



The London and District Men's Dart League



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 21, 2015

Called to Order:

Time 20:00 Hrs. Membership 50
Doors Closed 20:10

Roll Call of Officers:

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

Appointment of Sergeant at Arms: Peter McClung

Chair: Richard Duke

Past AGM Minutes: Minutes from the May 22, 2014 AGM are presented and read by the membership at the meeting.

Motioned to accept the May 22 /14 minutes is made by Secretary, seconded by Todd T carried.

Presidents Report: The President's report is read to the membership and Richard thanks the Executive members and the membership for another good year.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer now gives a summary of the 2014-2015 finances for the current year. Dave states that this year's finances are looking very good and we are in a good financial position for this year's banquet.

The Chairman of the Financial Review Committee Brian Harris gives the Committee report for the Aug 1 2013- Jul 31 2014 season. Brian states that all records of incoming and outgoing money has been properly noted and recorded by the Treasurer and Secretary.

Motion to accept the reports as given is made by the Treasurer, seconded by Ben G.

The Chair calls for any questions on these reports.

Question from Ben G about the monies the League has been paying internet/phone bills for the Secretary and Scorekeeper/Webmaster.

The President answers this question by explaining that the League pays half of the internet for the both Scorekeeper/Webmaster and the Secretary. But the Secretary pays the League the other half of the phone and internet bill at every regular Executive meeting. Richard states that the phone is used as the contact number for the League.

Casper K asks about the sign rentals that the League has been paid for on this report and that they should be under a different heading, like advertising.

The Treasurer agrees with the member's idea and will try to make the proper adjusts for the next year. Dave also states that this question is from the Treasurer's report from last year.



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Treasurers Report: A question from Mark A asking about the League start up costs and what goes into the amount shown in this report.

The Treasurer states that the various startup costs that the League has every year which includes registration night, set up day, Executive shirts and oche line chains.

The President adds in that any past Board members here tonight already know how much time it takes to register the League and then divide it up on the following Sunday which takes all day usually, Richard explains to the Membership.

The Chair now calls for a vote on both the Treasurer's Report and Financial Committee Report. Both reports are carried

Secretary's Report: The Secretary discusses his report with the membership. Dan explains some of the matters that were pointed out in this report.

A motion is made by the Secretary to accept this report as given, seconded by Dave T.

The Chair calls for any questions on the Secretary's report.

Hearing no question, the Chair now asks for a vote on the Secretary Report, carried

Honorariums: The Chair now addresses the Rule 2.2.13 that deals with the monies that the Executive is paid for their honorariums.

Dave T motions that the Executive get paid the honorariums, seconded by Dave S carried.

New Business: The Chair now addresses the charities for this year. The Chair states that the League has \$2,400.00 for the charities this year.

A motion is made by John Mc that the League top up the charity money up to a total of \$ 2,500.00, seconded by Ben G carried.

The Chair now opens up nominations for this year's charities, Richard notes that it has been tradition that only the Youth Darts (Moose Lodge 1300) get a charity check each year and that any charities that received a check from the League last year will not be eligible for nomination this year.

Other than the Youth Darts the following charities nominated are Junior Diabetes, Heart and Stoke Fund, Beast Cancer Soc., Sunshine Foundation, Homeless Veterans Fund, Men's Mission and Boys and Girls Club

The Chair notes that we will only give money to four of these charities nominated since the Youth Darts charity will be the League's fifth (5) charity for this year and all charities will receive a cheque for \$500.00.

After a brief vote, the Chair announces that Youth Darts, Heart and Stroke Fund, Homeless Veterans Fund, Boys and Girls Club and Sunshine Foundation will be our charities this year.

The Chair now asks for a motion to pay these five (5) charities each \$500.00.

Motion to give a \$500.00 cheque to each of the nominated charities is made by Dave T, seconded by Ben G, carried.



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New Business: The Chair now addresses an issue that the team Intimadarters where involved in.

The President states that there was an investigation into a complaint against the team Intimadarters and the Board suspended four players from that team for the rest of the season.

The President invites two members from the Intimadarters to speak on their behalf about that incident and what has happened since.

Both Jeff S and Jake T state that they were charged with assault by the London Police. Both men state that the charges were dropped and that the players on the Intimadarters have learn a valuable lesson and they just want to play darts again.

The Chair opens up this part for any questions towards either Jeff or Jake.

Todd T asks about an apology from the players involved towards the player that was assaulted.

The President states that the Board didn't give them a chance to give an apology since it was before the courts.

Justin R states that maybe this team should not be allowed together next year.

Ben G states that there should be no tolerance given to the members of this team for the next few years if an issue like this one comes before the Executive.

John Mc states that it is a very good thing that these two men are here tonight to explain their situation and John motions that the League allow the Intimadarters to play again next year, seconded by Paul H, carried.

Election of Officers: The Chair now opens up the elections for the next year. The President asks Brian Harris to Chair the election with Rob Mc and Paul H helping with this Committee.

Note from the Secretary: All nominated names have either an (S) to state he will stand for office or a (D) to decline the nomination for office beside their names.

Brian H now asks for nominations for the President of the Executive Board. Members nominated are Brian Lonsbary (D), Richard Duke (S) and Dave Twamley (S) Dave DeGroot (D) and John McGregor (D).

New Amendments: The Chair opens the amendment portion of the meeting.

The Secretary reminds everyone that all the proposed amendments are in the numerical order and will be place the same way in the Rulebook.

The President now states that the first amendments are housekeeping amendments trying to correct misspelling or wrong references to other rules.

Proposed by the Secretary

1) Rule 3: Remove "10 Game Format (5th)" from this line.

Motion is seconded by Mark T.

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion, none asked.

The Chair now asks for a vote on this amendment, this amendment is carried.



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New Amendments: Proposed by the President

2) *Delete this line in Rule 3: " To register as a player (Member) with the LDMDL requires a \$50.00 fee plus an extra \$5.00 fee for a total of \$55.00 dollars."*

Replace deleted line in Rule 3 with: "To register as a player (Member) with the LDMDL requires a fee to be determined by the Executive annually plus a \$5.00 fee to be allocated to the 75th anniversary fund".

Motion is seconded by Rod O

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion.

Question from Caper K about the registration money for next year, will it change.

The President states that there will be no increase next year.

The Chair now asks for a vote on this amendment, this amendment is carried.

Election of Officers: The results of the election for President is now announced and the President for the next two-year term is Richard Duke

Nomination for Vice President is now opened members nominated Brian Lonsbary (S), Dave DeGroot (D), Dave Twamley (S) and John McGregor (D).

New Amendments: Proposed by the President

3) *Change to Rule 5:* Thursday night start times to 7:30pm (from 8:00pm) for all regular play.

Motion is seconded by Todd T

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion.

Various questions from the membership around the starting time and the difficulty of players who do their best to make it to the venues by 8pm now, this new starting time will be almost impossible for those members at least.

The Chair now asks for a vote on this amendment, this amendment is defeated

Election of Officers: The results of the election for Vice President is now announced and the Vice President for the next two-year term is Brian Lonsbary

Nominations for Treasurer are now opened, Dave DeGroot (S)

With no other members nominated Dave DeGroot is the Treasurer for the next two-year term.

Nominations for Secretary are now opened, Dan Riley (S), Andrew Ferguson (D).

With no other members nominated Dan Riley is the Secretary for the next two-year term.

Nominations for Scorekeeper are now opened, Andrew Ferguson (S), Jeff Beeswax (D), Ben Garner (S).



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New Amendments: Proposed by the President

4) *New to Rule 5:* All League tournaments will start at 7:30pm.

Motion is seconded by Derek T.

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion.

After discussion on this amendment a motion to this motion by John Mc to have this amendment will now read “All League Thursday night tournaments will start at 7:30 (19:30), seconded by Terry P.

The original proposer agrees with this amendment to his original motion and is now carried after a vote.

Proposed by the Vice President

5) *New to Rule 5:* The Executive has the right to hold tournaments on a Saturday to promote the League.

Motion is seconded by Richard G.

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion.

Various questions from the membership about the motion are now asked with the Vice President stating his reasons.

The Vice President states that the idea behind this motion is to allow the Board to run extra tournaments other than the normal. Brian says that no money from the League will be used only the monies raised will be paid out and these tournaments may bring people out that are not playing in the League now.

The Chair now asks for a vote on this amendment, this amendment is carried.

Election of Officers: The results of the election for Scorekeeper is now announced and the Scorekeeper for the next two-year term is Andrew Ferguson

The Secretary now does a Point of Order since the next election of officers is the Directors (4) positions and motion no. 19 has bearing now the duties of the Directors.

The Chair agrees with the Point of Order and motion no. 19 is now discussed.

New Amendments: Proposed by John McGregor

19) *Rule 12.4: PART 6 presently reads: Secretary will also accept any protests by email made within seven (7) days of the occurrence.*

The Executive Board may appoint a member of the League to be assistant Secretary if necessary. He shall perform the normal duties of Secretary, if called upon to do so. The assistant Secretary will not have voting privileges at Executive board meetings.

John Mc states, for the sake of future good order and continuity in the important position of Secretary, it is proposed that this should now read:



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Change to Rule 12.4 Part 6: Secretary will also accept any protests by email made within seven (7) days of the occurrence

The Executive Board must appoint one of the elected Directors to take up the position of Assistant Secretary in addition to the normal duties of a Director.

The Assistant Secretary will, in the eventuality of the Secretary being unable to perform his duties, take on the full time position of Secretary and all duties attendant to that position.

The Secretary will ensure that the Assistant Secretary is made aware of how the minutes are constructed and produced and how all files are maintained. Further, he will ensure that the Assistant is fully conversant with the Constitution and the Rules of the League and is aware of the use of Roberts Rules of Order.

Motion is seconded by Casper K.

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion.

The Secretary now addresses this amendment and gives a quick break down of his duties to the membership and the possibility of the Secretary training a new assistant every year.

Todd T asks that if this amendment is passed will the Assistant Secretary share the duties with the Secretary.

John Mc states that he put this amendment in for the possibility of a sitting Secretary being unable to fulfill his duties and this Assistant Secretary could take over the position very easily without the League having any major issues in this matter.

The Secretary points out that the Board will have to fill the empty Secretary's position according to the rules already laid out in the rulebook.

The Treasurer states that this motion is forcing the Secretary to mentor a Director and this amendment may stop some members from running for the Directors position.

The President now states that he knows that Dan already has everything he does on templates, which will be easy to follow. Richard adds in the only thing a new Secretary will have to learn is the little things like booking meeting and so forth.

The Chair now asks for a vote on this amendment, this amendment is defeated.

Election of Officers: Nominations for the Directors (4) is now opened Justin Ryan (S), Ken Vowles Jr (S), Terry Pettigrew (D), Dave DesChamp (S), Dave Twamley (S), Jeff Beeswax (S), Ed Lewanick (S), Todd Thomas (S), Mark Allard (D), Kerry DeShane (S), Peter McClung (S), Jeff Sheffield (S), Ben Garner (S) and Robin Boocock (D).



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New Amendments: Proposed by John McGregor

5A) *New to Rule 5:* League Tournament play may be held on weekends at the discretion of the Executive Board and at a time and venue set by the Board.

Motion is seconded by Terry P.

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion.

The membership is now told by John Mc. that this motion would have all League tournaments on weekends.

The Chair now asks for a vote on this amendment, this amendment is defeated.

Proposed by the Secretary

6) *Delete this line from Rule 6.10:* *The remaining scores shall appear side by side in the center of the score board with the players' points scored on the outside of the scoreboard.*

Motion is seconded by Todd T.

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion, none asked.

The Chair now asks for a vote on this amendment, this amendment is carried.

6A) *Move Rule 6.10 to make it Rule 6B.5:* *This rule should be under Rule 6B "Chalking and Scoring.*

Motion is seconded by John Mc.

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion, none asked.

The Chair now asks for a vote on this amendment, this amendment is carried.

7) *New to Rule 6B.5:* The preferred method of chalking will be left to right (score, total, score and total) for all in regular and tournament games in the LDMDL.

Motion is seconded by Mark T.

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion.

The Secretary states that this motion is to make the League chalking the same as the rest of the darting world.

The Chair now asks for a vote on this amendment, this amendment is carried.

8) *Change Rule 7.1:* "10 Game Format (5th)" to 12 Game format.

Motion is seconded by Mark T.

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion, none asked.

The Chair now asks for a vote on this amendment, this amendment is carried.



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New Amendments: Proposed by the Vice President

9) *Delete this line from Rules 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5: Each player must play in ONE Singles match 2 out of 3 and the player must play in ONE Doubles match 2 out of 3 for all team players in attendance.*

Change to Rules 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5 to read: “The acting Captain/Co-Captain must offer the opportunity to play singles and doubles matches to all team members in attendance each night”.

Motion is seconded by Ben G.

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion.

The Vice President states that the way the rule is currently written all players that show up must play one singles and one doubles matches. Brian states that he or any other member shouldn't be forced to play every night if they are not able to, due to an injury or illness but the player wants to watch their team anyway.

Another member speaks in support of this motion stating that due to his current condition he is unable to play, but he wants to watch his team still play.

The Secretary speaks against this motion by saying that the way the rule is currently written is just fine. The idea behind having everyone in attendance play at least one singles and one doubles matches were to make sure that every player gets a chance to play. Dan is worried that a player may only get to play one game all night and that's not right.

The Chair now asks for a vote on this amendment, this amendment is carried.

Election of Officers: The result of the election for Directors (4) is now announced and the Directors for the next one-year term are Peter McClung, Jeff Beeswax, Ed Lewanick and Ben Garner.

The Elections Chairman now motions to have all ballots destroyed is now made, seconded by Rod O, carried.

Break: A motion is made by Dave T to have a ten-minute break, seconded by Ben G.

The President now calls for a vote on this motion for a ten-minute break.

The motion is carried so the President states that we will have a break (22:03).

Meeting Resumes: The President now calls the meeting back to order (22:16) and we now have forty (40) members of the League in attendance.



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New Amendments: Proposed by John McGregor

10) *Change to Rule 7.3: It is proposed that this rule be amended by deleting the 2 Team Games thus making this an 18 game format as follows:*

Rule 7.3: In the 18 Game Format line-ups for all night's matches (singles/doubles) will be exchanged prior to nights start (8:15 pm deadline), except team game (s), it can be made out at team play time. A team that only has three (3) players must disclose all games that are to be forfeited prior to line-up exchanges. Once the line-ups are exchanged NO alterations will be allowed for any reason. In the event there are players' names inserted for play (singles/doubles) and that player is not in attendance when called to play, then that match is forfeited (by the offending player). All matches/games must be completed and have a result entered on the score sheet (win or loss), forfeited matches/games are marked as a loss. Each player must play in ONE Singles match 2 out of 3 and the player must play in ONE Doubles match 2 out of 3 for all team players in attendance. No player may play more than 3 singles matches and cannot play 3 matches in the same format (301/501). No player may play more than 3 doubles matches and cannot play more than twice with the same partner. Nights Singles and Doubles must be played simultaneously on two (2) boards, in order of play (according to the formats). If a third game is needed in Singles or Doubles, winner of the coin toss will start the third game. Rule (Break Rule 6.5) may be applied before the second sets of doubles games are started. The nights' results will be two (2) points for a win (10 matches/games or greater won). One (1) point for a tie (9-9) and zero (0) points for a loss (8 matches/games or less won). In the event 2 or more teams are tied in points at season's end (Rule 7) is used.

18 GAME FORMAT

Singles X 4 sets (2 of 3 games) 501 straight in double out
Doubles X 2 sets (2 of 3 games) 601 straight in double out
Singles X 4 sets (2 of 3 games) 301 double in double out
Break Rule 6.5

Doubles X 4 sets (2 of 3 games) 601 straight in double out
Singles X 4 sets (2 of 3 games) 501 straight in double out

Motion is seconded by Mark T.

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion.

John Mc now explains why he would like to see the two team game eliminated from the 20 game format, making the new format of 18 games, all singles and doubles. John states that the night is just too long and the elimination of the two team games would speed up the night.

The Secretary states that the format has been the same for the last several years and some nights do drag on, but Dan doesn't think that the team games are to blame for the night dragging on. Dan states that if teams in the 20 game format have one or two have singles or doubles matches go to the third game, that's where the night drags on.

Several other members stand up and voice their support for this amendment and call for a vote.

The Chair now asks for a vote on this amendment, this amendment is carried.



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New Amendments: Proposed by the President

11) *Delete Rule 7.3: Eliminate the 20 game format and shift the teams to play the 20 game Premier format.*

The proposer of this amendment says he wishes to withdraw this amendment at this time.

Proposed by the Secretary

The Secretary now requests the Chair to group amendments 12, 13, 14 and 15 to be discussed and voted on as one big amendment since this amendment covers all the formats that have singles and doubles play.

The Chair agrees with the Secretary and now states that we will be discussing and voting on amendments 12, 13, 14 and 15 together.

12) *Add to Rule 7.2: If a team only has three (3) players then that team must forfeit three (3) singles matches and four (4) doubles matches.*

13) *Add to Rule 7.3: If a team only has three (3) players then that team must forfeit three (3) singles matches and three (3) doubles matches.*

14) *Add to Rule 7.4: If a team only has three (3) players then that team must forfeit two (2) singles matches and two (2) doubles matches.*

15) *Add to Rule 7.5: If a team only has three (3) players then that team must forfeit one (1) singles match and two (2) doubles matches.*

Motion is seconded by Dave T.

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion.

The Secretary states that in every format there are limitations to the number of matches one player can play in. This rule change would make it clear to everyone what will happen as far as number of games a team must forfeit if they only have three players show up and play at the start of the night.

Terry P states that in the 16 game format a team that has only three players show up, that team only forfeits one singles match. Terry also says that the way the format is allows a team to do that.

The Secretary answers that statement by saying it is more a punishment to a team that has only three players, since if that team is a good team they could dominate the division.

The Chair now asks for a vote on these amendments, the motion is carried.

16) *Delete this line from Rule 7.5: "You must have 4 players to play Singles and Doubles, if you have only 3 players you must forfeit 1 Singles match and also forfeit 1 Doubles match".*

Motion is seconded by Dave T.

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion.

The Secretary states that since the just past amendments this current rule is not needed.

The Chair now asks for a vote on this amendment, this amendment is carried.



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New Amendments: Proposed by the Secretary

17) Change Rule 7.5 format to read:

*Doubles X 4 sets (2 of 3 games) 601 straight in double out
2 X Teams games 1001 straight in double out.*

Break Rule 6.5

Singles X 6 sets (2 of 3 games) 501 straight in double out

Motion is seconded by the Scorekeeper.

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion.

The Secretary states that this amendment was given to him last year, but it was past the deadline for amendments and Dan felt that this amendment should be included this year.

Several members ask the secretary why he wants to change this format.

The Secretary states that in his opinion he would like to see a night of play decided by the singles matches instead of the way it is.

The Chair now asks for a vote on this amendment, this amendment is defeated.

18) Delete from Rule 10 Part C: “All submissions must still be done within ten (10) days of alleged violation”.

Change to Rule 10 Part C “All submissions must still be done within seven (7) days of alleged violation”.

Motion is seconded by Terry P.

The Chair now opens this motion for discussion.

The Secretary states that the change to this rule is a simply the number of days a member has to file any complaint to the Secretary. Dan notes that in Rule 5.16 it states that all protests must be to the Secretary in seven (7) days. This amendment just makes it less confusing in the rules and members can email the complaint to the Secretary or place a complaint in the League box.

The Chair now asks for a vote on this amendment, this amendment is carried.

Discussion from the floor: The Chair now opens the floor to the membership for any question they may have.

John Mc asks why the Executive Board is not following Rule 12.8 for tonight's meeting. John states that the Board should be dressed in a shirt a tie and not in the Executive shirts they are currently wearing.

The President acknowledges this fact and states that a next year's AGM the Board will be dressed according to the Rule 12.8.

Caspar K thanks the League for their support to the Victory Legion and a great year overall that we just had.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Caspar Koevoets

Meeting closed at 23:30

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