

American Darts Organization  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 6, 2015  
Stamford, CT

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  
Gagnon

Vice President Joe Hogan  
General Secretary Carolyn Camp  
Area 1 Manager Steve Moore  
Area 3 Interim Manager Chris Helms  
Area 5 Manager Tom Sawyer  
National Youth Manager Steve

Voting Strength – 11

Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 10:00 AM President Hascup called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He acknowledged the return to the Board of National Youth Manager Steve Gagnon and Area 3 Interim Manager Chris Helms. A motion was made and seconded by CFO Hoover to accept the minutes from the January meeting. Passed unanimously.

#### **2015 WDF World Cup**

There was a discussion of whether or not to send a team to the WDF World Cup in Antalya, Turkey on October 27 -31, 2015. The State Department has not issued a travel advisory to US citizens about traveling to Turkey. The Board decided that the individual players will be allowed to make their own decision. Team members that decide to go must sign a waiver stating that, in the unlikely event of a safety issue, the ADO will not be held responsible. TCO Brown will Captain the team and act as ADO International Representative at all WDF meetings. Area 5 Manager Sawyer will contact RedEyeRhino about team shirts.

Note : After consultation with the players, it was confirmed that the ADO will be participating in the 2015 World Cup.

#### **BDO-Ranked Events**

Starting in 2016 all BDO-ranked tournaments in the US, hosted by ADO member associations, must have a total purse of \$20,000 or greater.

No BDO-ranked event can be held during the BDO Lakeside World Championship.

President Hascup stated the BDO rules for a tournament to be BDO-ranked in 2016:

1. The corking rule is : flip for cork on the first leg only. The winner of the cork starts all odd legs, and the loser of the cork starts all even legs.
2. Women's event must be at least Best of 5 throughout.
3. Men's event must be at least Best of 5 with Finals being Best of 7.
4. Must be seeded. (President Hascup will issue directives/details for seeding.)

The ADO has a 5 year contract with BDO Events, a company involved in the promotion of all BDO-ranked tournaments. WDF Vice President Bartoletta and ADO President Hascup are working with them.

### **Officer Reports**

Area 1 Manager Moore reported that he still needs Regional Directors in Regions 1-4 and 1-5. There are no outstanding funds due from Area 1 to the ADO.

Area 2 Manager Sexton reported that he needs Regional Directors in Regions 2-2 and 2-3. Area 2 players are unhappy about the Double Eagle newsletter not currently being issued.

Area 3 Interim Manager Helms reported that Region 3-1 is very active. He has a new interim Regional Director in Region 3-5. The association in Corpus Christi has rejoined the ``ADO.

Area 4 Manager Hudson reported that all Area 4 Regional Director positions are filled. He is involved in efforts to bring back the Peachtree Open tournament. He is working with Stephanie Mincey to set up National Qualifiers in Florida. Association Reps in Region 4-3 are running multiple National Qualifiers for all Nationals and the Region is generally very active. The association Myrtle Beach is looking forward to hosting the US Team National this year.

Area 5 Manager Sawyer reported that he is trying to organize more National Qualifiers. The Seacoast Open, Port City Open, and Witch City Open, are all wanting to raise tournament payouts. Region 5-6 Director Julie Payne is stepping down. Region 5-5 Director Chris Smith is running National Qualifiers and there are no outstanding funds due to the ADO.

Area 6 Manager Webb reported that Region 6-2 recently held a National Qualifier, which may be a sign they are becoming more active. Association membership in Oklahoma City is up. Topeka is currently in Region 6-2 but wants to switch in 6-5. Area Manager Webb will talk to the Regional Directors and clubs and report back to the Board.

TCO Brown reported that the ADO website is to be redesigned. After the redesign there will be new sections and pages for additional information, including an online copy of the Double Eagles newsletter, an awards page (180's etc), and other information.

National Youth Manager Gagnon reported that there are 9 WDF-ranked Youth events in the US this year. The ADO can submit a maximum of 12 Youth events for WDF-ranking. The WDF Youth tournaments for 2016 will be selected after President Hascup clarifies fees and policies (in previous years there has been no fee to host WDF Youth events). NYM Gagnon is working with Virginia Beach to host an Americas Cup Youth qualifier to send 1 boy and 1 girl to represent the US in the 2016 Americas Cup. He and TCO Brown are setting up a separate section for ADO Youth on the website. The section will include Youth Scholarship Fund information and updates. Also donations to the Fund can be made online. Area 4 Manager Hudson suggested that each Area have a Youth Director.

Youth Scholarship Fund Trustee Moore reported that the UBS account balance (most recent statement in June 2015) was \$54,547.02. Total deposits from January 1, 2015 thru August 3, 2015 was \$914.00. No scholarship awards have been requested since January 1, 2015.

CFO Hoover reported that, at this time last year, the ADO had a balance of \$11,000 on credit card accounts, and less than \$1,000 in bank accounts. Currently, we have a balance of \$20,000 on credit card accounts, and \$14,000 in bank accounts. In 2014, we had a \$30,000 limit on all credit cards and in 2015, we have a \$40,000 limit. The ADO has \$4,000 in the PayPal account.

Break for lunch 12:30 PM  
Meeting Resumed 2:00 PM

CFO Hoover reported that accounting firm Jackson, Johnson, & Murphey, which has 90% non-profit clients, can handle the ADO's IRS issues (including the filing the 990 forms) for less than \$2,000 a year. They also have someone who can set up the ADO on Quick Books. A motion was made and seconded to hire accounting firm Jackson, Johnson, & Murphey. Passed unanimously.

CFO Hoover reconfirmed that guidelines for expenses for Regional Directors are \$30.00 a quarter and the guidelines for expenses for Area Managers are \$120.00 a quarter.

### **2016 National Championships**

A motion was made and seconded by stating that any tournament hosting a Nationals must be ranked by both the BDO and the WDF. Should the hosting tournament decline either/or BDO/WDF ranking, the tournament shall not be permitted to host a Nationals.

This is effective January 1, 2016. Passed unanimously

The Cleveland Extravaganza and the Charlotte Open submitted bids to host the 2016 Masters National. A motion was made and seconded to vote between the tournaments. The Charlotte Open was awarded the 2016 Masters National by a majority vote.

The USA Classic was awarded the 2016 All-Stars/National 501 Championship (unopposed).

The Colorado Open was awarded the 2016 US Team National (unopposed).

The 2016 Nationals will be held at the above tournaments if these tournaments agree to be WDF/BDO ranked (this also applies to the National Cricket Championship at the Las Vegas Open). President Hascup will check with these tournaments to confirm that they agree to be WDF/BDO ranked. If any tournament does not agree to WDF/BDO ranking, the Nationals will be moved.

All bids for hosting a National Championship Finals MUST be submitted to the ADO Board prior to the Board meeting in January of the previous year. This is effective immediately, so all bids for hosting a National Championship Finals in 2017 must be submitted prior to the Board Meeting to be held in Las Vegas on January 23, 2016. This policy will apply to all subsequent years. The hosting tournament for a Nationals must have a purse of at least \$20,000.

A motion was made and seconded that all National Qualifiers will be gender specific; men will compete only against men, and women will compete only against women. This will be effective for all National Cricket Qualifiers in the Fall of 2015, and will apply to all future National Qualifiers. Passed by a majority vote.

### **Elections**

President Hascup submitted the following amendments to the ADO election process:

Prerequisite to run for all Executive Offices except CFO -

Incumbent/past:

Executive Officers

Area Managers with at least 2 years experience as AM

National Youth Managers with at least 2 years experience as NYM

Regional Directors with at least 4 years experience as RD

The CFO position is exempt from the above. He/she must have prior experience in accounting and a general knowledge of the sport of darts.

The following positions to vote for Executive Officers –

Executive Officers

Area Managers

National Youth Manager

Regional Directors (newly eligible)

Prerequisite to run for National Youth Manager -

Incumbent/past:

Executive Officers

Area Managers with at least 2 years experience as AM

National Youth Managers with at least 2 years experience as NYM

Regional Directors with at least 4 years experience as RD

Association Representatives with at least 4 years experience as AR

The following positions to vote for National Youth Manager –

Executive Officers

Area Managers

National Youth Manager

Regional Directors (newly eligible)

Prerequisite to run for Area Manager (all people running must live within the Area)

Incumbent/past:

Executive Officers\*

Area Managers\*

National Youth Managers\* with at least 2 years experience as NYM

Regional Directors\* with at least 4 years experience as RD

Association Representatives\* with at least 4 years experience as AR

The following positions to vote for Area Manager –

Executive Officers

Area Manager\*

National Youth Manager

Regional Directors\*

Association Representatives\* (newly eligible)

Prerequisite to run for Regional Director (all people running must live within the Region)

Incumbent/past:

Executive Officers\*

Area Managers\*

National Youth Manager\*

Regional Directors\*

Association Representatives\* with at least 2 years experience as AR

The following positions to vote for Regional Directors –

Area Manager\*

Regional Director\*

Association Representatives\*

\*In Domicile

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amendments suggested by President Hascup and to be effective immediately. Passed by a majority vote.

### **Miscellaneous**

A motion was made and seconded to purchase the dart standards for the Las Vegas Open from Rick Davis. Passed unanimously.

The online scoring/data system, DartConnect, will be linked to tournaments on the ADO website. On the tournament results page, there will be a link to each tournament that used DartConnect, allowing access to tournament data.

There will be a number of sub-committees within the ADO Board to review, update, and monitor specific aspects of ADO business. President Hascup will announce the sub-committees regarding Bylaws, Tournament Rules, International Events etc.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Carolyn Camp  
ADO General Secretary