

**American Darts Organization
Board of Directors Meeting – Q1.2
February 26, 2024
Video Conference**

Call to order – 7:08p EST

Present:

President – James Raymond Widmayer
Vice President - Jeffery Douglas Olson
Chief Financial Officer - Jacqueline Robbins
General Secretary – Cynthia Annette Lynde
Director of Operations – Stephen Brown

Area 2 Manager – Brenda Roush
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
Area 3 Manager – Russell Bruce Lyzak

Members for quorum – 8

Las Vegas Open Recap –

President Widmayer congratulated everyone on a successful Las Vegas Open.
Vice President Olson created a “Lessons Learned” document, the purpose of which is to help the Board improve on all facets of the tournament. Discussion of some items, and it was agreed that all members can and should add their own suggestions.
CFO Robbins presented to the Board Members the financials from the tournament via email.
The contract with the Tuscany for 2025 is signed.

National Finals -

There still is no date or location for the WDF World Masters. Deciding on where and when the ADO Masters National Finals will take place depends on this information.
The WDF World Cup will be in South Korea, but no dates yet. The Board will decide the date and location for the ADO US Team Nationals as soon as more information becomes available.

Area 2 Manager Roush sent a proposal to the Board via email:

Regarding Seeding of National Finals

Objectives:

Create fair and competitive play at national finals
Reward players who have committed to playing in ADO sanctioned events
Recognize the achievements of the Nation’s top players

At all ADO National Finals the first round of play will be round robin groups. These groups will contain 4-8 players. Two players from each group will advance to the next round of play.

For the Cricket and 501 National Finals the second round of play will be a knockout bracket. For Masters and US Team National Finals the second round of play will be round robin.

For the initial round robin, two players will be seeded into each group. The intention is for the number of seeds to match the number of players advancing from the group.

Seeding will be determined by a rolling 12 months of ADO Championship Points.

When the second round of play is a knockout bracket, the bracket will be seeded based on the DartConnect formula for Round Robin into Bracket. This ensures that players from the same group will not play each other until the finals.

After discussion, General Secretary Lynde motioned to accept this proposal. Area 5 Manager Story seconded. Motion passed, 7-1.

Tournament Calendar -

Discussion surrounding the ADO's procedure for sanctioning a tournament, and the tournament being listed on the Tournament Calendar on the ADO website.

2024 Youth Nationals will be at Witch City Open.

ADO Board Shirts –

President Widmayer proposed that the ADO purchase shirts for Board members from Jen Mounts at MagicWear. Area 5 Manager Story motioned to approve. Area 2 Manager Roush seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business –

New ideas to strengthen the ADO and our members:

- What the ADO pays/covers for a player who qualifies for a National Finals

- ADO Youth Tournament

- ADO League Program

- National Finals Invitations to sanctioned Associations

Discussion tabled, as proposals aren't completed yet.

Open Discussion -

Discussion about the Camellia Classic, and the confusion surrounding the tournament not being ADO-sanctioned. While it was printed on the flyer that the singles entry fees included the \$2 ADO singles surcharge, the flyer wasn't published with the ADO logo and the association never applied for sanctioning. Area 1 Manager Peppers was not present at the meeting to give his account of how the situation happened and why it was not handled properly. President Widmayer stated he would speak with Area 1 Manager Peppers, as well as publish a statement about the situation.

Area 5 Manager Story brought up the need for the Board to develop a set of criteria/procedure for approving tournaments that apply for WDF ranking, while still ensuring that all 16 spots for WDF-ranked tournaments in the U.S. are filled. After discussion, the topic was tabled for a proposal.

Ancillary Items –

January 27, 2024 - January 2024 (Q1-24) BOD meeting minutes were approved.

Date of Next (Q-2) Meeting – Sunday, April 28 – 2:00p EST

Meeting Adjourned: 9:43p EST