

**American Darts Organization
Board of Directors Meeting
April 24, 2022
Video Conference**

Called to order – 1:08p EDT

Roll call –

Present:

President – Charles T. Sawyer

Vice President – Matthew Stoner

Chief Financial Officer - Jacqueline Robbins

General Secretary – Cynthia Annette Lynde

Director of Operations - Stephen Brown

Area 1 Manager – Ronald B Peppers

Area 2 Manager – Michael J. Sexton

Area 3 Manager – Christopher Shawn Helms

Area 4 Manager – Elizabeth Newby

Area 5 Manager – Michael French

Area 6 Manager – Christopher Ryan Mooneyham

National Youth Manager – Carrie Marie Demers

Members for quorum – 11

Auxiliary Discussion Items

January 2022 meeting minutes approved March 6, 2022

February 23, 2022 - Vice President Stoner introduced a proposal regarding the Playoff Program, and motioned for acceptance:

Change National Qualifier entry fee to \$60 per player so \$600 sends someone to the Nationals.

ADO covers travel (flight or mileage), no longer offering a stipend

First alternate at National Qualifier can buy in to Nationals for \$50

Advancers from 501 *or* Cricket Championship National Qualifiers can buy in to the other Championship Finals for \$150.

Any player can buy in to the national for \$200.

Area 5 Manager French seconded the motion. President Sawyer requested to amend the proposal with the additional statement of a minimum \$150 travel stipend. Vice President Stoner seconded the amendment.

Motion, with amendment, passed unanimously on February 28, 2022. Information was published on ADO website.

Housekeeping Items

Vice President Stoner opened the meeting by addressing a few issues:

Expressed the importance of Area Managers focusing not only on their own local towns/areas, but also on their entire ADO Area. It is important to check in with all Regional Directors in their Area to be available for questions, to help clear up items such as outstanding tournament results/surcharges, to help encourage associations to renew their annual memberships.

Communications - When items are presented to Board members for review and/or approval, please respond in a timely manner. General Secretary Lynde expressed her frustration over the lack of responses to her recent communications, and requested fellow Board members respond with input. Director of Operations Brown reiterated the need for better communication.

Report from the President – Charles T. Sawyer

Since the new fees were instituted, there has been one National Qualifier, held in Lawton, OK. Reportedly, one woman, and more men than in the past, were qualified for Nationals. Comments that the \$60 fee might be too low. It was agreed that the positive or negative impact on finances, and on player participation, won't be seen until it has been in practice for a time.

There are still Blade 5 dartboards available for sale at \$50 each. Director of Operations Brown will post this information on the ADO website, and will contact the member associations.

ADA wants to rent the ADO standards for their tournament in Las Vegas, July 24-31. Area 1 Manager Peppers or President Sawyer will talk with Pat (the set up contact) to determine his availability to work with them.

Report from the Vice President – Matthew Stoner

Vice President Stoner motioned to award the US Team National Finals in 2023 to the Witch City Tournament, per their submitted bid. No other bids were submitted. Chief Financial Officer Robbins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

WDF general membership meeting will be in September at the Europe Cup. They are working on arrangements so that President Sawyer and Vice President Stoner can take part in the meeting, via video conference.

Vice President Stoner expressed the need for better, easier to understand language for the WDF Singles dress code at tournaments. Vice President Stoner motioned the dress code be described as follows: Single seam dress pants, collared shirt with sleeves, black closed-toe shoes.

Area 2 Manager Sexton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Report from the CFO – Jacqueline Robbins

Credit cards have zero balance. Accounts look good. Financial reports are not ready to be presented while Chief Financial Officer Robbins is entering past data into QuickBooks.

The Youth Travel Fund is now in a separate bank account. Reconciling with National Youth Manager Demers.

President Sawyer suggested the ADO solicit for Board Sponsors for the Las Vegas Open. Board members agreed it is a good idea. Discussion surrounding the price per board, type of sign, cost of printing, where the money would be allocated to. President Sawyer will check into printing cost options. Will be discussed further at next (July) BOD meeting.

Report from the General Secretary – Cynthia Lynde

Requested that the board members read - and respond to - the communication regarding the revision of the sheets for the Playoff Program, by the end of the week.

Area 4 Manager Newby asked if the National Qualifier reporting form can be updated so the cells are long enough to accommodate full names. Vice President Stoner will talk to David Hascup about it.

Report from the ADO Office – Stephen Brown

Several new organizations this year. Area Managers have been asked to reach out to check in with the associations that haven't yet renewed. Good flow of Individual memberships coming in.

Vice President Stoner wants to return to requiring an association to renew their membership for the affected year before their tournaments can be approved for ADO sanctioning.

Director of Operations Brown reminded Board members that anyone can go to the ADO website to look up what tournaments are scheduled, which results are outstanding, and what associations have current memberships.

Area Manager Reports

Area 1 – Ronald Peppers

Asked a few questions about the new fees for the Playoff Program. Vice President Stoner clarified. Discussion regarding having tablets available in center of country so it's cheaper/easier to rent to tournaments.

Area 2 – Michael Sexton

2-2 Believes that Los Angeles and San Diego are still playing but unsure if they are still ADO members.

2-3 Southern Arizona continues to do well, a few clubs are hanging on but unsure how many are currently ADO members. New member association, Tucson Premier Dart League.
Sierra Vista just had a tournament, with a National Qualifier.
Concerned about 2-4 New Mexico getting information submitted correctly.

Area 3 – Christopher Helms

No real changes since last meeting. San Angelo players are excited about the new lower fees for National Qualifiers. Over all, everything is slow. Corpus Christi tournament is cancelled.
Vice President Stoner brought up that there is a tournament currently taking place in Dallas, that is not ADO sanctioned, but could be. Suggested an effort to contact them to sanction future tournaments.

Area 4 – Elizabeth Newby

Contacted associations that hadn't yet renewed memberships. A few are getting it taken care of, and there is possibly new association in Tennessee.
4-2 and 4-6 are the only regions having Qualifiers. Has reached out to Regional Director in 4-2 to schedule the remaining National Qualifiers.
4-5 Florida Dart Association is choosing to apply for ADO sanctioning for only some of their tournaments.

Area 5 – Michael French

5-1 Regional Director Brendan Mills has stepped down. Currently looking for replacement for him.
Seeing a good turnout at tournaments in the area. Reached out to some associations that hadn't yet renewed memberships.

Area 6 – Ryan Mooneyham – No Report

National Youth Director Report – Carrie Demers

So far, there are 7 boys and 4 girls registered for Youth Nationals. Expecting more registrations by the day of the event.
Both Youth participants for America's Cup have been asking about their trips, and details on what is paid for.
National Youth Director Report Demers stated the Youth Fund will cover half their room if staying with family, and the cost of the airfare for the youth player.
Still waiting to hear from Steve Moore about active youth scholarships balances.

Old Business – None

New Business –

Vice President Stoner said the flyer for the Las Vegas Open will be finalized this week. The payout purse will stay the same, but the finals of all events (except blind draw and WDF 501 singles) will be best of 5 legs, instead of best of 3 legs. All present Board members were in agreement/no proposals against it.

For the 501 and Cricket National Championships, taking place with the Las Vegas Open:
All National Qualifiers for these Finals will need to be completed no later than December 11, 2022.
The cut-off date for players to buy in to these Finals will be January 7, 2023 (no late entries).

Next meeting – July 24, 2022, 1p EDT

Adjourned at 3:35p EDT