

**American Darts Organization  
Board of Directors Meeting**

January 17, 2018

Tuscany Suites and Casino, Las Vegas, NV

Board members present:

President Tom Sawyer

Chief Financial Officer Jackie Robbins

Area 1 Manager Steve Moore

Area 3 Manager Chris Helms

Area 5 Manager Jerry Thomas

National Youth Manager Jason Demers

Vice President Joe Hogan

General Secretary Sue Russano

Area 2 Manager Mike Sexton

Area 4 Manager Beth Newby

Area 6 Manager Matt Stoner

Director of Operations Steve Brown

Voting Strength – 10

January 17, 2018 at 10.16 am President Sawyer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the August Meeting. Passed unanimously.

**President's Report**

President Sawyer addressed the current state of the ADO. Katie Harris has been released from her contract, and no longer has any role within the ADO. Steve Brown is the new Director of Operations, and is now handling all office duties. There has not been a physical office in California since 2015, and the Stanton, CA, Post Office Box is now closed. **All correspondence is to now be directed to:**

American Darts Organization  
P.O. Box 182  
Loveland, OH 45140-0182

We are in the process of changing access and permissions to all Bank Accounts and Credit Card Accounts. Quickbooks Online has now been established as the accounting system, and there will be multiple officers with access, including CFO Robbins, President Sawyer, and Director of Operations Brown. Financial status will be re-evaluated after the Las Vegas Open.

Former ADO CFO Jeff Inman will be available to assist new CFO Robbins, and will be responsible for the issuance of all 1099's for 2017.

Reinstatement of IRS nonprofit status is being researched, and options will be presented when known.

As a Member of the Youth Memorial Scholarship Fund (MSF) Board of Trustees, Area Manager Moore is actively involved in efforts to reinstate IRS nonprofit status for the MSF.

President Sawyer emphasized that our immediate goals are to improve communication, and to provide transparency for all ADO Members.

### **Area Manager Reports**

#### **Area 1**

Please see attached report from Area 1. Area 1 Manager Moore discussed Regional Director expenses. All reasonable RD expenses will be reimbursed.

#### **Area 2**

Area 2 Manager Sexton reports that Area 2 is stable, and new events and tournaments are looking likely. There are no Regional Directors in Regions 2-1 and 2-3. Region 2-2 is doing very well and promoting the sport. The status of the Wild West Shootout is unknown, but Area Manager Sexton will research the situation.

#### **Area 3**

Area 3 Manager Helms reports that Region 3-1 Regional Director Elaine Bohls has been suffering from major health issues, but is getting better. Area Manager Helms will continue to monitor the situation and provide assistance where needed. Efforts are being made to increase the number of tournaments in Area 3.

#### **Area 4**

Area 4 Manager Newby reports that there are two new Regional Directors in Area 4, although Region 4-1 does not have a Regional Director currently. Regional Director Steve Jordon in 4-4 is working hard to secure a new venue for a tournament in the Region.

#### **Area 5**

Area 5 Manager Thomas spoke at length about the benefits of ADO membership, and how he has been promoting the benefits in Area 5. He feels that should do more – both individually and as an organization – to promote the benefits of membership, and working more closely with all ADO members. Regional Directors and Area Managers could be more involved in helping new leagues.

Stamford, CT, is still a possible venue for future ADO events, although that is dependent on local associations.

Area Manager Thomas is involved heavily with the New England Darts Alliance (NEDA) which promotes darts in the Area, and ensures that local associations work together, and not against each other.

## **Area 6**

Area 6 Manager Stoner reports that there is a new Regional Director in 6-2, and that Region 6-2 is very active. Region 6-5 is also very active. However, Area 6 has lost three small tournaments.

### **ADO Office Report**

Director of Operations Brown is working on getting materials and supplies (ADO membership supplies, patches, pins etc. and special award certificates) shipped to him from previous Director of Operations Katie Harris.

Once the relocation of the ADO Office is complete, it is also planned for the Director of Operations to introduce an online version of the "Double Eagle" magazine, which will be aimed largely at ADO member associations, including public recognition for achievements for members of these associations.

### **National Youth Manager Report**

The National Youth Championship will again feature separate events for Boys and Girls, with the champion of each receiving a trip to the Winmau World Masters in England. National Youth Manager Demers stated that National Youth Championship registration will be different from previous years. In an attempt to encourage greater participation, entry fee will be \$50 per player to pre-register, with no travel arrangements/reimbursements. A cut-off date will be established, after which the entry fee will be \$75 per player.

At the moment, it is not known whether we will be sending a USA Youth Team to the Americas Cup in Trinidad. That is dependent on the financial standing of the ADO.

### **Youth Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Sandi Cain has stepped down from the MSF Board of Trustees, which leaves Steve Moore as the only current Trustee. This means that two new Trustees are needed, but these should not be current ADO Board Members. Former ADO National Youth Manager Steve Gagnon was suggested as a possible Trustee.

Bank statements are currently being issued to Trustee Moore, ADO CFO Robbins, ADO President Sawyer, and former ADO CFO Inman.

The current MSF account balance is \$54,103.14.

A new database is being established with full details of all youth players eligible for MSF awards will be established, complete with balances and expiration. This list will be published on the ADO websites (main and youth websites).

### **2019 National Finals**

It is planned that the 2019 ADO National 501 and National Cricket Championships will again be held in conjunction with the Las Vegas Open. Dates will be discussed this week.

The 2019 World Masters National Finals / ADO National Youth Championships will be held in Cleveland, OH, in conjunction with the Cleveland Extravaganza. This bid from the Cleveland Darter Club was the only bid received.

The 2019 US Team National Finals will be held in Denver, CO, in conjunction with the Colorado Open. This bid from the Rocky Mountain Dart Association was the only bid received.

Dates for all ADO National Finals will be published at a later date.

#### **Other Business**

President Sawyer stated that the current ADO contract with NODOR for tournament dartboards expires in 2020. NODOR Supawire 2 dartboards are available to all ADO member clubs and association at a cost of \$40 per board (including shipping). Clubs hosting a National Finals can purchase dartboards for the associated tournament for shipping costs only.

Meeting adjourned at 5.22pm