

**American Darts Organization  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 22, 2015  
Las Vegas, NV**

Board Members present:

President David Hascup  
Chief Financial Officer Lloyd Hoover  
Communications Officer Steve Brown  
Area 2 Manager Mike Sexton  
Area 4 Manager Chuck Hudson  
Area 6 Manager Steve Webb

Vice President Joe Hogan  
General Secretary Carolyn Camp  
Area 1 Manager Steve Moore  
Area 3 Manager John Hooten  
Area 5 Manager Tom Sawyer

Voting Strength – 10

Also present was Director of Office Operations Katie Harris

Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 10:15 AM President Hascup called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The two new Area Managers introduced themselves. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the August meeting. Passed unanimously.

**2016 National Championships**

Any tournament wishing to host a National in 2016 must submit a proposal to the Board prior to the August Board meeting. The locations of the four 2016 Nationals will be selected at the August meeting.

**World Darts Federation Events**

The 2015 WDF World Cup will be in Antalya, Turkey and the 2017 WDF World Cup will be in Japan. The World Cup team now comprises 4 men and 4 women, and the event has been extended by a day. The ADO is not sending a youth team of 2 boys and 2 girls unless sufficient sponsorship is forthcoming. Separate captains are needed for the women and for the men.

The ADO is aware of the current unrest in Turkey, but Antalya is far from the troubled areas. We will continue to monitor the situation, but unless it worsens, the ADO will send a team. If a team member is uncomfortable with the situation and elects not to go, their place will be offered to the alternate.

The Board discussed the intention of sending a youth team (1 boy and 1 girl) to the 2016 WDF Americas Cup in Barbados. The team would qualify via a Youth tournament in the Spring of 2016. We will enquire about hosting the event at the Virginia Beach Classic Tournament. We will check into the cost of sending the youth team, and attempt to secure sponsorship. The Board also suggested a website store be set up for ADO unsold World Cup merchandise and the profits used to assist in funding the youth team. All information about sending youth players to the 2016 Americas Cup should be in place by August so the youth and their parents can be given all the information at the 2015 Youth Nationals in Stamford, CT.

President Hascup stated that ADO should be more involved in decision-making with regard to the hosting of the Americas Cup when it is held in Florida. Currently, the event location is decided according to the hosting of the Caribbean Cup, and neither the ADO nor the NDFC (Canada) are involved in that decision.

The WDF now allows the ADO 12 WDF-ranked events for men and women instead of 6, and will request which tournaments wish to be WDF-ranked (according to our criteria listed). There are now 11 WDF Youth tournaments. One more can be added. All WDF-ranked events will be listed on the ADO website.

The Americans rewarded for their placement in the WDF American Region points system in 2014 are :

Men - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Leonard Gates (\$200)  
Ladies - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sandy Hudson (\$300)  
Boys - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Connor Schleich (\$300), 3<sup>rd</sup> - Dan Robbins (\$200)  
Girls - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Kerena Reese (\$200)

Congratulations to all.

The new President of the WDF is Bill Hatter (Canada). Former president Roy Price will remain on the WDF Board as Tournament Director. The WDF is continuing to work hard to get darts recognized as a sport, and by the International Olympic Committee. This entails testing for prohibited substances as defined by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). There was drug testing at the 2014 Americas Cup.

### **British Darts Organisation Events**

President Hascup is meeting with BDO officials this weekend to clarify specific rules and requirement for BDO-ranked tournaments.

President Hascup is working with a company called *BDO Events*, an online betting service which provides live streaming. *BDO Events* would supply all hardware and software at no cost, but the actual betting is only permitted in the United Kingdom. The ADO would receive a percentage of profits from betting on ADO events. Note : *BDO Events* is NOT affiliated with the British Darts Organisation (BDO).

### **Officer Reports**

Area 1 Manager Moore reported that after several years absence Phil Wheeler was back as Region 1-1 Director. He stated he was glad to have Mr. Wheeler back. RD's were re-elected in Regions 1-2 and 1-3. Area 1 Manager Moore stated he is looking for RD's for Regions 1-4 and 1-5.

New Area 2 Manager Sexton plans to send a letter of introduction to his Regional Directors, and will be provided with all contact information by the ADO Office.

Area 3 Manager Hooten stated that some Regions were down and some were doing well. He will contact ex-Region 5-3 Director Amy Moore to ask why she did not stand for re-election.

Area 4 Manager Hudson reported that all Regional Director positions in his Area are filled. He asked for input from all his Regional Directors prior to the Board meeting but only one responded. Area Manager Hudson plans to run a National Qualifier in Florida, hopefully in conjunction with a tournament.

Area 5 Manager Sawyer reported that he has been in contact with Region 5-4 Director Frazier and Region 5-2 Director De Bruyne. As a new Area Manager he is learning his Area.

Area 6 Manager Webb reported that the Air Cap tournament in Wichita last weekend had a great turnout. New Region 6-5 Director Matt Stoner is doing an excellent job, and Area Manager Webb is still looking for a Regional Director for 6-2. There are 3 ADO Individual Members in Area 6-1.

National Youth Manager Archbold was absent due to health issues, and his report was given to the Board by Area 4 Manager Hudson. National Youth Manager Archbold is planning to try the attached One Day Youth Focused Event Satellite Program. A darts supplier is also involved in the program. President Hascup will work with Communications Officer Brown and National Youth Manager Archbold in setting up a youth page on the ADO website.

### **ADO Youth Scholarship Fund**

Next on the agenda was filling the two Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustee vacancies left with the passing of Alex Casillas and the resignation of Kaye Axelgard-Reeves. The new Trustee replacing Alex Casillas will be the Primary Trustee and will assume the administrative duties handled by Trustee Casillas.

A motion nominating Area 1 Manager Steve Moore to fill the Trustee position left vacant by the passing of Primary Trustee Alex Casillas was made by and seconded. Passed unanimously.

A motion nominating Sandi Cain to fill the Trustee position left vacant by the resignation of Trustee Kaye Axelgard-Reeves was made and seconded. Passed unanimously.

Break for lunch 12:30 PM

Meeting resumed 2:00 PM

### **Officer Reports (continued)**

Communications Officer Brown has requested that ADO member associations submit information about their leagues and other happenings in their associations, which will be promoted via the ADO website, but has received no response. He will provide information on the website about different ways that associations can raise funds to send players to National Qualifiers. Director of Office Operations Harris will send him information about 180 scores and other awards, so that the players can receive recognition on the ADO website.

President Hascup stated that people that owe ADO money will be contacted. If they do not settle the debt with ADO the information will be published on the ADO website. President Hascup will update the website administration page for affiliations.

President Hascup wishes to be copied on all emails so he is aware of current happenings. He is also planning to have Board meetings on Skype between regular Board meetings.

The 2014 P & L report is published on the ADO website and must issue this report at least once a year. President Hascup stated that a P & L should be published 30 days after each National Finals. After each International event all expenses must be sent to the CFO within 30 days.

### **Chief Financial Officer Report**

CFO Hoover is going to the ADO office after the Las Vegas Open tournament so he and Director of Office Operations Harris can meet with the accountant to finish the 990s for 2014. The "not for profit" status of ADO was revoked by the IRS in 2010. CFO Hoover will send in 2014 990s by March 1st and find out what else needs to be done to reinstate our "not for profit" status.

The total of all the ADO Bank of America credit cards cannot exceed \$40,000. President Hascup will get ADO set up on QuickBooks as soon as possible. CFO Hoover will check into a credit card that accumulates airline miles for booking ADO airline tickets.

### **Office Report**

Director of Office Operations Harris stated she has sent the packets to the Area Managers and the Regional Directors with the updated expense rules. Once again she reminded the Regional Directors, "Do not mail cash and do not accept checks made out to the person running the event. Only accept checks made out to ADO, Inc." Director of Office Operations Harris and CFO Hoover will check on the point of sale "squares" to run credit cards through at the Qualifiers.

### **Miscellaneous**

A company called *Dart Connect* will provide online scoring for a number of matches at the Las Vegas Open. As the match is scored the results are broadcast. An application is available for smartphone use.

President Hascup wants committees to suggest updates to the Bylaws, Tournament Rules, and Playoff Rules. He will email Board members to find out who wants to be on each committee.

At the August Board meeting in Stamford the ADO Board will review the entire election process and any changes will become effective immediately.

The ADO Board received a letter from a player, with questions and suggestions about ADO rules and policies. The Board will review the contents of this letter, and discuss them at the August Board Meeting. The Board will also discuss the issue of men and women competing against each other in National Qualifiers.

All tournament payouts must be guaranteed regardless of weather conditions etc. Any payouts contingent on other factors will not be eligible for ADO sanctioning.

A motion by was made and seconded to adjourn. Passed unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

