



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Iowa ACS Board of Directors**

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**  
**Riverside Casino, IA**

- I. The meeting was called to order by the Iowa ACS President, Tim Bringman at 1:00 pm
- II. Roll Call

Members present:

Cedar Rapids Metro - Ira Miller represented by Paul Williams  
Delaware County - Julie Bolsinger  
Dubuque Pool League #705 – Faith Eichman represented by Brad Williams  
ECS - Waterloo - Jim Bauler  
ECS Clinton - Billy Ebensberger  
ECS Waterloo – Neil Jacobson  
Fischels - Jake Austin  
GRE Amusements -Tara Scudder represented by Joe Ruether  
Iowa City Metro - Lindsey Butterfield  
Iowa City Women - Cammy Wagenknecht  
Jackson County Women's - Cheri Yarolem  
JoeDees – Joe Ruether  
Melodee Music – Games RR Biz – Jim Cook (proxy)  
Muscatine Pool League - Dustin Krueger  
Ottumwa League – Jaw Pool - Brandi Meredith  
Quad Cities - Marty Plumb  
Rich & Junies / ACS Dubuque – Rich Bellmeyer – Represented by Brad Williams  
Wapsi Valley -Phil Eichhorn represented  
Wally's Amusement - Nicole Berger – Represented by Steve Spencer

Tim Bringman, President  
Brandy Meredith, Vice President  
Nancy Beadel, Treasurer  
Dee Raschke, Secretary

- III. Introductions were made, and the President thanked the League Operators (LOs) for attending the meeting.
- IV. A motion was made by JA and seconded by SS to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2024 Annual General Meeting. All were in favor.

V. **President's Report –**

The President reported that overall, the 2024 tournament was a success and continues to show growth. The contracts for the 2025 tournament have been signed with the River Center and the Double Tree Hotel. We have an agreement with John Stich to be the Tournament Director and to provide 120 tables (if needed) for the 2025 tournament. We will be using the Mississippi Room and there will be lights over the tables. The reason that tables were placed in the Double Tree Hotel last year was that the River Center had inadvertently double-booked the Mississippi room.

**Treasurer's Report –**

The Treasurer distributed copies of the financial reports (copies attached) for the 2024 tournament. There was a net income of \$1,128. The balance in the checking account is 11,070. The balance in the savings account is \$30,000.

Additional discussion:

- The total income was down due to a slight decrease in the number of entries. The out-of-state fees were eliminated, but the entry fees were increased so it basically offset that loss of income.
- The Treasurer reminded the board that she had informed them at the last AGM that she did not plan to remain in the treasurer position for the entire four-year term. She reported that she does plan to fulfill the entire term.

**Secretary's Report –**

- A list of the LOs was distributed for review and updates.
- The IA ACS website, [www.iaacs.com](http://www.iaacs.com), continues to be an excellent resource for our players. We had an increased number of site visitors to the website in the last twelve months. A big shout out to the webmaster, Craig Rice, for continuing to do a great job maintaining and improving the website.
- Also a huge shout out to Faith Eichman for running a great Junior's tournament with 26 entries. Each junior player received a raffle item due to the generous donation from One of A Kind Billiards, Jacoby Cues, Diveney Cues, and Coca-Cola. Each junior player also received a shirt from the Iowa ACS due to a generous discount provided by Onboard Sportwear.

VI. Reports from the membership – None

VII. Old Business – The following update was provided on the items that were tabled from the 2024 AGM:

- a. Out-of-State Fees – The item was tabled for presentation at the next AGM meeting to allow the treasurer time to assess potential income loss. After review, the board officers decided to proceed with eliminating the out-of-state fees, as the increased entry fees would largely offset the loss. An email was sent in May 2024 to inform the board of the decision. There was concern about the board making this decision without seeking

input and approval from the LO's. Moving forward, every effort will be made to involve the entire membership when items are tabled.

- b. Eliminating the Tournament Director position. This item was removed from the agenda.
- c. Reviewing and editing the current by-laws – this item was presented for a vote under a later agenda item.

#### VIII. New Business –

Reclassification requests are due by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The secretary will send out a reminder to the LO's so that they can let their players know.

A request for additional seating at the tournament was suggested. The president will work with the River Center to see if we can get a player's lounge on the second floor, and/or additional tables in the lobby area.

Separating from the ACS association. This item will be included on the agenda for the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) to allow for the collection of additional information and to facilitate an informed discussion.

Jake Austin reported that Onboard Sportswear, our official shirt vendor, did not have good sales at the tournament but that he believes they plan to return next year. Onboard is still working on the winner's jackets. If we have a specific shirt design, we need to get that to them as soon as possible.

#### IX. Discussion and Vote on Proposals from the IA ACS Board of Directors;

- a. Separate 9 Ball Rating – a motion was made by JA and seconded by PW to implement a separate 9 Ball rating for players. All players would begin with their same 8 Ball rating and could reclassify per our reclassification process. All were in favor of the motion.
- b. Registration Committee Chair Position – this item was removed from the agenda.
- c. By-Laws – a motion was made by JA and seconded by BE to approve the revised Constitution and By-Laws of the Iowa ACS Pool Association as presented. All were in favor of the motion.
- d. Discussion about the incident of the first and second-place teams in the standard division at the Midwest ACS tournament in July 2025 being disqualified. – The secretary reported that she spoke to Janet Ybarra, National ACS Executive Director, regarding the incident in January 2025. The National ACS Board of Directors reviewed the appeals that were submitted by the above-mentioned teams and the decision was made to support the disqualification of both teams due to unsportsmanlike conduct. The prize money they would have received was redistributed to 3<sup>rd</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> place and the free entry to the National Tournament in May was given to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team. Additional items of discussion were:
  - Could the Iowa ACS at least refund the two teams' entry fees? A vote was taken on this item and failed.

- Given the negative impact on our association, should we consider disaffiliating from the ACS? This was added to new business for discussion at the next AGM after assessing its actual impact on the October tournament.
- We request that the LO's continue to support the Iowa ACS positively and emphasize to players that we are a separate entity from the Midwest ACS.
- We would like to get a statement from Janet Ybarra that the LO's can share with their players.

X. Election of Officers –

The President's position was up for election this year. Tim Bringman and Marty Plumb were the candidates for the position. A ballot vote was conducted, and Marty Plumb received the most votes. Marty will serve as the President for the next four-year term.

The Secretary position was up for election this year. Dee Raschke ran unopposed for the position. All were in favor of Dee serving as the Secretary for the next four-year term.

XI. The treasurer, Nancy Beadel, announced that she would be resigning her position effective immediately. She thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the Iowa ACS for many years and will assist with the smooth transition to the next treasurer.

XII. Schedule next meeting – The next BOD meeting will be scheduled at a later date

XIII. Adjournment – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.