

American Darts Organization
Board of Directors Meeting
August 4, 2016
Stamford, CT

Board members present:

President David Hascup
Chief Financial Officer Jeff Inman
General Secretary Carolyn Camp
Area 3 Manager Chris Helms
Area 6 Manager Steve Webb

Vice President Joe Hogan
Communications Officer Steve Brown
Area 2 Manager Mike Sexton
Area 5 Manager Tom Sawyer
National Youth Manager Steve Gagnon

Voting Strength – 9

Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 9:45 am President Hascup called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

President Hascup introduced CFO Inman to the Board of Directors. CFO Inman has many years of valuable experience as a CPA, and been Treasurer of the Cleveland Darter Club for more than a decade. Everyone welcomed him to the Board.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the January meeting. Passed unanimously.

BDO-Ranked Events

President Hascup reported that in 2017, ADO tournaments that are also BDO-ranked must follow BDO rules. The men's 501 singles must start with Best-of-5 legs (minimum), with Top 64 going to Best-of-7 (minimum). The women's 501 singles must start with Best-of-5 legs (minimum), with Top 16 going to Best-of-7 legs (minimum).

The BDO events must be seeded according to the BDO Invitational Tables. Detailed information regarding seeding and other rules/procedures will be posted on the ADO website, and will also be distributed to all BDO-ranked event Tournament Directors.

The ADO is hoping to have 24 BDO ranked events (12 men and 12 Women) in the United States in 2017. All tournaments will now be allowed to request BDO ranking, but tournaments with higher payouts for singles (and overall tournament payouts) will be given priority when the approval process begins within the ADO.

World Darts Federation Events

The WDF is allowing the ADO to host up to 24 adult events (12 men and 12 women). The WDF has eliminated the tournament sanctioning fee for WDF-ranking, but still collects a fee of \$2.00 per player for the 501 singles events (men and women).

The WDF will also allow up to 12 youth events. WDF fees do not apply to youth events.

Application forms are currently being created in order for clubs to apply for BDO-ranking via the ADO website.

President Hascup reported that the 2017 WDF World Cup will be held in Japan in October (exact dates to be confirmed). The ADO will send a team of 4 Men and 4 Women to represent the United States, but will not be sending a youth team. The 2019 WDF World Cup will be in Romania.

The 2018 WDF Americas Cup will be held in Turks and Caicos.

Officer Reports

Area 1 report: Area Manager Moore was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a written report to the meeting which is attached to these minutes.

Area 2 report: Area Manager Sexton reports that the Regional Directors in the Area are doing a good job. Dan Breaves in Hawaii is looking for a place to play steel tip darts. Region 2-5 is still his biggest Region, but Region 2-2 is growing. Region 2-3 will be bringing back the Road Runner Tournament. Area Manager Sexton is mounting a big push to bring more soft tip players into steel tip darts in the Area.

Area 3 report: Area Manager Helms states that Corpus Christi in Region 3-1 now hosts the largest tournament (Holiday on the Beach) in Texas. There are also 2 or 3 smaller ones. New Orleans (Region 3-3) is currently working on hosting a tournament.

Area 4 report: Former Area 4 Manager Hudson sent a report to the Board which is attached.

Area 5 report: Area Manager Sawyer reports that Area 5 is very active, and that there are many tournaments in the Area. His Regional Directors are doing a good job, and there are 8 leagues running National Qualifiers. The Minute Man Dart League is heavily involved with ADO activities in Area 5.

Area 5 Manager Sawyer also suggested that all Area Managers need to improve communication with their Regional Directors, and educate them on the ADO and its activities. The Regional Directors can relay more information to their clubs.

Area 6 report: Area Manager Webb states that Region 6-5 continues to grow. The Air Cap Tournament in Wichita in January is changing the tournament purse. Area Manager Webb suggested that ADO continues to increase transparency, and improve communications with ADO Members. Players in Area 6 aren't always aware of what the ADO does, and are not aware of the benefits for members.

Communications Officer Brown report: He requested that all Area Managers please remind their Regional Directors and Tournament Directors to submit results (tournaments and National Qualifiers) via the website. There are still a number of delays in posting information as the results are not being submitted through the correct channels.

Tournament Directors need to report results as soon as possible after the event.

National Youth Manager Gagnon report: There are 14 ADO tournaments that want WDF/BDO ranked youth events for 2017. NYM Gagnon will try to spread the ranking around fairly. He suggested that a small fee be charged to participants in the next Youth Americas Cup Qualifier. Jason Demers was very helpful in raising money to send the youth winner to the Americas Cup.

Youth Scholarship Fund Trustee Moore report: As he was unable to attend the meeting his written report is attached to these minutes.

Chief Financial Officer report: CFO Inman stated how important it is that we regain our non-profit status. The first step is recreating financial reports for all years from 2003 forward. Katie Harris has finished the first two years which are the most difficult and is working on the subsequent years. Once all reports are complete, we will file all reports with the IRS and request re-instatement of our non-profit status. CFO Inman will provide updates during this process. He will also contact YSF Trustee Moore to get information needed to start the process of reinstatement of the non-profit status of the Youth Scholarship Fund.

The Board agreed with CFO Inman's suggestion that ADO use QuickBooks Online for the ADO accounting system. He also suggested that the BOD have remote meetings between regular board meetings using "Go to Meeting" or a similar tool. CFO Inman stated that he will look into the ADO reimbursement policies.

ADO Office report: Attached is the report from Katie Harris. Communications Officer Brown is dealing with the administrative issues of ADO. Katie is dealing with financials. CFO Inman will set up QuickBooks with Katie Harris. All results from National Qualifiers and tournaments should go to Communications Officer Brown. Katie Harris will be the ADO bookkeeper and will be an "Independent Contractor".

President Hascup will check with Katie Harris about doing the travel arrangements for National Championships.

ADO National Championships

The 2017 ADO Nationals will be held in conjunction with the following tournaments:

National Cricket Championship – The Las Vegas Open

World Masters – The Cleveland Extravaganza

All Stars / National 501 Championship – The USA Classic

US Team – The Colorado Open

All National Qualifiers must be scheduled at least 30 days prior to the respective National Championship.

A motion was made and seconded proposing that National Team Members receive an invitation to the the National Cricket Championship, in addition to the National Cricket Championship. The invitation would include travel expenses and a \$150.00 stipend (the same as the National Qualifier winners receive). The National Team Members would be excluded from playing in the National Qualifiers for those two Nationals, and would be awarded ADO Ranking Points in lieu of earning them by competing at the National Qualifiers. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the number of ADO Ranking Points awarded to National Team Members for the National 501 Championship and National Cricket Championship. National Team Members will be awarded 48 points OR the equivalent of first place points in their home Region National Qualifier, whichever is greater. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to increase the payouts for the 501 and the Cricket Championships to the following;

Men		Women	
1 st Place	\$1,000.00	1 st Place	\$1,000.00
2 nd Place	600.00	2 nd Place	600.00
Top 4	400.00	Top 4	400.00
Top 8	200.00	Top 8	200.00
Top 16	100.00		

These payouts would become effective at the 2017 Cricket Championship in Las Vegas in January 2017. Passed unanimously.

At the 2017 Las Vegas Open Rick Davis who has been doing the dart standards for the Las Vegas tournament will teach Pat Carrigan how the standards are put together. Pat Carrigan will take over the standards in 2018 with Rick Davis' help if needed.

A motion was made and seconded to pay DartConnect \$1000.00 per annum (payable at the first of the year) for their accommodation for all four National Championships. DartConnect will book their own rooms. Passed unanimously.

David Macher from DartConnect joined the meeting to bring us up to date on DartConnect issues. His report is attached.

A motion was made and seconded by to stay with UTG (RedEye-Rhino shirts) to make the ADO International team shirts for 2 more years. Passed unanimously,

A suggestion by Communication Officer Brown about changing the ADO points system was tabled until the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.