

**American Darts Organization
Board of Directors Meeting
March 28, 2021
Video Conference**

Call to order 1:07pm EDT

Present:

President – Tom Sawyer

Vice President - Matt Stoner

Chief Financial Officer - Jackie Robbins

General Secretary - Cindy Lynde

Director of Operations - Stephen Brown

Area 1 Manager - Ron Peppers

Area 2 Manager – Mike Sexton

Area 4 Manager – Beth Newby

Area 6 Manager – Ryan Mooneyham

Youth Manager – Carrie Demers

Absent:

Area 3 Manager – Chris Helms

Area 5 Manager – Jerry Thomas

Members for quorum - 9

Report from the President – Tom Sawyer

Pleased that there are finally signs of some states opening up and dart events taking place. Nothing else to report.

Report from the Vice President – Matt Stoner

Starting to hear from Regional Directors and Area Managers about scheduling National Qualifiers. Vice President Stoner noted that if a player is already qualified for Nationals, they should not be allowed to play in a National Qualifier.

The \$150 buy in option for Nationals will be available through to the 501 and Cricket Finals in Las Vegas. Vice President Stoner asked Director of Operations Brown to post this information to the website soon. Associations have until the end of April to get the 50% discount on their membership dues.

Because of the Witch City tournament moving hotels, Vice President Stoner suggested that the ADO offer to split the World Darts Federation (WDF) cost for the Gold tier sanctioning with the Seacoast tournament instead. All agreed. Seacoast also agreed to host a Nationals in November.

Vice President Stoner wanted to discuss and make a decision as to whether to send World Cup Team in September. Concerns expressed by board members about sending a team to the World Cup in September were whether the ADO can put a team together in time, whether the ADO can afford to send a team, and whether travel will still be difficult due to COVID.

Vice President Stoner motioned to inform the WDF that the ADO isn't sending team this year. Area 2 Manager Sexton seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Action: Vice President Stoner asked Director of Operations Brown to send the survey to the WDF to let them know the ADO won't be sending a team.

Vice President Stoner suggested the ADO offer the members of the America's Cup Team - Joe Huffman, Dani Warmack, Robin Curry, Aaja Jalbert (youth), Peter Stewart, Jr. (youth) – an invitation to the Masters

Nationals in Charlotte. All agreed.

Action: Vice President Stoner asked Director of Operations Brown to let those players know.

CFO Robbins will be in Charlotte to help Vice President Stoner with the Nationals and National Youth Director Demers is bringing Jason Demers to help with the Youth Nationals. Expenses will be paid for both individuals.

Report from the CFO – Jackie Robbins

Financial reports were distributed via email by CFO Robbins ahead of the meeting, for Board member review.

President Sawyer stated that the goal for this year is to get the past tax filings up to date; CFO Robbins agreed.

Report from the General Secretary – Cindy Lynde

Update on bylaw revision project. Secretary Lynde stated she has been working on combining two sections that contain the same information. The draft will be posted in the ADO Facebook group for board members to review and add suggestions and/or vote to approve.

Discussion of adding a section that explains the basic layout of the ADO Nationals Program. Secretary Lynde will work that next.

Vice President Stoner and President Sawyer will outline rules of the ADO Nationals Program and will send to Secretary Lynde, to be kept in a separate document.

Area 6 Manager Mooneyham suggested that any mention of the Double Eagle be removed.

Update on publishing past minutes:

Secretary Lynde asked for confirmation of the status; there are 5 sets of minutes which Director of Operations Brown is currently reviewing for errors, and will send to Secretary Lynde when completed. Following that, Secretary Lynde will present to the board members for final approval. Director of Operations Brown stated that he messaged Vice President Stoner and President Sawyer, regarding an issue with information in the minutes for January 2020. Vice President Stoner agreed to review the issue.

President Sawyer stated that the minutes need to be published as soon as possible.

Report from the ADO Office – Steve Brown

Nothing new to report

President Sawyer asked Director of Operations Brown to start notifying those players already qualified (previously qualified for Cleveland) for the Masters Finals in Charlotte.

Area Manager Reports

Area 1 – Ron Peppers -

Requested that updated Regional Directors packets be sent to all Regional Directors. Vice President Stoner and President Sawyer will work on updating and creating an electronic version. Secretary Lynde requested this version also be forwarded to her, so she'll have on file to send when needed. Some tournaments still taking place in Alaska and, locally, some bars are opening up in the area so that darts can be played.

Area 2 – Mike Sexton -

Just sanctioned the Wild West tournament in Phoenix for July 23-25. Turns out to be the same weekend as the Music City tournament in Nashville.

Aside from that, nothing new to report

Area 3 – Chris Helms - absent (technical difficulties)

Area 4 – Beth Newby -

Nothing new. Things are starting to pick back up in Area 4, especially in Florida, where they are staying active with their tournaments. Tennessee is also starting to be more active. Planning a one-day tournament in May. Reviewing flyers for other upcoming tournaments; a couple need corrections. Will be approving the Music City tournament flyer today.

Area 5 – Jerry Thomas - absent

Area 6 – Ryan Mooneyham

Like everyone else, just playing when they can. Just ran a small tournament, had 51 players. Several tournaments being planned in Area 6 and submitting for sanctioning. Lawton tournament in 2 weeks.

National Youth Director Report – Carrie Demers

Question regarding the WDF invites for youth: Are they going to carryover from 2019 and from partial events that were able to host in 2020, given the WDF is taking over for the BDO, and the ADO is following WDF qualifications and standards for 2021?

Vice President Stoner stated yes, all invites that were issued from BDO from 2019/2020 will carryover for 2021 World Masters invites.

National Youth Director Demers expressed concern that information for the Nationals and Youth Nationals taking place in Charlotte has not yet been posted on the ADO website. The ADO needs to get the ball rolling, especially with other tournaments posting events all around the same time. Vice President Stoner stated he would ask Director of Operations Brown get the information posted as soon as possible.

Youth Nationals will be held on Friday, July 9 to start at 9am; registration/signups start at 8am.

Registration fee will be the same \$50 up to June 30, increasing to \$75 (on July 1) up to the day of event cutoff, Friday, July 9 at 8:45am at the Charlotte Open in NC. The youth will be divided by boys and girls into two rooms, requiring an additional person to help run the event. The ADO will cover Jason Demers' full trip (hotel, flight/mileage and stipend), for his help with the Youth event.

Aaja Jalbert and Peter Stewart, Jr. (PJ) will earn a free trip to the Youth Nationals, because they won for the America's Cup, and weren't able to go.

National Youth Director Demers asked that if Board members know of any tournaments hosting Youth events, to either notify her, or give the tournament director her contact information.

She is looking for tournaments interested in hosting a Youth Singles WDF event, and reported that she already contacted CMEDL about having Youth events at their Arctic Blast tournament and is still waiting to hear back. She also contacted Michelle, the Youth director from the Cherry Bomb tournament, regarding not seeing the Youth WDF event posted on the Cherry Bomb's flyer. According to Michelle, this is because she is waiting to hear back from Director of Operations Brown, as to whether the WDF was going to sanction the Youth and Adult events.

Vice President Stoner stated that tournaments do need to plan it like the WDF sanctioning is going to happen, (and can change it, if needed): All tournaments who requested to host a WDF event, whether Youth or Adult, need to be contacted with this information so it can be posted on flyers, as well as the ADO website.

Vice President Stoner said he'd explain that to Director of Operations Brown when he contacts him about posting information on the website.

Old Business - None

New Business

Nationals with Charlotte Open in July 9-11

Decided via Facebook group, on February 28, that it will be for the Masters and will include open registration at \$150 flat fee.

Seacoast - November 12-14 – US Team Nationals

Vice President Stoner asked National Youth Director Demers if she wanted to plan a Youth America's Cup qualifier on November 13, at the Seacoast. National Youth Director Demers agreed. America's cup is still planned for Jamaica.

Las Vegas 501 & Cricket in January 2022

Discussion that the \$150 buy in per event might draw a lot more players than normal to the Nationals in Las Vegas if more people are able to travel by then. Vice President Stoner suggested that the split between the prize pot and the International Travel Fund may need to be revised, depending on the turnout, in order to give back more money to the players.

Next meeting – August 8, 1pm EDT

Meeting adjourned at 2:12pm EDT