

**American Darts Organization
Board of Directors Meeting
January 18, 2023
Tuscany Inns and Suites, Las Vegas**

Called to order - 10:02a PDT

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 – 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

Members for quorum – 11

Ancillary Items –

November 5, 2022 - October 2022 meeting minutes were approved.

November 13, 2022 – Board discussed and voted to suspend the WDF playing rules for WDF events that are hosted by the ADO and ADO-member associations, in regards to the dress code and alcoholic beverages in the playing area.

New Business

Resolution regarding Elliot Milk and Leonard Gates both missing board calls in the knockout round of the World Masters. After discussion, subject was tabled until statements are submitted from both players and President Sawyer.

A video conference meeting was scheduled for 1pm EDT on January 29, 2023 to discuss and resolve.

Vice President Stoner presented a proposal, along with sample shirts, from DJD to be the apparel company for the ADO. After discussion, Vice President Stoner motioned to accept DJD's proposal.

National Youth Manager Demers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board members should receive their shirts in approximately 6 weeks.

WDF wild card spots, and how they should be used - After discussion, subject was tabled until Vice President Stoner can write out and forward a proposal, so the Board members can vote on it.

National Youth Fund Report – Steve Moore

Read into record by Vice President Stoner and attached to the end of these minutes.

Report from the President – Charles T. Sawyer

Standards for Las Vegas Open – The ADO has been given the option to purchase 48 aluminum standards, from the person who currently rents standards to the ADO for use at the Las Vegas Open. 24 additional standards would be needed to cover the Las Vegas Open. After discussion surrounding costs, subject tabled for more information. Subject will be decided at the Q2 2023 BOD meeting.

The ADO is penciled in with the Tuscany Inns and Suites for January 18 – 21, 2024, for the National Championships and 2024 Las Vegas Open. The contract will be signed soon.

Report from the Vice President – Matthew Stoner

WDF News

Virginia Beach tournament is back on board with being a Silver-graded WDF event, and hosting a WDF youth event again. Washington Area Open back as a Bronze-graded.

Plan to work to get Music City back in as a Silver, as well.

There are 16 spots for U.S. tournaments to be WDF-ranked, and currently only 9 are taken. Vice President Stoner asked that if members have a tournament in their area that is at all interested in WDF-ranking, to please let him know.

Reducing confusion regarding what age is considered youth, by the calendar year -

Vice-President Stoner motions that for the ADO Youth National Championship, youth must be under 18 years old on January 1 for calendar year. Area 2 Manager Roush seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President Stoner motions that for the Youth WDF Cup Qualifiers, youth must be under 18 years old on January 1 of the following calendar year. Area 6 Manager Mooneyham seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

WDF is moving Championships to December at Lakeside, in order to attempt to correct conflicts with PDC schedule.

This will start the two-year rolling order of merit. The goal of the WDF is to have events quarterly. The next WDF General Meeting will be in Denmark at the World Cup.

Vice President Stoner also reminded Area Managers that they are the line for communications before it gets to the ADO Office Area Managers should be handling issues/questions, and communications in general, for/with players in their respective Area. Also reminded Director of Operations Brown that if he receives a communication from a player that should be handled by the Area Manager, to forward it to that Area Manager.

Report from the CFO – Jacqueline Robbins

No official report at this time, but it will be forwarded to Board Members by the end of January.

Report from the General Secretary – Cynthia Lynde

Discussion of By-law revision project -

General Secretary Lynde will re-send proposed changes to Articles 8 and 10 to the BOD, in time for members to read, and be ready to discuss and possibly vote for acceptance during the special meeting on January 29.

National Youth Manager Demers suggest that each meeting, the BOD selects a section or group of sections to review between meetings and discuss during following BOD meeting. General Secretary Lynde will ensure there is in a section in the agenda for each quarterly meeting.

It was decided the Board Members will review Articles 1, 2, and 3 to be ready for discussion of edits/revisions by the Q2 2023 meeting.

Report from the ADO Office – Stephen Brown

It's been busy since the last meeting, with the US Team Nationals, World Masters, and the 501 & Cricket Championships. Have noticed there are some new clubs coming in.

Vice President Stoner mentioned the need to post about the shirts for sale, and repost about the tablet rentals. Will also need to update the information/logos on the website for apparel sales.

Area Manager Reports

Area 1 – Ron Peppers

A couple of clubs have left, but a couple of new ones have come in. Been working with the San Jose area to possibly get two competing leagues into one.

Have a couple of National Qualifiers to schedule. Bars with enough boards are limited. Altogether, mainly quiet.

Area 1 Manager Peppers did inquire about purchasing dart boards used for the Las Vegas Open after the tournament. Discussion led to Vice President Stoner reminding the members that Winmau boards are still available for sale to member leagues, local dart bars, etc.

Area 2 – Brenda Roush

Worked with three organizations - DPOW, VCDA and NCDA to order dartboards from ADO.

Held an ADO information session at the New Mexico Open (8 attendees including 3 from other areas - 3 and 6)

Held Cricket NQ in 2-5 (2 men, 1 woman) and 501 NQ in 2-2 (1 man)

Recruited a future Region 2-4 RD who will train with the current RD in 2023.

My action plan for Area 2

In 2022 Area 2 had:

Twelve affiliated organizations

Held 10 NQs sending 13 men and 6 women to national finals (unsure of RDs and runner ups that played)

Held 11 tournaments (including the Las Vegas Open) with a total of 968 (plus London Bridge) entries in 501 singles

My goal is to increase each item by 30% in 2023:

16 affiliated organizations **+\$700**

Reach out to: RMDA, CSDL, Tucson, NNMDA, SBDA, Cheyenne, The Dart Shop

Prescott, Flagstaff, Alamogordo (get 5 of 10)

13 NQs, sending a total 22 players (encourage all RDs and runner ups to participate) **+\$1,800**

Utilize online leagues to qualify players, travel to SoCal for 2 NQs, add 1-2 in Region

2-5, add one in New Mexico

13 tournaments, with total entries in 501 singles of 1,258 **+\$580**

Explore Cheyenne, Casper, Colorado Spring, SoCal, Tucson, Queen Mary, Parker

Promotions of all Area 2 tournaments

Explore something like Dart Tournament Travels raffles for the SW

Revenue increase of \$3,000 or more

Non-monetary improvements

Explore collaborative events with DP tours and CDC

Also, work to increase timely reporting and payment for all items (not sure how to measure)

Increase communication and coordination:

To increase ADO communications in Area 2 I created an ADO Area 2 Players Facebook page (105 members) and am setting up a Discord Server for communications - channel for RDs, for local reps and for tournament directors

I have set up files to track progress to goal on all of these items and will be communicating on this with my RDs monthly.

Area 3 – Christopher Helms

Not a lot going on. Trying to reconnect with clubs in Texas that have disappeared to get them at least talking about darts and the ADO again. There was a tournament in Houston, that was not ADO-sanctioned, Area 3 Manager Helms offered help, they didn't want it.

Vice President Stoner reiterated that there is a lot of dart activity happening but the events aren't ADO sanctioned, and expressed to Area 3 Manager Helms that he needs to do more to communicate with RD's and tournament directors about sanctioning these events with the ADO.

Area 4 – Elizabeth Newby

Had an RD for 4-2, Shane Miller, but he has since resigned. Has someone to step in to help temporarily. Mr. Miller still owes funds from a National Qualifier.

The new RD in Florida, Eda, is ready and willing to do National Qualifiers. However, someone in the Florida Dart Association is still putting the 'FDA membership required' on the tournament flyers and giving Eda pushback when she tries to correct them. Florida Dart Association has also not yet renewed their membership for 2023.

Area 5 – Michael French

Filled the 5-5 RD position with Jeff Steinberg, still looking to fill 5-1, 5-3, and 5-6. Discussion surrounding ideas of people to take on those roles.

Area 2 Manager Roush asked for confirmation that RD's will no longer have to fill out the electronic round robin forms, when running a National Qualifier with DartConnect. This was confirmed.

Discussed the need for the 'Advancer Form' to continue to be used for winners of NQ's and that it is possible to make it a form on the website. Vice President Stoner stated there should be that same form for those who advance to international play.

Also discussed was the need to send all the forms (in .pdf) to RD's so they have all the needed information.

Area 6 – Ryan Mooneyham

Travelled to all tournaments in area 6.

Trying to get Joplin and Topeka to come back to being sanctioned.

Tournaments and qualifiers in 6-5. Nothing in 6-2. We tried twice.

Same tournaments year over year being held, some with increased payouts, others not.

Maybe Topeka WF Singles with dress code and drinking will be easier.

I'm working with Northwest Arkansas still. Joplin came back.
Have 2 RDs and both are performing decent.
Dartmadness is the Largest single event.
I continue to try to be seen and know more of my player base. The organizations have their own agenda. Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Kansas

Vice President Stoner asked if anyone is willing to work with him to develop a plan for a league system run by the ADO, and have it ready to propose at the Q2 2023 meeting. Area 6 Manager Mooneyham, Area 5 Manager French, President Sawyer, and Area 1 Manager Peppers volunteered to help.

National Youth Director Report – Carrie Demers

Review of the Youth World Cup event results:

Peter Stewart, Jr took 2nd place - first time an ADO youth has gone that far. Also had the youngest player yet represent the ADO. 4 players made it out of their brackets to the knock-out rounds, had some top 16, top 8 and top 4 finishers. They played really well.

Youth Nationals will be in Charlotte, NC on July 7 - a Friday, since they won't be in school. Start time 8:30am, registration opens at 7:30am.

America's Cup Youth Qualifier will be at Witch City on September 16. Start time 9am, 8am registration. Will be ordering awards for both events.

She expressed disappointment in the number of WDF Youth events scheduled to date.
Still looking for more tournaments to host a Youth WDF singles event – there is currently no charge to host a WDF Youth event – if any Board Members are aware of tournaments where there may be youth play, please point them to National Youth Director Demers.

National Youth Director Demers and Vice President Stoner reiterated that any all communications regarding WDF questions that come through the ADO office should be forwarded and/or copied to National Youth Director Demers and Vice President Stoner.

Old Business –

International Travel Team (committee) - Brenda Roush

Reviewed plan proposal and asked for volunteers and ideas for volunteers, outside of Board Members.

Overhauling of ADO website –

Scott Estle has agreed to work on ADO website. Vice President Stoner will be talking with him over the weekend about details for immediate needs, as well as discussion of the actual overhaul.

Elections -

National Youth Director Demers brought up the fact that when someone runs for a position on the BOD, little is known about them and their qualifications. She inquired as to whether there could be a meeting with current Board Members to get to know them. Also suggested was to include an area on the Call for Candidates form for the prospective candidate to write a statement describing previous positions they've held with dart organizations, why they are running, and what they could

bring to the ADO. Once forms are returned, they would then be forwarded to the Board Members before the ballots are distributed.

General Secretary Lynde will develop a revised Call for Candidates form and send to National Youth Director Demers to look over, so as to have ready for approval at Q2 2023 meeting.

Next meeting – April 16, 2023, 1:00p EDT, video conference.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PST

AMERICAN DARTS ORGANIZATION
Memorial Scholarship Fund
Annual Summary of Activities

January 18, 2023

American Darts Organization
Board of Directors

Dear Board of Directors,

Enclosed is a summary of the activities of the American Darts Organization Memorial Scholarship Fund for fiscal year 2022.

Current Trustees

Steve Moore - Primary Trustee
Carrie Demers - Trustee
Jason Demers - Trustee

Steve is the only Trustee on the MSF account as of January 1, 2023, due to his dropping the ball and not getting Carrie and Jason on the account earlier in 2022. Steve will try to get his s**t in order by April 2023.

Fund Status w/IRS

The ADO MSF is in excellent standing with the IRS and the 990-N (e-Postcard) for 2022 will be filed at the end of January 2023.

Account Activity

The UBS account balance per the most recent statement in December 2022 was \$50,738.77.

Total deposits into the account from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 were \$0.00.

One payment was made in April 2022 to Jacob Demers for \$500.00 (check #449).

In August 2022, Steve sent a list of 30 Youths with available funds to Carrie and Jason. The list represents the Top 8/Top 4 finishing Boys and Girls participating in the ADO Youth Nationals from 2015 to 2022. We do not know how many of the Youths listed are 21 years old or still in High School. Please see the list attached.

Fundraising

We are accepting donations and can provide a Tax ID number for accounting purposes. I will be in Las Vegas for the National Championships and most of Saturday. If someone can get me some raffle tickets I will make a concerted effort for a split-the-pot fundraiser.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and/or concerns about the Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Sincerely,



Steve Moore