

American Darts Organization
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
August 24, 2025, 2pm Eastern Time
Virtual on discord

In Attendance-

President - James Raymond Widmayer
Vice President - Dustin Lee Story
Chief Financial Officer - Jacqueline Robbins
General Secretary - Brenda Roush
National Youth Manager - Carrie Marie Demers

Area 3 Manager - Russell Bruce Lyzak
Area 4 Manager - Elizabeth Newby
Area 6 Manager - Gerad Honeyfield
Office Manager Anna Moretti

Excused-

Area 1 Manager - Ronald B Peppers
Area 2 Manager - Gary Wayne Brooks
Area 5 Manager - Eric Christopher Murray

President Widmayer called the meeting to order at 2:03pm ET

USA Dart Classic recap

For the first year back and in a new location, the tournament was well received and ran smoothly. CFO Robbins reported the tournament had about a \$10,000 net loss. We had hoped to be closer to break even, but this tournament shows promise. We will explore moving it back to Connecticut where it would have greater local support.

President Widmayer will contact the Stamford hotel to get pricing for 2026. Vice President Story suggested a June date where there are fewer other big events in competition for players. It would be important to know the PDC dates. We will explore pulling down the total payout and holding only one WDF singles for 2026, then raise payouts as participation grows. There is interest in adding a draw event on Saturday night. Area Manager Murray will get a price quote from The Dart Guys for 64 stanchions with set up. We will gather the pricing information and then workshop the budget and payout structure. Want to firm up a decision earlier than our November meeting if possible.

International Youth Opportunities

Youth Manager Demers brought the board up to date on Devon Peterson and his plans for a youth championship the week of Lakeside. No action was recommended by the board at this time.

President Widmayer is in contact with Steve Brown with JDC Championship. He will stay in touch with JDC and bring future proposals.

World Darts Federation

President Widmayer reported on recent and upcoming decisions:

On 4/1/2026 the WDF levy will increase to \$4 per player

On 11/1/2026 the WDF levy will increase to \$5 per player

There will be a WDF meeting in South Korea prior to the World Cup.

There will be an election for the next WDF President. Buddy Bartoletta and Wayne Willimas are on the ballot.

It is possible the WDF will change back to requiring only a three month lead time for sanctioning submissions. There will be a vote concerning the voting rights for the African Darts Council. England put in a remit to be able to run 4 WDF events within one weekend.

World Cup

The ADO Team is set for the WDF World Cup being held September 23 - 27 in South Korea. Open team: Michael Nuebert, Robbie Phillips, Bruce Robbins, Jim Widmayer
Open Manager - Gerad Honeyfield

Women's team: Tracy Feiertag, Aaja Jalbert, Paula Murphy, Cali West

Women's manager - Jackie Robbins

Boys: Jeremy Demers, Tim Welcome Girls: Alexis Achgill, Nalanie Tirrell

Youth Manager - Carrie Demers

World Masters

As soon as WADA's WDF singles are reported, we will have our initial invitation list ready. Most players are aware of where they are on the list.

We must submit our final list to the WDF by the end of September.

President Widmayer and Office Manager Moretti are working together on booking the travel and hotels for the ADO players who earned paid trips. Confirmations have been requested from Jason Brandon, Leonard Gates, Kevin Luke, Alex Spellman, Carolyn Mars and Aaja Jalbert. They have until September 8 to confirm. Our two youth players, Coby Crisman and Layla Buntz have confirmed.

For those players the ADO covers the World Masters hotel package, October 28 - November 3. Their entries for World Masters, World Open and Lakeside qualifier are also covered.

We will send one manager for the adults and Carrie Demers will be the youth manager.

Las Vegas Open

We will have 82 competition boards.

Sponsorships are available:

\$100 - board sign

\$250 - stream sponsor

\$1,000 - sponsor of one WDF singles event, includes air time on stream and placement on backdrop for finals board

Dress code for this year: dress pants (no jeans, no leggings), collared shirt, closed toed shoes, no head gear (ear buds, headphone, hats, scarves). This is not the WDF dress code. It is the ADO dress code for the Las Vegas Open WDF sanctioned events.

President Widmayer appointed General Secretary Roush to be Tournament Director of the 2026 Las Vegas Open.

ADO Elections

General Secretary Roush will run the 2025 ADO elections as specified in the ADO by-laws.

Executive - President and CFO

Call for Candidates posted Aug 25, deadline Sept 1

Ballot distributed Sept 2, deadline to vote Sept 10

Notify winners Sept 11 and public posting - September 12

Transition period September 13-October 15 Officially in position October 15

Area Managers in Areas 1, 3, and 5

Call for Candidates posted September 14, deadline Sept 21

Ballot distributed Sept 22, deadline to vote Sep 29

Notify winners Sep 30 and public posting Oct 1

Transition period Oct 1-31 Officially in position November 1

Regional Directors in Areas 2, 4, and 6

Call for Candidates posted Oct 4 , deadline Oct 11

Ballot distributed October 12, deadline to vote Oct 19

Notify winners October 20 and public posting October 21

Transition period Oct 22 - November 21 Officially in position Nov 22

ADO Points Proposal

Vice President Story presented a draft proposal for restructure of the ADO ranking points system. The board will continue work on the new structure.

WDF 2026 Tournaments

The following ADO tournaments have requested WDF sanctioning for 2026:

Senior

Las Vegas Open, Las Vegas Classic, Port City Open, St. Patrick's Tournament, Virginia Beach Classic, Charlotte Open, USA Dart Classic, USA Dart Open, Steel City Open, Washington Area

Open, Witch City Open, Scary Hare, Seacoast Open, Seacoast Open 2, Borealis Quest, Tricoda Open

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Las Vegas Open, Las Vegas Classic, Port City Open, St. Patrick's Tournament, Virginia Beach Classic, White Mountain Shootout, Cleveland Extravaganza, RAMBO, Cherry Bomb, Charlotte Open, USA Dart Classic, USA Dart Open, Witch City Open, Scary Hare, Seacoast Open

Youth

Las Vegas Open, Las Vegas Classic, Port City Open, St. Patrick's Tournament, Virginia Beach Classic, White Mountain Shootout, Cleveland Extravaganza, RAMBO, Cherry Bomb, Charlotte Open, USA Dart Classic, USA Dart Open, Witch City Open, Scary Hare, Seacoast Open, Borealis Quest

The ADO board will follow up with tournaments that have hosted WDF events in the past but did not submit a request at this time so that we fill all 16 of our slots at each level.

The 4th Quarter Meeting ADO Board Meeting will be held on discord November 9th, Noon ET

Ancillary Item:

August 5, 2025 - Regarding eligibility for female gendered events

The ADO board discussed the recent policy change by the World Darts Federation regarding eligibility for events that specify a female gender such as "women's", "ladies", or "girls." As a WDF member the ADO is required to operate and WDF sanctioned events in accordance with this policy. The general feeling of the board was that it made the most sense to have a consistent policy for all ADO events.

Motion by Lyzak, second by Murray.

Effective August 5, 2025, entry and participation in ADO Women's and Girls hosted and sanctioned events will be open only to players identified as female at birth.

Accordingly, events, national qualifiers, national finals and ranking tables will be renamed and redefined as "Open", "Women", "Open Youth", and "Girls".

Motion passed 9-1