

Florida Racquetball Association Board Meeting
Saturday, September 27, 2008
Minutes

Attendees: Chad Bailey
Karen Bouchard
Randy Buffington (last few minutes)
Rick Ferrin
Renee Fish
Randy Forrest
Guy Meadows
Andy Pawlowski
Kim Roy

President Randy Forrest called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. The meeting was held in Tampa at the University of South Florida athletic facility.

Renee Fish handed out the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved. Andy Pawlowski pointed out that we need to get a list of players who do not have an e-mail account. Those members need to be notified of upcoming events by mail.

Karen Bouchard stated that as of August 29, 2008 the checking account balance is \$13,892.10. The Certificate of Deposit has a balance of approximately \$25,700. The total balance is about \$12,000 less than a year ago. This is due to a concerted effort to give back to the members through the champions breakfast held at state singles, supporting the junior program, and giving a stipend to division winners of state or regional singles who also competed at national singles in May. Another reason for the decrease in the balance is that tournaments have not been generating income.

Old Business:

Randy F. did check with Ross Greenberg regarding the legality of placing names of people who write bad checks for tournaments on the FRA website. Ross said that it definitely was not a good idea.

New Business:

Randy F. has received the items from Wilson as stated in the Wilson ball contract. The non-racquetball related items will be sold through a silent auction at state singles in March, 2009. The racquetball related items will be used as prizes for division winners at state singles. Renee will be in charge of the silent auction. A list of the silent auction items will be available before state singles through the FRA website. Persons who would like to bid on the items, but are

unable to attend the event will contact Renee with their bidding information. It has not yet been determined how the proceeds will be used.

Andy has laminated cards for FRA board members who are certified FRA referees. The teachers of the FRA referee certification course are Andy, Randy F., and Jean Trimble. The course includes a one-hour class, a written test with a passing grade of 85%, and referee experience.

Andy requested funds to help support a memorial tournament at the Port Orange YMCA. The tournament shirt will include the FRA logo. The Board approved (by a vote of 5 to 2) a donation of \$250 to the Port Orange YMCA and 2 one-year memberships to the USAR to be given to two competitors of the tournament. The recipients will be chosen at random.

Randy F. tabled discussion of FRA board elections until the next meeting. The next meeting will be at regional doubles in December 2008.

Randy F. reported that the Georgia Racquetball Association is now bankrupt because the President of that organization stole \$18,000 from their bank account. Randy F. is going to talk to the Presidents of nearby states about hosting a tournament to help the Georgia Racquetball Association get restarted.

Karen had one more question regarding the alcohol issue that is addressed in the sanctioning guidelines. She is going to check the USAR sanctioning guidelines regarding this issue and then consult Ross.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Renee Fish