



The London and District Men's Dart League



Annual General Meeting May 21, 2009

Secretary's Report 2008/09

This years Secretary's report begins with the Annual General Meeting from the 2007/08 season. With the loss of quorum at that meeting the League again lost a number of good amendments.

The first Executive meeting the President John McDowell and the Executive set out goals for improving this years League. Raising of our player membership numbers and what we could do about the continuing quorum problems at the AGM'S where two improvements that needed work.

The Board agreed that at the Captain Co-Captain/ Memorial tournament, the Board would hold a Special Meeting. At that meeting the Board asked the membership in attendance to lower the quorum from sixty (60) members to fifty (50) members in rule 2.5.1. The membership voted in favour at the Captain Co-Captain/ Memorial for the proposal to lower the quorum level at the Annual General Meeting to fifty (50) members to improve the chances of getting the entire League's business done at the AGM.

In the early meetings of this Executive it was brought to the attention of the Board that the Victory Legion's Ladies Auxiliary where not paid any gratuities and the taxes (PST/GST) for the banquets. The Board agreed to pay the gratuities \$1,104.00 to the Ladies Auxiliary since they worked so hard and produced two of the best meals at any banquet(s) in resent times. The taxes (PST/GST) are clearly included in the contract signed by the League and the Victory, so the League is not responsible to pay them.

The problem of scheduling of the divisions again came up. With a new Scorekeeper and no program to help him set up the schedules, again we scrambled to get the League schedules done. The Scorekeeper did a good job but there were mistakes that had to be fixed before we printed the schedules. The problem is that neither Maurice nor the League own a scheduling program and the Board went about to find a solution. A program was found by the Secretary that was made by the Ladies League Scorekeeper. The program that Judy Smith uses was written by her and the program comes in two different versions (2007 M.S.office and 97-2003 M.S.office). In this program all the Scorekeeper needs to do is input the team names and their venues for each division and the program does the rest. This program will also give a report on how many teams are at each venue every week so the League can now finally tell the venues that have two or more teams, one will be home every week of regular play. This program comes with two years assistance free of charge and this program is League property. The cost of the program was \$ 200.00 so the Board agreed to pay for it and the program will be used next year by the Scorekeeper.

In December the Scorekeeper/Webmaster Maurice Martel asked that he be removed from his position. Maurice was having some problems fulfilling his position because of a lot of outside issues that was demanding all of his time. John agreed to remove Maurice and install Richard Duke as the new Scorekeeper/Webmaster. The decision was made easier since Richard was already helping with the web site. Maurice would stay on as a Director taking over Richards's position.



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Another problem that had to be addressed at the December's meeting was that the charity money designated for the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program could not be given out. This charity was not answering any of the messages the Secretary left since August and it was suggested we give the money to a local charity that could use it now. The \$500.00 was split between the Youth Dart League and the London Food Bank. There were a couple of times during tournaments that the money raised though registration did not balance with the numbers of players registered. John took immediate action by stating that any member of the Board who is running any tournament is financially responsible for all money taken in from registration and donation draws. The Board member or members will replace dollar for dollar any missing money from the tournaments they are responsible for running.

The banquets this year will again be at the Victory Legion thanks to the work the Banquet Committee has done to date. But in the Executive Meeting in April the question of the Banquet Chairman Dave Sutton's (Vice-President) attendance was asked about and the Banquet Committee was very concerned with the lack of reports given up to that meeting. Dave was not at the April meeting and with the banquet only two months away and time running out, John decided to remove Dave Sutton from his position as Vice-President and Banquet Committee Chairman after letting each Board member state his opinion for and against any removal of Dave Sutton.

John made Richard Duke the new Banquet Committee Chairman after he volunteered to do both the Scorekeeper/Webmaster and Banquet Committee Chairman. John also decided to leave vacant the Vice-President's position until the election at the AGM.

One of the Presidents goals has also been started with the introduction of a Recruiting Committee. This committee is made up of four men, present and past members of the Board along with a member from the League. A nice poster has been presented to the Board from the Recruiting Committee for getting out the word about the League and where and how to contact us on the web site or dart line. This committee has also been working with the London Ladies Dart League and the Moose Lodge 1300 Youth League. Between the three leagues they came up with a name, G.L.A.D Greater London Association of Darts to help promote the playing of darts in London.

In closing this Executive has done a good job this year introducing the round robin play at the P-5th and 6th -10th tournaments and by taking steps towards increasing our membership totals with the goal of a League made up of twelve teams in the divisions again.

It has been my pleasure to work along with these men and look forward to a better League in the future.

Attendance: President: John McDowell 11, Vice President: Dave Sutton 7
Treasurer: Dave DeGroot 11, Secretary: Dan Riley 11,
Scorekeeper/Webmaster: Richard Duke 11,
Directors: Dave Twamley 11, Maurice Martel III 9,
Randy Hounsell 8, Andrew Carberry 10.

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