



The London and District Men's Dart League



EXECUTIVE MEETING

October 1, 2014

Attendance:

Member's Name	P/A	Member's Name	P/A
(President) Richard Duke	P	(Vice President) Brian Lonsbary	P
(Treasurer) Dave DeGroot	P	(Scorekeeper-web) Andrew Ferguson	P
(Director) Jeff Beeswax	P	(Director) Peter McClung	P
(Director) Rob Jones	P	(Director) Ed Lewanick	P
(Secretary) Dan Riley	P		

Chair: Richard

Called to Order: 19:30

Announcement from the Chair: The President informs the Board that we will be addressing two important matters that have to be dealt with, before the Board continues with the normal meeting procedures. These matters are venue issues at two venues and the possible assault that happened at the Duchess of Kent last week.

Venue Issues: The President states that two venues will be discussed at this point starting with Eastsides Bar & Grill. Richard asks the Secretary to explain to the Board the concerns with this venue.

The Secretary states that he received a request from the captain of the team Porters in the 20A format. Dan states that this team is requesting to move from the Victory Legion to play out of Eastsides, but there already is one team at Eastsides now. Dan notes that the Scorekeeper had researched the schedules and there are four different nights that the Porters and Eastsides Leftovers (20B, the other home team) play out of Eastsides during the season. Dan reports that he has re-inspected the venue and told the owner of the venue that some changes will have to be made before the Executive would approve the venue for two teams.

The Secretary now states that the venue has made all of the changes that had been asked for and Dan suggests that the Board allow the Porters to play at Eastsides.

A question about sponsorship is asked while the Board is discussing this matter and the Secretary states that the Porters had paid their own registration fees, so the Victory is not losing any sponsorship money by this team moving. Dan also notes that the captain of the Porters is responsible to contact every captain in 20A to the change of venue of the Porters and the Board allows the team to move to Eastsides.

The President now addresses the venue Flavurs and the issue that has been made by the team that plays there and another team that had complained about the seating for both the teams.

The President states he has asked the Vice-President to go to Flavurs to see the playing/seating conditions with this venue and report to the Board at tonight's meeting.



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Venue Issues: The Vice-President reports that in his opinion this venue should not have been approved for having three teams play out of Flavurs. Brian states that there is not enough room on the one side for two teams to be at home at the same time because of the seating issues that are at this venue. Brian also states that there is room to improve this problem but Brian feels that a decision from this Board would go a long way to getting the owner of the venue to make the necessary changes to solve the seating problem. Until the changes have been made, Mo's Dogs are currently playing out of the Victory Legion to stop anymore complaints till after tonight's meeting.

The President now asks into the meeting the captain of Mo's Dogs which was the team that complained about seating issues to state his case about this issue at Flavurs.

Rob Melville and Tom Mitchell (Co-captain) are now welcome into the meeting to hear their concerns on this matter. Both Rob and Tom agree that the seating issue is a big problem at Flavurs and they both state that the team would gladly stay at Flavurs if the changes are done.

Rob states that there has been several promises made to him and his team but none of those promises have yet to be kept. Rob does state that the venue did sponsor his team at registration, but Rob informs the Board that his team would re-pay the fees if they have to.

Both Rob and Tom leave the meeting to allow the Board to make a decision on this venue.

The Board now discusses the matter with various members stating their opinions of the matter. The subject of the sponsorship is also discussed with the Board noting that the venue has not followed the requirements the League asks for a venue to host a team(s).

A motion is made by the Vice-President stating that Flavurs will be given thirty (30) days to make the necessary changes to improve the playing areas and this includes the seating areas to League standards. Mo's Dogs will be allowed to play at the Victory Legion for the thirty day period that has been given to Flavurs. Mo's Dogs will be allowed to move to another venue for the rest of this season if those changes are not made, seconded by the Treasurer, carried.

The Board agrees that the President will go and inform Flavurs of the Board decision.

Rob and Tom are now welcomed back into the meeting and the President informs them of the Executive decision on their venue. Rob is informed that he must contact the other captains (20A) of his team venue change for all home games.

Complaint: The President now informs the Board about an assault that was made by three members of the League on another member of the League. This happened last Thursday night (Sept 26) at the Duchess of Kent. Richard states that he had received a phone call from the Scorekeeper informing him that a League member had been assaulted. This member was taken to the hospital by ambulance and that the police are also now involved in this matter.

The President states he started to investigate this issue right away with Richard talking to the member that was assaulted and witnesses that had seen the assault and are willing to give a statement of what they saw last week at the Duchess. Richard states that the players that did the assault were identified to be players from the team Intimadarters and that Richard had instructed the Secretary to contact that team to have them here tonight.

The President also notes that the police have now charged three members from the Intimadarters with assaulting the other League player.

The Secretary states that he did contact the team captain and that the team captain/team would be here tonight. The Secretary states he was also contacted by the investigating police officer for contact information on the Intimadarters



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Complaint: The Intimidarters are now asked into the meeting at this time. Four of the five team players are here tonight and they are Jeff and Chris Sheffield, Jake Trelford and Gregory Bernard. The fifth member of the team (Cris Fletcher) is not here tonight, but was told by the team captain to attend this meeting.

The President now asks Jeff Sheffield (captain) for his side of what happened at the Duchess last Thursday.

Jeff replies that since this is now a matter before the courts (hearing Nov 6/14); Jeff has been instructed not to answer any questions by his lawyer.

The President now asks Jake Trelford the same question and Jake states that he didn't see how it started or got involved and didn't see any of his teammates get involved.

The Scorekeeper states that something did definitely happen since Andrew did go to the hospital and try to get more information on this matter, before contacting the President.

The President now states to the Intimidarters that he has witness statements that put the brothers and another player from that team hitting and kicking the member that was put in the hospital that night.

The team states that the missing teammate (Chris Fletcher) was the one who struck and beat up the other member in the Duchess parking lot.

The Scorekeeper asks another question to the Intimidarters about why they left their darts and supplies in the Duchess that night.

The team answers that they just forgot their darts and supplies in the Duchess that night.

Gregory Bernard states that he didn't see anything happen that night and he believes that his teammates were not involved.

The Vice-President asks the team (to make it clear) if any charges were laid against them and they answered yes that Jeff, Chris S and Jake were all charged. Jake adds in that he didn't do anything and doesn't know why he was charged.

The President now asks the Intimidarters to leave the room at this time so the Board can discuss what they have heard and make a decision on this matter.

The team gets up and leaves the meeting at this time.

The Board now discusses everything they have heard in length from the Intimidarters and the Board agrees that rule 5.4 has been broken by at least three members of the Intimidarters. A question about what the Board does with the team and the one player that had left the Duchess before the incident happened is discussed. Also discussed, since the Board agrees that rule 10.2 was also broken, is if there enough evidence to suspend the team. After the Board had discussed all the facts we have a motion.

The Scorekeeper motions that the Intimidarters team be suspended for the remainder of the season and this includes all functions with the exception of the AGM in the April. At the AGM the membership will discuss and decide the fate of the Intimidarters that have been suspended. Only Gregory Bernard will be allowed to join another team for the rest of this season, seconded by Director Ed. This motion is carried with two Board members abstaining from this motion.

The President asks the Intimidarters back into the meeting at this time to hear the Board's decision on this matter.

The President explains the Board's decision to the Intimidarters and also states that no one on the Board wants to suspend any team, but the Board is left with no other solution in this matter.



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Complaint: After hearing the Board's motion that the team has been suspended, Chris S asks what will happen to the team if the courts either drop or throw out the charges against them in November.

The Secretary states that the League cannot over rule the legal system, but the League has a much lower standard of guilt in cases like this one. Since the rulebook is clear, the captain (Jeff) and co-captain (Chris S) both did attend the Memorial tournament where the President did state there will be no tolerance to any League member who is found to be bullying or fighting another member of the League. Dan also states that if any or all of the team members that have the charges dropped by the courts, then those players from the Intimidarters can tell that to the membership at the AGM.

The Intimidarters are also told that they can talk to the League's Ombudsman if they wish to see if they can appeal the Board's ruling as soon as possible and the team begins to leave the meeting at this time.

Before he leaves Chris S asks about what input Director Rob had in this process, since Rob plays on the same team that the assaulted player plays on.

The President states that Director Rob had no input on any discussions in this matter, Richard points out that Rob had no part in discussions and he also abstained when the vote on suspending the Intimidarters happened.

The Board agrees to have a 10 minute break at this time (21:00).

Past Minutes: The minutes from the Sept 4th meeting had been emailed to the Board members before tonight's meeting the Secretary states. Board members agree with the minutes other than a couple of spelling errors. The Secretary motions to accept the minutes, seconded by Director Pete, carried.

Financial Report: The Treasurer hands out his monthly report noting that all of the bills have been paid up till tonight's meeting. Dave also points out that the bank account balance is \$6,227.10 and the GIC is \$25,000.00. Dave states that rest of his report will be covered later under old and new business. The Treasurer motions to accept the financial report as given, seconded by the Secretary, carried.

Reports of Officers: The President and Directors Jeff, Rob and Ed have no report at this time of tonight's meeting.

Director Pete hands over to the Secretary three inspection reports that he has finished.

The Scorekeeper asks who has the paperwork from the Captain/Co-Captain-Memorial tournament and is handed those papers by the Treasurer. Andrew now apologizes to the Board and the membership for a few errors that have appeared on the web site this year. Andrew has been very busy this year and just made a few mistakes. Andrew states he is also very pleased with all the teams reporting of scores online. Andrew notes that last week was the first time this year that Andrew had to send out a reminder email to the teams (8) that did not report.

A couple of questions are asked to the Scorekeeper about teams in Premier and 20A formats standings. First question is about the team Inflight and their recording of scores from last week and Director Pete says that the captain of Inflight did report his scores on time, but didn't get the night's results recorded.



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Reports of Officers: The Scorekeeper now checks the file where the scores are recorded and finds that Inflight did report their scores and Andrew now adjusts the standings for Premier.

The second question comes from the Secretary who was approached by Bryan Moore while the Board had its 10 minute break. Dan invites Bryan into the meeting and Bryan's question is why in the 20A format there are too many teams with wins from last week. Bryan states that he believes the scores from the Porters/Eagles game just doesn't add up.

The Scorekeeper again checks the reporting file and finds that Andrew gave the Eagles a win that night, but they reported only 9 games for. Andrew now corrects the standings in 20A giving the Eagles the loss that they reported. Bryan Moore now leaves the meeting and thanks the Board for hearing his concern.

The Vice-President now reports that he is still waiting for the Western Fair to contact him about the banquet contract signing. Brian states that this should be done before our next meeting.

The Treasurer now reports that he received a new player add on form from the Wolfpack. Dave now hands the paperwork to the Secretary and Dave notes that the \$60.00 was in his financial report given earlier in the meeting.

The Treasurer also notes that he has paid back the Moose Lodge 1300 and the Victory Legion for the overpayments the two venues had made. Dave notes that he has received new checks and paid both venues by check.

The Secretary now reports that he has received some correspondence and reads them to the Board. Dan also hands over to the Treasurer the receipts he has and the \$55.00 for his portion of the phone/internet bill. Dan does point out that the internet bill is \$18.80 over and above the normal payment so Dan hands over \$19.00 to cover that portion of the bill for a total of \$74.00 paid.

The Secretary also hands over to the Treasurer \$545.00 in new/replacement players for the last month; the Treasurer confirms this amount a few minutes later.

Director Pete now leaves the meeting at this time (21:38).

The President now addresses a possible issue that seems to be popping up with the Ombudsman. This issue is that it seems some members of the League are asking John about things that should be directed towards the Executive first before the Ombudsman gets involved. The President will talk to the Ombudsman about this and report back in the November meeting.

Old Business: The Secretary now reports on his findings for purchasing enough tags for every Board member to run the tournaments. Dan states that he was to purchase enough tags so that every Board member have 100 tags for the running of the tournaments. Dan shows only one set (of 100 tags) and states this set costs just above \$20.00. Dan thought that this is too much money and not everyone needs 100 tags.

The Board now discusses this and asks the Secretary how much 50 tags cost and Dan states \$8.93 at Staples. The Board agrees that the costs of 100 tags is too much and now asks Dan to only get only 50 tags for every Board member.

The one set of 100 tags is handed to the President of his use at tournaments.

The signup sheet that the Secretary has made is now discussed with all tournaments being now discussed and two members are signed to each tournament with the exception of singles and doubles.



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Old Business: The Secretary now brings up the issue of new/replacement players not getting their players card from him within the two weeks of signing up to a team. Dan wants the permission to suspend the players that Dan still has player's cards for.

The Board now debates this request and agrees that the Secretary should call each team captain that has a new/replacement player signed up, but don't have that player's card yet. Dan is instructed to tell each captain that they must meet up with the Secretary by the Fred Parry tournament next week or these players will be suspended until the players cards are picked up from the Secretary.

The Treasurer now asks about the \$5.00 fee that is supposed to be placed in a separate account. Dave states that he has checked into a GIC and a business savings account for the extra money raised by this fee and now discusses those options with the Board.

The Treasurer also notes that until the deadline for signing new players has passed Dave will not know the total amount of money the extra \$5.00 fee will bring in.

The Board agrees that until the January 31 deadline passes the total amount will be unknown, so the Board instructs the Treasurer to have the total for the February meeting and then this amount will be placed in a GIC that month.

New Business: The President now asks the Vice-President to contact Van Rock Sound ASAP to reserve the same DJ (Mark) for this season's year end banquet.

The President also asks the Secretary to contact both the Duchess of Kent and Jimbo's to inform them of the Board's decision around the Intimadarters suspension.

The Secretary now asks that since the Intimadarters are now suspended all points, 180's and high outs should be erased from the standings that involved the suspended team.

The Board agrees with the Secretary and instructs the Scorekeeper to erase the standings that the Intimadarters are in and every team will now have a bye week when the schedule has their team playing the Intimadarters.

The Board also instructs the Secretary to contact every team in 6B of the Board's decision around the Intimadarters and tell each team captain in 6B that a bye week will now happen when each team plays the Intimadarters .

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Director Ed

Next meeting is Nov 5 at 19:30

Meeting closed at 22:14

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