

Stamford Meeting Information

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Hello Everyone,

No doubt that by now you have all heard of my resignation. While I do not know who and when someone will be appointed to replace me, I didn't feel it was fair to them to have to give an Area Manager's Report. Thus I am writing this report for all to hear and consider as if I was in Stamford giving an oral report. I have also attached two requests to host ADO Nationals that I received.

AREA 4 MANAGER REPORT

This year started with 3 newly elected RD's in Mike Kisor, Bill East and Steve Jordan joining experienced RD's Beth Newby, Patrick Ellis and Brett Morehouse. Mike has brought stability to the Florida area that now embraces the ADO and is once again holding regular National Qualifiers. This is the reflection of a lot of work by myself, Stephanie Mincey and FDA President Dane Texeria who wrote me a very heartfelt message upon my resignation. I have been particularly impressed with Bill East who has recharged his area and kept a very diplomatic stance facing critics who always complain in that area, we know them as the Butler's. Steve faces a tough task in an area which has a strong soft tip following and a depressed economy. He has a wealth of experience and is trying to kick start this area going forward.

At the time of this report Area 4-3 has created 4 new tournaments and has another in the works. Area 4-3 RD Patrick Ellis created a long format event in January which was a huge success and he is working on another event this fall. You may remember the percentage payout tournament I was promoting in Vegas. The Palmetto Dart Classic drew a huge sponsor and has given the country a new model to promote Singles and create revenue for the host league which keeps the tournament in existence. We will bring it back in September which will remain it's normal date going forward. In Atlanta, Ga which used to be a hot bed for steel tips darts a local, Steve Morgan is funding the return of ADO darts in Atlanta. Steve and I talked often about the best way to restart a tournament there. He settled on the Georgia Peach tournament and created a new ADO league there. The city has over 500 active players with no ADO presence since the 2009 Peachtree Open/PDC US Open. Another event returned to the dart calendar this year after taking a year off due to venue issues, the Garden City Classic in Augusta, GA. My understanding is that they will continue the event getting back to their old date in the future. Another tournament I feel was noteworthy was the "Darts for Arch" tournament which was started by my local league last year in memory of the late ADO National Youth Manager Bob Archbold. Last year was a fundraiser for his family but this year it transitioned into an event to raise money for Bob's passion, youth darts. It was WDF ranked and we were able to raise \$1900.00 to send two players and help with family travel costs in this year's Youth National in Stamford.

Going forward I have recommended Beth Newby as a possible replacement in Area 4. There are only a handful of people who meet the requirements that I know of, others like Lloyd Hoover, Chris Russano, Brett Morehouse and Glenda Alvarado may also wish to be considered. I want to say that I have learned a lot during my time on the BOD and made some new friends in the process. I will continue to promote darts and will find a new vehicle to do so. One of the things that I learned in my time on the board was how much influence people outside the board have. The episodes with Dartoid, Sharon and Larry Butler and the others that write to us from America and beyond have shown me that some people are here to help while others want to tear everything down, but regardless of their ideas and/or agendas we listen and even discuss these communications and sometimes make changes. I think most people would find it refreshing that the ADO really does listen and care. I, of course, have a lot of opinions and ideas on how to promote darts and will now send emails to the BOD to make comments or suggestions knowing full well that they will

be heard and maybe considered. I believe the ADO is worth saving and you are the people charged with doing so.

FLORIDA YOUTH NATIONAL BID

I feel this is a slam dunk and would start an important connection with the only state dart association in the country, the FDA. Florida is a destination area and is so much more cost effective for families that have to travel to Stamford where everything is so very expensive. This is an experienced tournament director who has organized the Caribbean Cup in Stephanie Mincey. Florida has one of the country's elite youth programs along with Boston. It is a \$10,000 tournament but I can't imagine it wouldn't be considered because of that, at least not for a Youth National. The tournament is 5 weeks earlier than Stamford which would give youth players going to England more time to plan, get their passports and raise money. Florida has better discount airlines and flights from all over the country. The only reason I see that the board would not approve this is politics, plain and simple. I have attached their bid to host the 2017 ADO Youth National.

CLEVELAND MASTERS NATIONAL BID

This is the fourth year Cleveland has submitted a bid for this event. they hosted in 2015 Masters National which I ran and they did a great job. There is no event in the country with a better airport/hotel setup and players just walk from the airport through a walkway to the hotel. Simple, easy and cost effective. The Cleveland Extravaganza is one of the Top 10 tournaments in the country in my humble opinion. I voted for this event the two years I was on the board and would do so again if I had a vote. I am attaching their bid to host the ADO 2017 Masters National.

Thank you for your time. I will be sending future emails about specific topics leading up to the Stamford meetings. I look forward to seeing you at future tournaments.

Chuck Hudson