

**American Darts Organization
Board of Directors Meeting – Q3
September 9, 2023
Video Conference**

Call to order – 2:20p EDT

Roll call -

Present:

President – James Raymond Widmayer

Vice President - Mid-term – Jeffery Douglas Olson

Chief Financial Officer - Jacqueline Robbins

General Secretary – Cynthia Annette Lynde

Director of Operations - Stephen Brown

Area 2 Manager – Brenda Roush

Area 3 Manager – Russell Bruce Lyzak

Area 4 Manager – Elizabeth Newby

Area 5 Manager – Dustin Lee Story

Area 6 Manager – Christopher Ryan Mooneyham

National Youth Manager – Carrie Marie Demers

Absent: Area 1 Manager Ronald B Peppers

Members for quorum – 10

Review of Ancillary Items –

June 14, 2023 - June 2023 (Q2-23) BOD meeting minutes were approved.

July 5, 2023 – BOD approved signing of Standards contract with Pat Carrigan

2023 Elections Completed – Results:

President – Jim Widmayer

Vice President - Mid-term – Jeff Olson

Chief Financial Officer – Jackie Robbins

Area 1 Manager – Ron Peppers

Area 3 Manager – Russ Lyzak

Area 5 Manager – Dustin Story

Region 2-3 Director – Uschi Neubert

Region 2-4 Director – Bobbi Jo Vigil

Region 2-5 Director – Gary Brooks

Region 4-2 Director – Randy Harvey

Region 4-5 Director – William Greer

Region 4-6 Director – Dawn Cupp

Region 6-5 Director – Ed Garcia

Welcome new Board Members

President Widmayer welcomed the new Board Members - Vice President Olson, Area 3 Manager Lyzak, and Area 5 Manager Story. All introduced themselves and talked a little about their experience and reasons for serving.

Financials

CFO Robbins sent financial reports to the BOD via email.

President Widmayer noted that while there is money in the bank, the ADO will lose money by the end of the year, and needs to work on bringing in funds to pay for everything.

Discussion surrounding the fact that fees for National Qualifiers are not covering what is needed for players to play in Nationals, and for the ADO to be able to send players to international events. Discussion of raising fees tabled until next meeting.

CFO Robbins noted that keeping registration for Nationals open until the day of play would likely result in more players.

Area 5 Manager Story motioned to set the cutoff for individuals to participate in Nationals at 30 minutes before event is to start. President Widmayer seconded. Motion passed unanimously. This will go into effect January 1.

Area 3 Manager Lyzak mentioned that lost clubs/associations since the pandemic, might have something to do with lost finances. He noted that he will be working on getting the Houston Dart Association to re-join the ADO.

Director of Operations Brown suggested that, effective with 501 and Cricket Championship Nationals, the split for all money collected for Buy-ins be 50% to the prize fund and 50% to ADO. All in attendance agreed.

President Widmayer noted he will be talking with Winmau about contract for dartboards/sponsorship in the next week.

Discussion surrounding the need to upgrade/rebuild the ADO website, and the cost to do so.

Vice President Olson suggests an electronic newsletter for the purpose of getting more information out to the membership. Advantages: The information comes to the players, rather than the players having to go to the website to look for it, articles could have links that send people to ADO website.

Vice President Olson will have a draft for the BOD to review in approximately 45-60 days.

Discussion regarding the cost of compensating Board members for attending the Quarter 1 meeting, working Nationals and working the Las Vegas Open. Area 2 Manager Roush will develop a plan for scheduling staff and plan for compensation.

Area 3 Manager Lyzak inquired about the ADO's status with the IRS. CFO Robbins explained the work being done and the Board discussed the current status.

Las Vegas Open

Area 2 Manager Roush proposed that she be named the Tournament Director for the Las Vegas Open. Area 5 Manager Story seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Las Vegas Open flyer will be completed and ready for publication very soon.

Area 2 Manager Roush is working on lists of the staff schedule for both Nationals and the Las Vegas Open, who is sharing hotel rooms, board sponsorships, and vendors.

Board members brainstormed about the events within the Las Vegas Open. President Widmayer suggested that a second WDF event be added on the Sunday. Members discussed ideas regarding rearranging the events schedule to make room for this additional event. Also discussed was whether it would be a 'Silver' or 'Gold' event.

Streaming events – President Widmayer will discuss the details of the contract with Will Stuart of USA Darts.

Discussion regarding vendors at the Las Vegas Open and soliciting for more vendors, including, but not limited to, dart supplies, commemorative shirts and massage.

Plan to sell board sponsorships for the Las Vegas Open at \$100/board.

President Widmayer suggested having Youth events with the Las Vegas Open. The ADO needs to have more youth participation on the West Coast. The consensus was that given the time of year, not having a local base of youth players, the turnout likely wouldn't be large enough to support it. Area 2 Manager Roush suggested that Areas 1 and 2 work on building youth events at tournaments.

President Widmayer suggested adding a wheel chair board to the Las Vegas Open. Area 2 Manager Roush will contact the American affiliate for Disability Darts to get information on adding two of these boards.

General Discussion -

Discussion regarding Danny Baggish failing to give notice that he was not participating the Masters Nationals. President Widmayer will reach out to Mr. Baggish to ascertain why he did not give notice, and explain the repercussions of not giving notice/not participating.

New ideas to strengthen the ADO and our members -

Better communication to the membership. Board members expressed the need for the ADO to go back to publishing quarterly statements from the President, to communicate items like financial status and what the ADO can do for dart players.

Area 5 Manager Story motioned that the corking rules for all National Qualifiers and National Finals be changed to cork once at the start of the match, then alternate starts in all legs, effective January 1. Area 6 Manager Mooneyham seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Action: General Secretary Lynde will update any/all pertinent documents to reflect the change, to be published before January 1.

Suggestion to allow National Qualifiers to be played online. After discussion, it was decided that this would require a set of specific rules and would need to be run by region, and by area.

Area Managers will experiment with online National Qualifiers in 2024.

Area 5 Manager Story suggested that the ADO discontinue hiding player results each round during play in National Qualifiers and National Finals. After discussion, the Board decided to poll players via Facebook, and in-person at events, such as the Las Vegas Open to see how most feel about it.

Old Business –

ByLaw Revision Project

Review of Articles 1, 2, and 3 and suggested revisions. It was decided to discuss and decide on revisions via the Board group on Facebook.

Date of Next (Q-4) Meeting –

November 19 – Sunday 2pm EST, via MS Teams

Meeting Adjourned: 5:22p EDT