

American Darts Organization
Board of Directors Meeting – Q1
January 17, 2024
Tuscany Inns & Suites/Video Conference

Called to order – 10:12a PST

Present -

President – James Raymond Widmayer	Area 2 Manager – Brenda Roush
Vice President - Mid-term – Jeffery Douglas Olson	Area 3 Manager – Russell Bruce Lyzak
Chief Financial Officer - Jacqueline Robbins	Area 4 Manager – Elizabeth Newby (V Conf)
General Secretary – Cynthia Annette Lynde (V Conf)	Area 5 Manager – Dustin Lee Story
Director of Operations – Stephen Brown (V Conf)	Area 6 Manager – Christopher Ryan Mooneyham
Area 1 Manager – Ronald B Peppers	National Youth Manager – Carrie Marie Demers

Members for quorum – 11

Las Vegas Open/501 & Cricket Nationals

Discussion about last minute needs and thoughts for the two National Finals, the Las Vegas Open Tournament, and the WDF Youth for the weekend.

There will be 80 boards, plus a finals board.

Payouts for each of the 2024 Nationals (501 and Cricket) was agreed upon by the BOD members:

The ADO guarantees a payout to the T8 women and T16 men in both 501 Nationals and Cricket Nationals:

1st \$1,000

2nd \$600

T4 \$400

T8 \$200

T16 \$100 (Men)

In addition to the above base payouts, money will be added to each place in each Men's and Women's, based on the amount collected from buy ins: 50% will be added to the purses of the Cricket and 501, and will be distributed evenly between the two. The same add percentage will apply to the women's buy-ins and payouts.

Report from the President – Jim Widmayer

ADO Finances and Spending.

Discussion surrounding cutting spending and ways to bring in more funds.

It was suggested that the current fees for National Qualifiers, and the National Finals may not be covering the cost of airfare for sending the players to National Finals, as well as for international play. Discussion about whether the fees should be changed again. President Widmayer suggested procuring a Travel Agent to help cut travel costs.

Area 2 Manager Roush suggested a documented proposal to explain what players are paid/covered for when qualifying for National Finals. Discussion tabled for forthcoming proposal.

Youth Darts

President Widmayer suggested the idea of establishing an ADO points program for Youth.

Open discussion about youth events and how to raise money for them. It was suggested that the ADO create/run an ADO Youth Tournament, as well as another ADO Open Tournament. President Widmayer has potential sponsors to help fund this tournament. Discussion tabled for a proposal.

Brenda suggested a Facebook Group be created to facilitate discussions/brainstorming/exchange of ideas between those managing youth play in local areas, including National Youth Manager Demers. Area 5 Manager Story created said group.

Filling Regional Director positions

President Widmayer reiterated that these positions need to be filled, and asked that Area Managers reach out to recruit for these positions.

Open discussion surrounding how to get more leagues to join/rejoin the ADO. General consensus was that the question asked most often seems to be “what does the ADO offer?” In order to answer this question, some ideas that were brought forth:

1. Revisiting the idea of creating an ADO league program to send teams to a final event. Tabled for forthcoming proposals.
2. Awarding invitations to Nationals to ADO sanctioned associations each year. Tabled for forthcoming proposals.
3. Return to the practice of issuing welcome packets (hardcopy/electronic) for new or renewing member associations.

Report from the Vice President – Jeff Olson

Newsletter update – Still working on it, working with the email platform (MailChimp). Area 5 Manager Story states that if the content is put into a pdf, he can help with it.

Bylaw feedback – opening up the voting for executive Board positions to Association Representatives. Area 2 Manager Roush would also like the ADO to explore opening up the qualification criteria for different positions. Spent time reaching out to his Regional Directors; however only received one response. Interested in exploring restructuring Areas/Regions.

Open discussion: The continuation of updating documents – namely instructions for Regional Directors - is necessary. Forms on the website will be a great help.

Report from the CFO – Jackie Robbins

Presented financials and budget via email

Report from the General Secretary – Cindy Lynde

Working on loading information/documents to the Google Drive and intending to give everyone access in the next month or so. It was suggested that a current list of members not-in-good-standing should be included in the drive, so that all Board Members are aware.

This suggestion lead to a discussion regarding how the Board informs a member when or why they are not in good standing, and how long the individual has to pay a debt in order to be in good standing again. Area 2 Manager Roush will submit a proposal to set the policy for the Board to vote on.

It was found that not all pdf documents on the website were replaced with their updated versions in every area of the website, creating some confusion. This will be corrected as soon as possible.

Report from the ADO Office – Steve Brown

Have been busy with putting together items for the Nationals. Will be sending out another email about last minute updates and additions to the buy-ins.

National Youth Director Report – Carrie Demers

Updated the Board on the number of youth players for the WDF event.

The most pressing items is where and when Nationals will be, for scheduling Youth Nationals. Much depends on when the WDF schedules the dates for the 2024 World Masters, if they schedule it. Discussion of scheduling Nationals tabled until late February, after the WDF has made their decision.

In this light, National Youth Director Demers is hoping to have Youth Nationals with the Witch City tournament. To date, four youth players have put in for the ADO Youth Scholarship.

Area Manager Reports

Area 1 – Ron Peppers

Working on trying to fill some of the Regional Director positions.

Trying to get more tournaments in the area.
Camellia Classic coming up in February – will be ADO sanctioned.

Area 2 – Brenda Roush

3 Regions without Regional Directors:

New Mexico, which has 3 existing tournaments, and 3 existing National Qualifiers. So. California, which has a lot of potential. Hawaii and Guam, neither of which has ADO sanctioned associations.

Area 2 Manager Roush is Brenda sharing template with other Area Managers, for better keeping of numbers to translate to ADO budget.

Area 3 – Russ Lyzak

Still working to get in contact with current Regional Directors, who have not responded to emails.

Working on getting leagues in Texas to join/rejoin the ADO, some of which are holding tournaments that could be ADO sanctioned.

Area 4 – Beth Newby

Leagues Returning to ADO:

Michigan Darts Organization

TriCities Dart Association (Johnson City, TN)

Possible – Dayton Darting Association – have members wanting to know what is there to get Craftman’s Club expressed interest late last year.

Currently have 18 leagues as of end of 2023, including the MIDO.

Individual Members – have 30 in Area 4

4-1 5 members

4-2 6 members

4-3 12 members

4-4 2 members

4-5 3 members

4-6 2 members

From 4-6 Dawn Cupp

The ADO has a great standing here in NE Ohio. I have approached a small Steel league that I am aware of, I will try speaking with them again. We have a great participation in my Region.

I asked: Do you talk to your clubs on a regular basis, keep tabs on when they submit sanctioning results, assist with issues, etc.: Absolutely, I try to stay in contact. Unfortunately, although clubs have paid their affiliation fees, they do not have active ADO reps who are scheduling local qualifiers. The only region in my area who is actively holding qualifier is Chris McFarland in YDA. I will be working to reach out and hopefully boost that participation.

Tournaments in 2024:

Estimate 24 in 2024 with 13 already submitted and application fee made

No WDF tournaments yet – Cleveland is waiting to find out if they can bid on Masters

Cherry Bomb usually applies for WDF sanctioning and youth events

Area 4-1 RD is asking about tournaments with youth events – interested in getting kids involved in soft tip to play steel tip; advancing youth because son is eligible to play

Area 4-3 RD (Kim) has had complaints about singles format: 2 out of 3 format. This does not attract less skilled or newer players, especially if they draw a seasoned player and are out the first round.

National Qualifiers

All but 4-1 are interested in doing qualifiers.

RD 4-3 (Kim Cline) has concerns in her area and a little concern in 4-6. See below:

I asked: Are you going to hold National Qualifiers in your area? If so, how many of each? We do not have dates for 2024 yet, but please base your information on the normal 4 qualifiers (Master's, US Team, 501 Nationals and Cricket Nationals).

4-3: (Kim Cline) There are no incentives for qualifiers. Can there be some kind of payout during the qualifiers to keep more people interested and to show up for events, rather than just pay for what ends up being just 1 person to go to Nationals.

4-6: Yes, I will hold 4 NQ year 2024. Unfortunately, 2023, I had to cancel 2 of the 4 scheduled due to lack of participation. I typically schedule my NQ's March, June, August, October. I've been running NQ's for approximately 7 years, and I do not get much participation after Mid-October.

Do you travel from your home area to another location to run the nationals. If so, what funds are you currently spending to do so.

4-6: Yes, I travel no less than an hour for each NQ, then usually my lunch. I spend approximately \$40 - \$45 out of pocket each NQ including my gas.

Review of Income and possible expenses for Area 4:

Income Item	Number	Cost	Total
2024 Sanctioned Tournament Play Estimate	3761	\$ 2.00	\$ 7,522.00
Area 4 Individual Member Renewal	30	\$ 25.00	\$ 750.00
Area 4 League Member Organizations	18		\$ 3,875.00
ADO National Qualifiers - Area 4	40	\$ 600.00	\$24,000.00
Total Potential Income			\$36,147.00
Estimated Expenses	Number	Cost/Miles	Total
Regional Director Expenses - mileage \$0.67 IRS - 100 mi each	6	200	\$ 804.00
Area Manager Expenses - mileage \$0.67 IRS - 100 mi each	8	200	\$ 1,072.00
Miscellaneous Supply Expense	6	\$ 40.00	\$ 240.00
Mailing Expense Priority Mail (6 x 4)	24	\$ 9.65	\$ 231.60
Stamp Expense for forwarding checks to Office (6x4)	24	\$ 0.68	\$ 16.32
Total Potential Expenses			\$ 1,559.92
2024 Estimated Income			\$34,587.08

Tournament income estimated on averages of tournament data gathered and averaged. If the tournament happened in 2023 it was used for 2024 estimating purposes.

National Qualifiers were estimated at 5 areas x 2 people x 600 per person x 4 qualifiers.

Income from members as individual estimated at renewal rate of \$25 per year

Income from organizations estimated based on various factors, city population and membership potential since that is not readily available information to use for estimating.

Expenses used mileage for RDs based on IRS rate and put area manager in for emergency cases and may not be used.

Area 5 – Dustin Story

No significant updates for Area 5.

Exploring realigning regions in Area 5.

Feedback from Regional Directors overall is that they are anxious to know the 2024 National Finals schedule.

Area 6 – Ryan Mooneyham

Tournaments and qualifiers in 6-5. Qualified 13 players with the \$50 buy in.

Qualifiers: Lawton OK, OKC OK, Lake of the Ozarks, Springfield MO, Topeka KS, Wichita KS

I was forced to cancel on up coming Tournament flyers, 2 additional based on no National for Masters not having an idea.

WDF Singles Bronze at St Patty's Lake of the Ozarks.

Northwest Arkansas is playing darts up in my area, 4 players are here this week for LVO experience

Joplin MO has players here Springfield MO has players

2 regional director, really right now I have them on hold for qualifiers

Dartmadness continues on, with the MVDO hosting a lot of events not ADO.

Minnesota: maybe

Iowa: 1 ADO organization South Dakota: players only

Wisconsin: players only

Oklahoma: strong on Tournaments, the reality is the lack of structure league

Kansas: WDA going strong with Topeka back.

New Business – None

Old Business –

Bylaw Revisions – Article 6. General Secretary Lynde will use the Board Group to facilitate discussion and voting on suggested revisions.

Ancillary Items

Q4 - November 19 - BOD Meeting Minutes approved on 12/10/23

Next meeting – Q1.2 February 26, 7p EST, via video conference.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10p PST