

Pennsylvania State Racquetball Association

Mid season conference call

Monday Dec 18, 8pm

Board members on call: John Barrett, Tom Lovins, Val Kregger, Tom Gaffney, Mike Treacy, Keith Eller.

Financial report: John gave each member the latest financial statement and reported that the PSRA had a checkbook balance of

John informed the Board that the Penn ball program contract was up for renewal. Penn provides the balls; draw sheets, and scorecards for all State tournaments during a three-year contract. The Board unanimously voted to renew the contract.

John informed the Board that the U.S. Junior Team was seeking donations from all State organizations. The Team was in dire need of funding to pay for travel expenses to its various tournaments. An amount of \$250 was requested and discussed by the Board. Since the balance in the checkbook was healthy, the Board voted to donate the amount requested.

The 2007 State Singles tournament was discussed. The location will be the I M Building on the campus of Penn State University. This facility and location is still the best option we have to date. The date of March 9,10,11 2007 was decided upon as that coincides with the University's Spring break. Duties were handed out as follows: Food-Tom Lovins will look for other options but the Village Eating house is still the best option. Shirts- Val Kreger will call the same vendor as last year due to the favorable response to last years shirts. Hotel-John Barrett will call the Super 8 again. Awards. It was decided to go with medals this year because of the inexpensive cost and convenience. John will look into getting custom medals with the State Association logo. Tom Lovins will look into the availability of having Medics on site during the event.

The question of opening the State Championships to non-Pennsylvania residents was brought up. Currently the event is open only to Pa residents but other States do allow this to create better draws and competition. Participation over the last 5 years has been down; however last year there was no decline in attendance from the previous year. It was decided that a questionnaire on this issue should be given to the membership.

The Board decided that there will be no auction this year at State Singles due to the difficulty in getting items. There may be a raffle basket.

John informed the Board of a policy change at the USRA. At a recent USRA Board meeting, it was decided that those who wish to enter the National Championships can now qualify by playing in their State championship event. In the past, an individual had

to play in a Regional Championship event in order to qualify. The USRA is hopeful that this will help increase participation in both the Nationals and State level tournaments.

John gave an update on the Pro Stop. Due to lackluster sponsor interest, the event is probably not going to take place as planned. If it is cancelled he will try to hold it next season.

It was decided that the next newsletter will come out around the end of January and will contain the State Singles application.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm

Balance of financial statement - \$7899.99