2021, to discuss the 2021 tournament. If anyone would like a copy of the notes from that meeting, please contact the Secretary.

- The BEF Jr's Tournament was held on Sunday and was a great success. We had 32 players sign up. Each player who pre-registered received a free IA ACS towel and was able to purchase an event polo shirt for \$10. The National ACS Executive Director, Janet Ybarra, encouraged the Jr. players and their parents.

A BIG SHOUT OUT to the following for their donations to the Jr. tournament:

- Wholesale Billiards – donated a cue and a case
- Coco-Cola – donated soda and Gator Aid
- Davenport River Center
- Larry and Elaine Sneath – donated keychains, gloves, and claws
- Dee & Don Raschke – donated a cue, a case, a jump cue, and chips/candy
- Diviney Cues – donated t-shirts
- Q.C. Custom Tees – discounted price for IA ACS Event polo & towels

Financial Report for Jr. Tournament:

Income -	\$800 (\$25 x 32 players)
Expenses –	\$1,492

- \$200 - BEF Registration Fee
- \$925 - BEF Qualification Fee
- \$140 - Towels (13 @ \$10 + tax)
- \$32 - Shirts (2 @ \$15 + tax)
- \$58 - Shipping for division winners jackets/shirts
- \$137 - Trophies (8 @ \$16 + tax)

VII. Reports from the membership –

- Jesse M. – good feedback. 30% of his players participated in the October tournament.
- Jim C. – pretty happy with the way things are going. Maybe have the tournament a little later in the season. The President responded that the River Center has limited us on when we can hold the tournament. Question - Will the tournament move to other locations? The President stated that our contract is for two more years. There are only a limited number of venues in the state of Iowa that can host a tournament this size.
- Holly J. – Marshalltown – positive feedback. Good participation and plan to continue. Jr's – has a good interest. Their league has a Go Fund Me to help with expenses for one of their Jr. members for Nationals.
- Brandi – their players like that it is early in October.
- Julie B. – no report

- Cammi – no report
- Mark – no report

VIII. Approval of the budget for next year – this did not apply to this year’s AGM.

IX. Discussion of 2021 Iowa ACS Tournament – Improvements/Comments

The National ACS increased fees to \$15. They announced they were not going to give the Iowa ACS their \$3 rebate. The President contacted them and let them know we are losing approx. \$6,600. The Tournament Director contacted Cecil, and the President contacted the new ACS Executive Director, Janet Ybarra to discuss this issue. The National ACS has stated they will be giving us the rebate back. We are the third-largest association for the ACS. The rebate will be used for added payout money.

Sanction fees – This was also a part of the discussion with Janet Ybarra. The Iowa ACS will be entering our players into the ACS database and we will send the National ACS a check for our player’s sanction fees. LOs will mark their players as sanctioned in the MPA database and then will send their checks to the treasurer. LOs will still have to enter in CompuSport for their dual sanctions. ACS sanctions should only be entered in the MPA site, not ISPA/CompuSport. This will begin with the June 1, 2022 sanctions. Marty Plumb will be the point of contact for all questions regarding the MPA database entries. He will send instructions for the LOs to reference.

Hotel contracts – hotel prices are going to go up. The Tournament Director, Dwaine Bowman, and the Secretary, Dee R. will meet with the City of Davenport, and the hotel to discuss ongoing contracts.

X. Items for Discussion –

- The 9 Ball team event was well received.
- Scotch Doubles – due to time constraints, the event was switched from double elimination to single elimination. The event will be single elimination next year. All in attendance agreed that players who pre-registered for the event should have been allowed to get a refund.

XI. Old Business – no old business on the agenda

XII. New Business –

- Next year we will strictly adhere to the entry deadlines.
- Discussion that the winner of the Master’s should not have to be moved up to Elite. No motion on the floor.
- The Vice President, Marty Plumb, shared information about the MPA login process. All LOs MUST enter their players in the MPA database. LOs need to contact Marty to get access rights and instructions to enter players. The form will be updated to reflect current requirements. This update will be sent to ALL LOs.
- New players entered in MPA will automatically default to Elite status. The LO does not need to worry about that. It is so that new players will be flagged for the Qualifications Committee to review. Make sure to check that the player is not duplicated under a different name.
- Out of state players will be reviewed more closely at the next tournament.

- Separate Open and Intermediate Divisions – the board has discussed the pros and cons of separating the divisions. It was motioned to table the discussion and send out a survey to the LOs for their input.
- Discussion to change the race for Men’s and Women’s Advanced event. Other suggested solutions included: put “slow” players on the clock, board members and LOs could assist in monitoring slow players. No action was taken. Will send a survey and get the player’s input.
- Raise entry fee – Raise \$5 per player. The increase could go to admin fees or payouts. JM motioned and JB seconded. All were in favor.
- Discussion about rating players from other states. The Qualifications Committee reviews all out-of-state players. They review Fargo rating, CompuSport, other tournament info, and LO input. The Tournament Director will call other IL operators if he doesn’t know them.
- Discussion about the poor attendance at the AGM by LOs. Should there be a penalty for LOs who don’t attend? JB motioned to warn LO’s the first time they don’t attend, and then fine them \$100 for each time they are not in attendance. JM seconded the motion. The majority were in favor.
- The Vice President will put a blast on FaceBook about the LOs who did not show up.
- Always have the meeting on the first Sunday in February. JB – motioned and JM seconded. All were in favor.

XIII. Election of Officers – no elections are scheduled for this year. Next year will be Vice President and Treasurer.

XIV. Schedule next meeting – The next board meeting will be held on August 7, 2022, at 1 pm. Location TBD.

XV. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.