

**American Darts Organization
Board of Directors Meeting – Q2
August 1, 2024
Video Conference (Discord)**

Called to order – 7:03p EDT

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 1 Manager – Ronald B Peppers

Area 2 Manager – Brenda Roush

Area 4 Manager – Elizabeth Newby

Area 5 Manager – Dustin Lee Story

Absent -

Area 3 Manager – Russell Bruce Lyzak

Area 6 Manager – Christopher Ryan Mooneyham

National Youth Manager – Carrie Marie Demers

Members for quorum - 8

WDF World Masters 2024

There will be 3 managers sent for the WDF World Masters – CFO Robbins will manage the men, Area 2 Manager Roush will manage the women, and National Youth Manager Demers will manage the youth. President Widmayer secured sponsorship for the WDF World Masters from Raymond James Financial Group. The ADO will pay travel and lodging for the WDF World Masters for its 2023 and 2024 National Masters champions - 8 men, 4 women, and at least 2 youth.

In addition, the ADO is granted invitations from the WDF to offer to ADO members to participate in the World Masters, at their own expense. Those players have been contacted by Director of Operations Brown, and with the help of the Area Managers, is compiling the list of acceptances.

The Board will accept bids for shirts, with a short turnaround time so there is enough time to get them for the paid players to wear at the WDF World Masters.

Area 2 Manager Roush had previously presented a draft of a ADO World Masters Invites Policy for Board use for future WDF World Masters, and motioned that the Board adopt it. CFO Robbins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADO Masters National Finals should be scheduled for March, April, or May of 2025. The bid form will be updated soon.

Las Vegas Open 2025

Prepaid entry fees will again be accepted for the 2025 Las Vegas Open. The 'early bird' discount date and the cutoff date will be decided soon.

Area 5 Manager Story will finalize the flyer for Board approval shortly. There will be a web page dedicated to the Las Vegas Open, with information about rooms, prepay, sponsorship, and other details.

The Board discussed how to supply at least two wheelchair boards in January. Discussion of whether there can be at least 2 wheelchair boards. Area 2 Manager Roush will share specifications with President Widmayer and

Vice President Olsen so they may look into getting them built. Discussion regarding procuring dart standards, as well as lights for them.

The in-person Q-1 2025 BOD meeting will be on Thursday, January 16, 2025

Area 5 Manager Story brought up reinstating a stricter dress code for the WDF Singles events. It was decided that dress code would remain the same as 2024, specifically no headgear, and close-toed shoes. It was agreed this information should be on the flyer.

ADO National Finals

President Widmayer asked if there are any volunteers to run the US Team National Finals at Witch City. CFO Robbins stated that she and National Youth Manager Demers will be there, and Region 5-1 Director French also intends to run it, so it is not necessary to fly a Board Member there to run it.

Elections

Positions up for election in 2024 are Vice-President, General Secretary, Area Managers in even-numbered areas, National Youth Manager, and Regional Directors in odd-numbered areas.

Area 5 Manager Story uploaded a draft for a new set of Eligibility Requirements for each position, to replace what is currently in the Bylaws. After discussion, it was agreed that the proposal should be voted on via Discord before elections start. Deadline for voting on this proposal is August 8th.

Area 5 Manager Story is working on online forms for both the Call for Candidates and the ballots. Using online forms will negate the need for returned emails, and will streamline the election process.

General Secretary Lynde will start the election process in September, with calling for candidates for the two executive positions first.

Bylaw Revision Project

Area 5 Manager Story suggested that all bylaw revisions up to current date be finalized and approved by the Board to publish. Area 5 Manager story will work with General Secretary Lynde to get her “working copy of Bylaws” ready for the Board to vote to approve by August 24.

The Board agreed that, effective January 1, 2025, tournaments may receive sanctioning for a total of 6 singles events (3 different Men’s/Open events and 3 different Women’s events) at an ADO-sanctioned tournament. Discussion regarding updating the Tournament Sanctioning Rules, to include this.

Report from the Vice President – Jeff Olson

Nothing new to report

Report from the CFO – Jackie Robbins

Financial reports sent to BOD members via Discord.

Report from the General Secretary – Cindy Lynde

Other than items that were discussed earlier, nothing new to report

Report from the ADO Office – Steve Brown

Area 2 Manager Roush asked how the points for players who have already played in a Cricket National Qualifier in 2024, before the decision to move the Cricket Nationals to August 2025, are being handled. It was decided those points will be moved to the 2025 rankings list.

Discussion surrounding how to reward the National Team players, given the separation of 501 Championships and Cricket Championships.

Moving forward each year the National Team will receive free entry to the Cricket Nationals that year, and the 501 Nationals the following January. They will also receive paid travel to the ADO Cricket Nationals in Florida in August. However, there is a period of adjustment for the 2024 National Team.

National Team 2024 = the top ranking point finishers of 2023

National Team 2025 = the top ranking point finishers of 2024

2025 Las Vegas Open - National Team from 2024 will receive free entry to nationals

2025 Florida ADO tournament in August - 2024 and 2025 teams will receive airfare and free entry to nationals

2026 Las Vegas Open - National Team 2025 will receive free entry

Area Manager Reports

Area 1 – Ron Peppers –

The sanctioning for the Riverboat tournament has been submitted. Possibly a few more clubs to join ADO.

Working on getting a Regional Director in place for Region 1-2.

Area 2 – Brenda Roush

National Qualifiers: 8 scheduled/held (goal 15) 12 advancers so far of 25 goal Tournaments: 13 scheduled/held (goal 13);

3 WDF tournaments toward goal of 3 WDF tournaments

ADO Organizations: 10 have paid dues out of goal of 16 Regional Directors: 3 out of goal of 5 Participation in NQs has been strong, but not as many have been scheduled as expected.

A few new tournaments have emerged, and yet some past ones are not occurring.

I have a strong prospect to fill RD 2-4 and hope to confirm by the October New Mexico Open

Put \$600 back into Region 2-5 from Kaidon Newberry's spot.

Area 2 Manager Roush explained the situation with Mr. Newberry, and stressed the need for the Area Managers to be looped in when a player gives short notice that they must cancel going to the National Finals.

Area 3 – Russ Lyzak

Absent – no report

Area 4 – Beth Newby

Area 4-2 RD Randy Harvey resigned. Trying to find another RD for that area.

All areas struggled with playoffs for Master's but area 4-2.

Area 4-6 was still trying to get Pittsburgh to pay association fees and gained a new league in Ohio (Ohio Pro Darts – OPD).

Masters event was held on May 19th in Canton.

All ADO tournaments for this year in 4-6 have been submitted and approved.

26 tournaments have been scheduled / held so far this year with 4 yet to be sanctioned. One has already sanctioned for 2025 (SFTM, \$60, \$25,000).

One tournament is outstanding on their results but the RD has been contacted to get the nudge in for the results from FDA. The form for the Rick Hughart was incorrectly filled out and Larry Stoy is waiting on the corrected form to be returned for submittal.

Of the budgeted (averaged attendance for 2024), 86% of the men have met the goal in 01, 71% of the women have met the goal in 01, 80% of the men have met the goal in cricket and 67% of the women have met the goal in cricket. The cricket goals may be impacted by a mistake from CDC in sanctioning 301 instead of cricket this year.

Area 4 has generated \$1,060 in sanctioning fees for 2024 and \$60 for 2025.

Area 5 – Dustin Story

Area 5 is mostly in a holding pattern.

Struggling still with populating 5-3 (NYC/NJ/Philly) RD, and general ADO interest in the area.

Mike French not seeking reelection - looking for new candidates

New England areas struggling with ADO participation overall, maybe we can fix that.

5-4 started strong but is fading a bit. Looking for better scheduling next year.

5-4 is interested in a WDF tournament with a bid for Masters 2025

Website - Been working on clean up and moving some things around, and basic updates, besides continuing to work on rebuilding. Also working on creating email groups.

Area 6 – Ryan Mooneyham

Absent – no report

National Youth Director Report – Carrie Demers

Posted report on Discord:

Gave a status report regarding invited youth that have responded whether they are going to the World Masters.

At Witch City tournament, Youth Nationals will be played Saturday Morning 9am \$50 to play. World Cup Qualifier Sunday 11am right after Youth/Adult \$50. Youth WDF will be in the afternoon.

All Youth players need to be informed that they will not be able to play in the adult tournament as long as they are still in the Youth Events

Old Business –

(tabled from previous meetings) Proposals for:

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

An approval process to determine which ADO-sanctioned tournaments can be WDF ranked for youth and adults

Ancillary Items –

May 18, 2024 - April 2024 (Q2-24) BOD meeting minutes were approved.

June 3, 2024 – Hotel contract for ADO-run Tournament in Florida approved

June 27, 2024 – Update to Article VIII, Section 2 approved

Date of Next (Q-4) Meeting –

Sunday, November 3, at 2p EST

Adjourned at 9:31p EDT