

**American Darts Organization  
Board of Directors Meeting – Q4  
November 19, 2023  
Video Conference**

Call to order – 2:08p EST

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 1 Manager - Ronald B Peppers

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

Members for quorum – 10

Report from the President – Jim Widmayer

There is money coming in for the Las Vegas Open from board sponsors, vendors, video sponsors, and prepaids.

President Widmayer requested shirts sizes from the Board Members to be worn in at the Las Vegas Open.

Contract with Winmau is in place for 2024. He will be working to procure sponsors for other ADO events throughout the year, i.e., National Finals.

Given that it's still in question whether the America's Cup is going to take place, it's unlikely the ADO will send a team.

Report from the Vice President – Jeff Olson

Electronic Newsletter project is in process. It is probable that the first issue will be more of an introduction to the ADO, the Board Members, and the objectives of the ADO.

Report from the CFO – Jackie Robbins

CFO Robbins sent financial reports to the BOD via email.

A few questions were asked for clarification, regarding how items are broken out, etc., and were answered. CFO Robbins stated that she will be working on separating out more of the items. It should be known that the Youth Scholarship Fund is separate from ADO finances.

CFO Robbins will be working on developing a 2024 budget to introduce at the 2024 Q-1 (January) meeting.

Area Manager Reports

Area 1 – Ron Peppers

Working on getting a couple of leagues back into the ADO this year.

Planning a National Qualifier for the second week of December.

Area 2 – Brenda Roush

Bobbi Jo Vigil has resigned as Region 2-4 RD, Area 2 Manager Roush is working on a replacement for that region, as well as still working on filling the positions in other regions.

Status of goals for Area 2 that were set at the beginning of the year:

Affiliated Organizations:

Goal-16

Paid to date - 13 (81%)

No other likely leagues for 2023

Tournaments:

Goal # of tournaments - 13

Scheduled to date - 12 (92%)

2 WDF sanctioned tournaments in Area 2

Goal # singles entries - 1,258

To Date - 1,950 (155%)

National Qualifiers:

Goal # held - 13

Held to date - 12 (92%)

Scheduled to date - +3 (115%)

Goal # advancers - 22

Advancers to date - 23 (105%)

#### Area 3 – Russ Lyzak

Houston Dart Association renewed their ADO membership and they are running tournaments.

Area 3 Manager Lyzak is working to recruit new/returning leagues to join/rejoin the ADO, by making sure that each of them has an ADO representative and then build up the region(s) from there.

Goals for 2024 focused around Regional Directors and representatives in their regions, leagues, tournaments, and National Qualifiers.

Area 3 Manager Lyzak inquired whether the tablets will be available anytime soon. Discussion surrounding the inability to rent them until they are returned, and the need for them at the Las Vegas Open.

#### Area 4 – Beth Newby

League out of Nashville, under a new name should be submitting their application to join the ADO.

One more National Qualifier in 4-2, in the Nashville area. Michigan is getting going again.

#### Area 5 – Dustin Story

Filled the 3 empty regional director positions. Have had National Qualifiers in all regions for Vegas.

Two new leagues and a new \$10k tournament to be sanctioned in 5-4. Was able to attend a NQ in 5-4 with 33 participants, and able to discuss ADO with them, and look forward to new growth.

5-3 is a pain point with a very large population of NYC, NJ, Philly, and little ADO involvement (only 2 leagues).

Would like to see what can be done to improve morale and involvement in this region.

#### Area 6 – Ryan Mooneyham

Topeka running a National Qualifier and is looking to qualify one man and one woman. Ran a National Qualifier in Springfield in October, and qualified one man and one woman. The attendance has been low, so running 50/50's to fundraise for the entry fees.

Working to try to bring back Tri-State Tournament in Joplin. Working with several leagues to have them rejoin the ADO. St. Patrick's tournament in Missouri is planning to be a WDF Bronze event again.

There is growth, it's just going to take time. There are a lot of travelling players in Area 6, just not a part of an ADO league.

#### Report from the ADO Office – Steve Brown

Currently working on things for Las Vegas. Communicating with Stones River, regarding their outstanding tournament results.

Has been working with Area 5 Manager Story, who is making great improvements to the ADO website.

Area Manager Roush asked if Director of Operations Brown might be able to make the contact information for Association Representatives, etc., available in a google drive.

#### National Youth Director Report – Carrie Demers

Great turnout for Youth at the Seacoast and Witch City.

Has been working with a teacher that just started a youth league in the Cape Cod area. She brought some high

school students to the Seacoast. There are a few other schools in the Cape Cod area looking to start an after school darts program.

Communicating with a few tournaments about adding youth events to their tournaments.

Revisited discussion of holding a Youth event with the Las Vegas Open. National Youth Director Demers motioned that the ADO hold a WDF youth event at the 2024 Las Vegas Open, if the WDF approves it, given the short time frame. Area 1 Manager Peppers seconded. Motion passed, with one opposed.

#### Las Vegas Open discussion and planning – Brenda Roush

Discussion surrounding amounts to pay staff for working both Nationals and the Las Vegas Open – balancing what the ADO can afford, with reasonable compensation. It was decided this subject would be voted on in the BOD Facebook Group.

Discussion surrounding developing a process for the ADO to take bids for shirts at future Las Vegas Opens. Still selling board sponsorships, at \$100 each, for the Las Vegas Open. Deadline for board sponsorships is December 31.

#### World Cup discussion - Jackie Robbins

CFO Robbins commented that it was a fun event.

Information from the WDF meeting -

There is no date yet for the 2024 World Masters. This is a concern, given that the ADO has qualified players for the 2023 World Masters and that event did not happen.

Discussion surrounding how to plan Nationals, without knowing whether the World Masters is to take place. Ideas suggested regarding the possibility of creating another National Championship, in order to keep all four rounds in the ADO playoff program.

The WDF Transgender Athlete Policy was discussed, but no changes were made.

The 2025 World Cup is planned to be in Korea. The ADO Board will need to plan for more expenses.

If the ADO wants to put in for the World Cup 2027, a presentation will need to be done soon.

#### New Business/Open Forum

Bylaw revision project -

General Secretary Lynde presented the board, (via the Facebook BOD Group), with a compilation of suggested revisions for Articles IV and V.

Area 2 Manager Roush motioned to accept the presented revisions in Article IV. Area 1 Manager Peppers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Area 2 Manager Roush made a 2-part motion: first, to change Article V, Section 2a to read “At the discretion of the Area Manager, a Member paying dues during the final quarter of a calendar year may remain a Member through the following year, at no additional charge.”, then to delete Section 3 in Article V. Area 1 Manager Peppers seconded. Motion passed unanimously. New Bylaws will take effect once the board has reviewed the Bylaws in their entirety and filed the revisions.

Concerning working on revisions for Article VI, Area 2 Manager Roush suggested that discussion of this article should be added to the agenda for the Q1 2024 meeting in January.

#### Ancillary Items

Revised sections of Articles I through III in the current Bylaws reviewed and voted on by the BOD, via Facebook BOD group, concluded 11/03/23. New Bylaws will take effect once the board has reviewed the Bylaws in their entirety and filed the revisions.

Q3-September 9 BOD Meeting Minutes approved on 09/22/23

#### Next meeting:

January 17, at 10am, PST, Rotunda room, Tuscan Suites and Casino, in Las Vegas

Meeting Adjourned: 5:40p EST