

**American Darts Organization  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 23, 2022  
Video Conference**

Called to order – 2:10p EDT

Present:

President – Charles T. Sawyer

Vice President – Matthew Stoner

General Secretary – Cynthia Annette Lynde

Director of Operations - Stephen Brown

Area 2 Manager – Brenda Roush

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

Absent:

Chief Financial Officer - Jacqueline Robbins

Area 1 Manager – Ronald B Peppers

Members for quorum – 9

Ancillary Items:

July 2022 meeting minutes approved on August 16, 2022

2022 Election Winners

Vice President – Matthew Stoner

General Secretary – Cynthia Lynde

National Youth Manager – Carrie Demers

Area 2 Manager – Brenda Roush

Area 4 Manager – Elizabeth Newby

Area 6 Manager – Christopher Ryan Mooneyham

Region 1-1 Director Jeff Olson

Region 1-2 Director Dee Brown

Region 3-2 Director Joan Bullard

Region 3-5 Director Benjamin Adams

Region 5-2 Director Amy DeBruyne

Report from the President – Charles T. Sawyer

Las Vegas Open:

President Sawyer will be speaking with Tuscan hotel contact in the next week for an update on room nights rented, and other details. He stated he will soon be requesting travel information from Board Members, in order to get the room structure set up. He reminded everyone that, to reduce expenses related to the Las Vegas Open, Board Members will need to share rooms at the Tuscan, or will be expected to pay half of the room expense.

A proposal from Pat Carrigan regarding renting standards for use at future Las Vegas Open tournaments will be forthcoming. Board will discuss and vote at the January 2023 meeting.

Report from the Vice President – Matthew Stoner

News from WDF General Membership Meeting:

For future general membership meetings, the ADO will be allowed to be represented via video conference/electronically.

Effective January 1, 2023:

If a Youth player is under 18 years of age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, they are considered a Youth player for the remainder of that year.

DartConnect is required for WDF-ranked events.

The Player Levy Fee for WDF-ranked tournaments will be \$5.00 per player, and will include the DartConnect fees for the Men's and Women's 501 Singles portion.

A simplified version of player dress code requirements and playing area restrictions WDF tournament rules, regarding the dress code and alcoholic beverages in playing area will be announced on ADO website.

Vice-President Stoner reminded Area Managers to contact any new Regional Directors in their Area to touch base with them, set up training sessions, and take the time to be sure they know their responsibilities, rules, etc. Regional Directors should be contacting their Area Managers first when they need assistance. Reminder that tournament results and money need to be turned in to ADO office within 10 days of that tournament being held.

Reiterated some of the Nationals buy-in options and dates:

Players have the option to buy-in to the Nationals for \$200.

Players qualified from 501 \*or\* Cricket Championship National Qualifier can buy in to the other Championship Finals for \$150.

First Alternates from a National Qualifier have the option to buy-in to the Nationals for \$50.

The first weekend in December is the deadline for 501 and Cricket National Qualifiers.

Players wanting to buy-in to upcoming Nationals events must register with the ADO Office (Director of Operations Brown) by the deadline date -

US Team at Seacoast – October 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline date.

Cricket and/or 501 at Las Vegas Open – January 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline date

USA Darts Las Vegas Open Stream proposal:

Option 1: \$1000 and ADO pays for the flight

Option 2: \$1250 and Book own flight

Discussion surrounding whether there is a benefit to having the live stream at the Las Vegas Open. Concluded it would be more beneficial if the price included advertising leading up to the Las Vegas Open.

President Sawyer motioned to accept option 1. Area 2 Manager Roush seconded. Motion passed, with two abstentions.

Vice-President Stoner will communicate with Will Stuart about possible advertising options.

Report from the CFO – Jacqueline Robbins – Absent – no report

Report from the General Secretary – Cynthia Lynde

Secretary Lynde's current agenda is to continue to work on re-writing outdated documents, including By-law revisions. She asked that if members had suggestions or would like to help to contact her.

Discussed the start of a Google Drive for a central location for Board documents, also allowing for all Board members to have access to these documents. Secretary Lynde will be uploading more documents to this drive over time.

Report from the ADO Office – Stephen Brown

Busy with working on setting up flights and hotel accommodations for US Team Nationals and World Masters players.

No other new items to report.

Area Manager Reports

Area 1 – Ronald Peppers – absent – no report

Area 2 – Brenda Roush

We currently have Regional Directors in 2-5, 2-4 and 2-3. I am working on filling the 2-2 RD position, but for

now am working with two San Diego players to hopefully get a NQ for Vegas planned. Right now I am not focused on Region 2-1.

Region 2-3 held two NQ for 501 Nationals, and 2-5 held one. We are sending a total of 4 men and 1 woman to the 501 nationals. Region 2-3 held a Cricket NQ on 10/21 qualifying 1 man.

Other NQs are set for 11/4 in 2-4 and 12/4 in 2-5. No dates have been set yet for 2-2.

Recent tournaments in the area have included \$3,500 London Bridge, \$7,040 Chipmunk Chuckfest, \$10,000 Wild West Shootout and the \$10,000 Alien Open. We have one more tournament this year, the New Mexico Open to be held November 4-6.

I am working with each of the RDs to ensure timely and accurate reporting, as well as early posting on upcoming tournaments and NQs.

#### Area 3 – Christopher Helms

This election period, 3 of the 5 regions have elected Regional Directors, with 1 new to the position. This leaves 2 regions needing Directors to be appointed.

Aside from that, not a lot going on.

Vice-President Stoner noted there is a lot of dart activity in the DFW area but the events aren't ADO sanctioned, and expressed to Area 3 Manager Helms that the Regional Director in the DFW area should be actively working with associations in that area to bring them back into the ADO program.

#### Area 4 – Elizabeth Newby

Lloyd Hoover, Region 4-2 Director, has resigned, so will be appointing Shane Miller as new Regional Director to take over. There will be two National Qualifiers over Thanksgiving weekend in Chattanooga – one day for 501 and one day for Cricket.

Dawn Cupp, Region 4-6 Director, is actively doing her job.

#### Area 5 – Michael French

National Qualifier for 5-1 on the November 19<sup>th</sup>, last one of the year.

Actively looking for people looking to fill Regional Director positions in Area 5.

#### Area 6 – Christopher Ryan Mooneyham

Region 6-5 is successfully running National Qualifiers. In Region 6-2 National Qualifiers have been set up but turnout was low. Both Regional Directors have been working to get/keep National Qualifiers going.

#### National Youth Manager Report – Carrie Demers

7 girls and 14 boys earned the invitation for the World Masters in the Netherlands; 11 have committed to go thus far. Set up a group chat to handle questions and other communications with the players and their parents. From the youth event at Seacoast, the ADO will qualify 2 boys and 2 girls to represent the U.S. at the World Cup in Denmark.

#### Old Business –

ADO Website Improvements - President Sawyer will be meeting with Scott Estle to discuss needs for the ADO website, and a proposal/price for rebuilding the ADO website.

#### New Business –

Discussion regarding shirts for players going to Netherlands. The ADO will be providing each youth player going to the Netherlands with one shirt. Adults can purchase shirts.

Area 5 Manager Mike French asked for clarification regarding the total prize money listed on flyers – whether it is allowed to list a dollar amount with a “+” after it, instead of listing the actual total amount as it adds up on the payout schedule. After discussion, it was realized that it isn’t specifically addressed in the Tournament Sanctioning Rules, and historically, different areas of the country list that total dollar amount in different ways. However, it was agreed that if the tournament included an event that was a percentage payout, the “+” is allowed.

Area 5 Manager Mike French motioned to add a new rule:

Effective for tournaments 2023 that haven’t yet been sanctioned, the dollar amount announced on flyer as total prize money must match the summed amount from the payout schedule for each event.

Vice President Stoner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Action: General Secretary Lynde will forward verbiage to Director of Operations Brown to post on the website.

Next meeting – January 18<sup>th</sup> 10am PST, Rotunda room, Tuscan Suites and Casino, in Las Vegas

Adjourned: 4:07p EDT