



# The London and District Men's Dart League



## EXECUTIVE MEETING

November 4, 2009

### ATTENDANCE

Member's Name	P/A	Member's Name	P/A
(President) John McDowell	P	(Vice President) Dave Twamley	P
(Treasurer) Dave DeGroot	A	(Scorekeeper-web) Richard Duke	P
(Secretary) Dan Riley	P	(Director) James Ataide	A
(Director ) Brian Lonsbary	A	(Director) Mike Tettmar	P
(Director) Derrick Thomas	P		

**Chair:** John

**Called to Order:** 19:40

**Minutes:** The minutes from the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting are unavailable due to the League's Secretary's computer crashing and Dan not being able to retrieve the minutes for tonight's meeting. Dan points out the last time this happened it was Dan's own computer that went down and that Dan will have his computer back shortly so Dan does not have to work with the boat anchor he has now.

**Financial Report:** Dave hands out his report to the Board and points out that the bank balance \$11,589.73 along with the G.I.C of \$20,000.00 (done on September 3<sup>rd</sup>). Dave points out that Shawn Brennerman still has not cashed his cheque from the P.D.C.'s. It is noted that Shawn still has not received the cheque as of yet because Brian has been unable to give it to him as of this meeting. Motion to accept this report by Richard, seconded by Derrick. Carried

**Reports of Officers:** Mike starts his report that he has received a couple of emails dealing with future players and he has foreword to Dan. Dan replies that he has only received one of these players' names and Mike will get Dan the other name Dan is missing.

Derrick has nothing at this time to report.

Richard has nothing at this time to report that won't be covered under New or Old Business. There are still some teams that are not reporting their scores Richard states. Dave T states that he had played a team in his division that wanted to play all of there singles first. Dave pointed out that the rules clearly state the order of play in his division (3<sup>rd</sup>) and the team that Dave was playing agreed to follow the rules from the division. Dave states that this could be a big problem in the future and that this Board should take some possible action to help prevent this form having in the near future. The Board agrees that the web page should be played as it is printed in the rule book and that there will be no exceptions allowed. The Board also agrees that the President should announce this decision to all teams that come out to the next tournament as well.



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**Reports of Officers:** Dave D has nothing at this time to report that won't be covered under Old or New Business later.

Dan hands over to Dave D the bills he has at this time along with report concerning the new & replacement players Dan has in his on him. The League computer is now back up and running thanks to some help, but all the information Dan had on the computer that was not backed up has been lost including the minutes from this year amongst other items. This computer does date back to the former Secretary (Frank Hannon) which is around nine or ten years old now. The League should maybe consider the purchase of another computer or maybe getting Dan the other computer that Richard has (and is not using). The future replacement of another computer should be discussed at a latter meeting John states and the Board agrees with.

**Old Business:** The matter from past meetings with the complaint from John McGregor against Shawn Brennerman dealing with what had happened at the P.D.C. Dan did meet with the League's Ombudsman Dave Green and Dan did ask Dave for a report concerning his finding(s) dealing with John McGregor's complaint. The report is now read to the Board and that Dave's recommendations are also read to the Board.

Dan points out this report should be given to Mr. McGregor and let John figure out what his next move will be, Dan will take this report to John in person and explain to John what this Board is thinking. The Board agrees to let Dan go to John and represent the Board when talking to John.

The Board talks briefly about what the Ombudsman report recommendations and that the Board will consider different options for sponsorship for the next time the P.D.C.'s come to town.

The Audit Committee is now discussed and Dan states that even those he had lost all of his information a member of the League (Andrew Ferguson) has volunteered to be now this committee and Bob Beamish is still willing to be on the Audit Committee as well, leaving one position left opened to be filled in later by the Board.

The subject of a player who, was registered on another team at the start of the season (and has since left that team) is brought up by Dan after a team in the Ninth Division has inquired if that player was eligible to come over to his team. Questions are asked about the rule that covers why Dan could not let that player play for the team in question. Dan quotes that according to rules 4.11 & 4.12 this player in question could not be allowed to go to the team in question. But if this was to have happened earlier in the season within the first two weeks of play then the rule 3.1 could have been used to help the team. Dan did give team a name of a replacement player and his phone number to help them out. It is pointed out by John that these rules were put in place to prevent a possible stacking of a team in the later portions the seasons

**New Business:** Dan brings up that the League has lost a Life Member, Larry Wilcox has passed away a few days ago. Larry has been a member of this League for a long time and a former Secretary of the League. John states that we will have a moment of silence for Larry at the next tournament to give the respect Larry has earned for his past work.



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**New Business:** Dan brings up a complaint from a team in the Third Division dealing with the smoke break rule. The teams in question are the Roxbury Shooters & the 60 Pounders. Dan did call both Captains and they both stated that they could not come to this meeting. they both had stated to Dan their opinions on what went down with the Captain from the 60 Pounders sending in an email to Dan with his side of this matter from the October 15<sup>th</sup> night of play. The complaint letter is read to the Board asking about the smoking rule and a matter of a mad dart being thrown at the dartboard just missing another players head. According to the complaint and the response from the that has have been read to the 60 Pounders Board the players in question asked if they wanted to go a have a smoke before the last two singles were about to start. The Captain of the Roxbury Shooters was against this and he left the venue, the players that where to play the singles all agreed to the smoke break.

The Board agrees after some discussion that if all the players that where to play those last two singles matches in question agreed to go for a smoke break the Board could not really do anything about it. But the issue of the mad dart thrown does warrant more investigation, Dan will go back to the teams and ask more questions about this serious issue.

Richard suggests that the web site be used for a list of players that are looking for teams. This space on the web site would help out teams looking for new or replacement players After some discussion the Board agrees that this would help Dan out greatly and relieve the pressure that Dan gets when people call him with their names and they wish to join the League. The web site will have only the players name and the format or divisions these players wish to play in. Dan will keep the phone numbers of these players for any team that wants the new or replacement players would than still have too contact Dan for the players contact number. Dan points out that most teams that are put into the position of having to replace a player or add a new player, the Captain's or teammates usually already have a guy or guys ready to go for their team.

Richard asks that maybe having Recruiting Committee could take this matter over in the future this would help out Dan. But the paper work and money would still have to go to the Secretary and or the Treasurer as the rule book states and since the Audit Committee has pointed out there should not have too many people handling the money.

Dan does point out that he could have an assistant (like a Director) to handle this matter, but this will be discussed at a later meeting.

Dan also points out that the Recruiting Committee has lost a member with the replacement of Mike Monk, the committee has to get another person if they so wish.

Dan also states that there are a few teams out there that have not given a proper contact phone numbers when they have moved or just changed their number and forgot too give their new number to the League. This will be look into in future meetings and Dan & Richard will try to get the numbers that they need in the mean time

Derrick suggests that the Board call a meeting for the Captains to help explain the role the Captain has on the team, dealing with the paper work and his responsibility to the League. The Board agrees with this but this matter should be done at the start of the year for any of the Captains (new or old). This could be done with a letter put into the Captain packages at the start of the season with them told to contact the Secretary or the President if they have any more questions if needed.



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**Banquet Committee:** Dave T reports that he has meet with the Victory Legion and that the amount they Legion are charging us at this time is way too much.

The Board asks Dave about the pricing the Legion is giving us for this year banquets and the possibility of maybe moving the banquets to another venue and having it on a night only. Dave answers that he would still like to keep the banquets here at the Victory and there is possible wiggle room the Legion has stated to him before.

John asks Dave to set up a meeting before our next Board meeting in December so we could make a decision on the banquets, then if it cannot be held here the League can make other arrangements.

A discussion is started about maybe having in the future, the banquets combined and done on one night like it was done years before. The only problem with this move would be the costs involved, but the League is getting smaller and one venue could hold this League on one night.

Another subject that is brought up is splitting up the Singles & Doubles nights to six or seven (or more) venues like it were in the past. This could help out all the venues the Leagues uses that have ten or more dartboards. There have been some complaints to members of this Board and past boards that the League puts to many tournaments at the Victory & Duchess Legions while other venues suffer without the benefits these tournaments bring into the venues. This will be talked about at a later meeting since we cannot due much about this years Singles & Doubles and that this would also bring back the pre-registration forms we once had to fill out in past years.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Made by Richard Seconded by Dave T

Next meeting is December 2<sup>nd</sup> 19:30

Meeting closed at 21:45

**Dan Riley**

**Secretary: L.D.M.D.L.**