

American Darts Organization  
Board of Directors Meeting Q4  
November 3, 2024  
Video Conference (Discord)

Called to Order - 2:01 p EST

In Attendance-

President - James Raymond Widmayer	Area 1 Manager - Ronald B Peppers
Vice President - Dustin Lee Story	Area 2 Manager - Gary Wayne Brooks
Chief Financial Officer - Jacqueline Robbins	Area 3 Manager - Russell Bruce Lyzak
General Secretary - Brenda Roush	Area 4 Manager - Elizabeth Newby
National Youth Manager - Carrie Marie Demers	Area 5 Manager - Eric Christopher Murray
Director of Operations - Stephen Brown	Area 6 Manager - Gerad Honeyfield

Guests: Outgoing General Secretary Cynthia Annette Lynde, and Outgoing Vice President Jeffrey Douglas Olson

President Widmayer welcomed the new board members (Brooks, Murray, and Honeyfield), and expressed appreciation for the departing board members (Lynde and Olson)

### **ADO Election**

Outgoing General Secretary Lynde presented a report on the 2024 elections.

Dustin Lee Story was elected Vice President

Brenda Roush was elected General Secretary

Gary Wayne Brooks was elected Area 2 Manager

Elizabeth Newby was re-elected Area 4 Manager

Gerad Honeyfield was elected Area 6 Manager

Carrie Marie Demers was re-elected National Youth Manager

Elections for Regional Directors in Areas 1,3, and 5 are underway. Voting closes on November 8th. Winners will be announced November 10th.

Guests Olson and Lynde left the meeting

### **WDF World Masters**

Report on ADO Players at WDF World Masters was presented by Secretary Roush

The ADO sent 8 men, 4 women, and 4 youth to Budapest for the WDF World Masters.

Additional men, women, and youth participated through WDF qualification or ADO invites.

Coupled with the WDF World Masters were two other events, the WDF World Open, and the WDF World Championship Qualifier. Even more US players participated in both of these.

Eight women, 13 men, 1 boy and 2 girls advanced from the round robin play of the World Masters, including the majority of the players sent by the ADO. The top performance of a US player in the WDF World Masters was Jason Brandon, one of the 2023 ADO national winners,

who made it to the T8. In the WDF World Championship Qualifier, Jeff Springer Jr. advanced to compete at Lakeside.

Concerns about the venue were discussed including very hot temperatures and people traffic infringing on players space during matches. The onsite changes in registration process and start times caused issues for players. President Widmayer will pass along this feedback to the WDF Board.

<b>REVENUE</b>	
2023 NQ revenue	\$12,220
2024 NQ Revenue	\$12,015
2024 National Buy-ins	\$4,600
Sponsorship	\$3,000
Total Revenue	\$31,835
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
2023 Travel to national finals	\$10,301
2024 Travel to national finals	\$8,637
Dart Connect fees 2024	\$44
Travel costs for WDF World Masters	\$30,857
Entry Fees Masters and Qualifier	\$940
	\$50,779
Net Expense for WDF Masters	\$18,944

Noting the overall cost of WDF World Masters for the ADO of \$18,944, the ADO board will pursue strategies to bring down the net cost of future international events by increasing revenue through the national qualifiers, encouraging buy-ins, and seeking additional sponsors.

### **Las Vegas Open**

President Widmayer is finalizing purchase of stanchions and lighting. He has arranged for the venue to include a raised stage for the finals.

Vice President Story shared that the Live Stream sponsorships for \$200 link with all details is live on the ADO website. Additionally, we are accepting bids from sponsors interested in a wrap banner for the finals stanchion. LVO shirts available on the LVO page as of November 5th.

## **USA Dart Classic**

In honor of the many years that the Stamford, CT tournament USA Dart Classic hosted the ADO East/West Challenge and 501 Championship, the ADO has named its second signature tournament the USA Dart Classic. It will be held August 8-10, 2025 in Kissimmee, Florida. The ADO Cricket National Championship will be held in conjunction with the tournament on Friday, August 8, 2025. National Youth Manager Demers noted that Youth Nationals will be held on August 8th.

Vice President Story presented a draft flyer. After updates based on input, the flyer will be submitted to the WDF for sanctioning of its two WDF silver singles events, and posted on the ADO website.

Area Manager Brooks and Area Manager Lyzak left the meeting.

Board unanimously approved the \$30,000 payout. (8-0)

## **National Qualifiers Entry Fees**

President Widmayer brought up the idea of raising the entry fees for national qualifiers from \$60 per person to \$75 to address the fact that rising flight costs mean we continue to have financial losses on our national and international travel programs.

Director of Operations Brown left the meeting.

Vice President Story made the motion, "Starting 1/19/2025 the individual entry fee for an ADO national qualifier will be \$75, and that \$750 is required for each advancer to the national finals." Area Manager Honeyfield seconded, vote of members present to pass the motion was unanimous.(8-0)

## **Reports**

President's Report - all of President Widmayer's reports are included in topics above.

### Vice President Report

A system is being created so that players can pay NQ fees directly to the ADO. This will be rolled out in 2025.

Remind players that starting January 1 - three singles can be sanctioned at a tournament.

VP Story is rewriting the tournament sanctioning rules. They will be up on the website by 12/1.

VP Story will post a call for tournaments interested in WDF sanctioning in 2025, with a deadline of December 1st to express interest. A similar form is already on the website for WDF youth events. Since the ADO is allowed 16 WDF singles in a year, and the ADO is hosting 4 of those, the board will review the list of other interested tournaments taking note of payouts amounts, geographic diversity and various times during the year.

Tournaments interested in hosting the 2025 Masters Nationals, or US Team Nationals, must submit a bid by January 1, 2025. The ADO will announce their selection at the Las Vegas Open.

### Chief Financial Officer Report

YTD Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement as of 11/1/2024 were reviewed. Also the report of tournaments held year to date and highlighting those which are late in turning in their payments was presented. Lastly the ADO P&L for the WDF World Masters was shared.

### General Secretary Report

General Secretary Roush brought forward discussion items regarding how funds are handled with advancers from national qualifiers who do not show up at national finals events. She will compile the input from the discussion and present a proposal at the January meeting.

### National Youth Manager Report

At the 2023 Youth National, one of the winning youth players took the 2024 Masters trip, so we will only have one youth going to the 2025 World Masters. We plan to send 2 boys and 2 girls to South Korea for the World Cup.

### Area Manager Reports

Area 1: Will be reaching out to the new and re-elected Regional Directors. Still seeking a Regional Director in 1-5. Will work with Camellia Classic on making sure sanctioning paperwork gets filed on time, or early this year. Alaska continues to field a good number of tournaments.

Area 2: YTD 12 NQs scheduled/held, with 23 advancers, still have two more NQs to come; 12 tournaments held; 3 WDF tournaments; \$400 collected in sanctioning fees; collected \$2,244 in player levies. 15 ADO Organizations have paid dues; currently have Regional Directors in 2-2, 2-3, and 2-5; still seeking Regional Directors for 2-1 and 2-4. Mindy Brooks has been appointed to fill the 2-5 RD position.

Area 3: \$10K Houston Open will be held Nov 8-10 along with a NQ for 501. Nice to see growth in Houston. This next quarter will focus on more face time with Regional Directors.

Area 4: 4-2, 4-3, 4-6 NQs this month, 3 tournaments remaining for 2024, 216,000+ prize money to players. Fees so far: \$7,032, sanctioning \$1,200. For 2025 - 3 tournaments sanctioned already,

Area 5: 3 WDF for 2025 so far, one more 5-4 NQ that I know about in 2024, scouting on 5-4 RD All regions except 5-6 have a NQ completed or coming up for Vegas.

Area 6: January 7-10 is Air Cap - will have NQ

### **Old Business** (tabled from previous meetings)

What the ADO pays/covers for NQ advancers in terms of expenses

ADO League Program

National Finals Invitations to sanctioned Associations

Ranking for ADO Youth

**Ancillary Items**

August 6, 2024 - Motion by Area 5 Manager Story, seconded by General Secretary Lynde to update voter eligibility in ADO elections as follows:

POSITIONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE	CANDIDATE			
	EXECUTIVE	NATIONAL YOUTH MANAGER	AREA MANAGER	REGIONAL DIRECTOR
President	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vice President	✓	✓	✓	✓
General Secretary	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chief Financial Officer	✓	✓	✓	✓
Technology and Communications Officer	✓	✓	✓	✓
National Youth Manager	✓	✓	✓	✓
Area Manager	✓	✓	*	*
Regional Director	✓	✓	*	*
Association Representative			*	*
INDIV Members			*	*

August 7, 2024 - Motion by Area 5 Manager Story, seconded by Area Manager Roush, to update ADO Board member eligibility to include experience on ADO member boards of directors, and tournament directors of ADO sanctioned tournaments. Motion passed 10-0

August 12, 2024 - August 2024 (Q3-24) BOD meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Youth Manager Demers, Second by CFO Robbins, passed 10-0.

Next Meeting will be January 16th, 2025 10am - 3pm

Adjourned 4:50 p EST

Minutes approved 11/12/2024 by 9-0 vote (AM Peppers not voting)