



# The London and District Men's Dart League



## EXECUTIVE MEETING

July 22, 2015

### 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 ) Ed Lewanick	P	(Director) Ben Garner	P
(Secretary) Dan Riley	P		

Chair: Richard

Called to Order: 19:35

**Complaint's from the President:** The President starts the meeting with a statement about having two complaints involving two current serving Board members.

The President states that both of these Board members voting privileges are now suspended until these complaints are dealt with.

Richard starts by first asking Director Jeff to leave the meeting at this time (19:40).

After Director Jeff leaves, the Secretary enquires why the other member (in trouble) is allowed to stay and the President informs the Secretary the other Board member in trouble tonight is the Secretary himself.

The President starts by saying he has five main issues that he is accusing the Secretary of doing. Richard now explains these accusations to Dan and the Board.

Dan asks if he can see the complaint to answer the accusations, but the President states he has the floor now and the Secretary will get to answer everything later when the President is done talking.

1) The President starts by accusing the Secretary of not following Board instructions on the statement he made to the 20 game format doubles tournament last March. Richard states that Dan was going to name the President and Ombudsman as players/teams that were not following the 20 game formats. Richard says that Dan's comment to him at that time was "I can say whatever I want". This statement got the President extremely mad at Dan. The Secretary is also accused of having the same attitude at the AGM when he disagreed with someone's opinion and Dan was out of order. Richard points out that Dan had also been telling the President how to run the meeting (AGM) at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting..

2) Surrounding the possible purchase of League pens, Dan stands accused of saying "well the President doesn't get a vote" and this surrounds another member getting the approval to go and purchase the pens with the President's okay even though it will cost over \$700.00. This caused the Board member ordering the pens to almost resign his position and this took place in a venue in front of other members and players from the youth league that witnessed this statement.

There were three senior members of the Board at that establishment that night.



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**Complaint's from the President:** 3) The actual statement made by Dan "well the President doesn't get a vote" shows no respect from Dan towards the President out in public and Richard feels that he is being belittled by Dan.

The Secretary denies he made that statement, but the President states he has the floor and tells Dan he will be allowed to answer that statement later.

4) Richard states that this meeting (for Aug 5) was to be rescheduled to the week of July 29th and Dan again did his own thing by putting the meeting tonight, a week earlier than Richard wanted. Richard also states that Dan shouldn't be asking "why" Richard is changing the meeting date, when Dan has no say and he should just do what he is told. When Richard asked about the Director's list, Dan also asked why and again Richard states that Dan should just do it no questions asked.

5) Richard states that Dan also didn't place a proposed rule change properly in the Rulebook.

The President accuses the Secretary of purposely not placing the format change to Rule 7.2 in the Rulebook that was passed at the AGM. Richard continues by saying that it seems awfully funny that the proposed rule change that Dan was very much against is not put into the Rulebook as it was proposed and passed at the AGM. This in itself is troublesome Richard says and it seems that Dan will do anything to interfere with this rule change. Richard will not go through another year of Dan changing the Rulebook to the way he wants it, Richard wants to know what's going on.

The Secretary is now handed a paper from the President noting the information around the accusations for Dan to see and defend himself.

1) The Secretary now addresses the first item by asking what exactly does the President mean by the problem with the statement he made at the 20 game format doubles last March.

The President states again that Dan was going to mention names and Richard admits that his team was involved in the problem, but all the other teams in 20B were playing that way as well.

The Secretary now says that in his speech he gave, he didn't mention either the President or Ombudsman by name, position or any team when he made his speech about teams in the 20B format playing all the games as laid out in Rule 7.2. Dan carries on by saying that it's every Board member's duty to be enforcing the Rulebook as it is written and defend it at all times or what good are we. Discussing the other parts of number one Dan states that what he said at the last Board meeting was that the member who is proposing a rule change at the AGM should be the one to explain the proposed change, not the President or Chair. Dan was not telling Richard how to run the AGM. As for arguing at the AGM, Dan was expressing his opinion only. Dan states that you can either like or dislike what he says, Dan is fine with that but you know at least where Dan stands.

2) The Secretary states that as far as the pen situation, Dan found out the costs after the other two senior Board members were told about the costs of the pens. Dan supported the statement "well the President doesn't get a vote" that was made by another Executive member who is here tonight, but Dan did not make the statement he is being accused of. As for making a Board member feeling that he should resign, Dan actually sent an email off supporting him. Dan states that at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting a Board member was assigned to research the costs and when he told the cost to the President, Richard approved the order. The President disagrees with that last statement, but the Secretary states that the costs were to be emailed to the Board for their approval.



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3) If agreeing with a statement made by another senior Executive member is belittling the President. Dan didn't mean for that to happen, but Dan again reminds the President, that he didn't make that statement only agreed with it.

**Complaint's from the President:** 4) If the Secretary can't ask any questions "why" the meeting was being moved and or "why" the Secretary needs to bring the last election results when told by the President to, then there's no the communication between the two offices. Dan says that he has asked these questions many times before to Richard in the past. Richard has always said why he wanted to move a meeting or have a special meeting to deal with a League matter that needs to be addressed. The moving of tonight's meeting from Aug 5th to what Dan finds out was supposed to be July 29<sup>th</sup> was caused by Dan not understanding the President's wishes. This mistake was made over the phone in a conversation with the President. Dan only wonders why he can't ask any questions towards the President.

The President states that it's his right to do it and he doesn't have to explain himself to Dan. 5) Dan now addresses the part about making up rules at his own discretion and states that's nonsense. Dan says that he has placed many rules he has liked or disliked in the Rulebook over the last ten years and for Dan to purposely do what he wants and not place a new amendment in the Rulebook as it was proposed is only a mistake. All what I'm being accused of is a simple mistake, Dan did change the 20 game format to reflect the number of games to the 18 game format taking out the two team games, but Dan did miss the other parts of what a team needs for a win, tie and loss.

The President states that the Secretary should cut and paste the proposed amendment and not try to make the rule confusing.

The Secretary states again it was a mistake; the only change was to the number of games played in a night and the number of games needed for a win, loss or tie. Dan normally does cut and paste the new rules into the Rulebook but, Dan notes that at the AGM there were two other amendments that Dan felt needed to be noted. Those changes are the forfeit rule with three players and the offering to play rule, which are in all formats that have singles and doubles.

Dan states he wouldn't purposely do what he is being accused of by the President or any other member of the League. Dan admits he has made mistakes in the past with the Rulebook namely spelling or grammar mistakes, but Dan would never do what he is accused of and is very much offended by this accusation.

The Secretary now addresses other matters he is accused of tonight.

The President also accuses the Secretary of bullying the other Board members by voicing his opinion over the others when Dan doesn't like what is being said.

The Secretary again states that's nuts just because his voice carries and Dan been on the Board for the last twenty years, but the President insists that is what's happening.

Dan answers that by saying, if other Board members feel they are bullied by Dan's opinion, well that's not Dan's intent, Dan cannot vote for them.

The Secretary comments about a statement made by the President "Dan's word is law", Dan again states that he is allowed to have an opinion and as long as it is not divulging an Executive decision on any member of the League. Dan is entitled to speak his mind. If any member of the League dislikes that, well everyone knows that Dan is just one of nine opinions/votes on this Board.



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The President states that he respects what Dan has done in the past for the League but we can't have Dan going off and doing what he wants and saying what he wants.

**Complaint's from the President:** The Secretary now asks what does the President/ Board wants Dan to do. Does the Board or the President want my resignation and if so then, I will do that right now. The Secretary now requests to see the actual complaint against him and not the paper that was handed to him earlier.

The President says that at a past Executive meeting on a past Executive, Richard was questioned about something Richard had done. Richard had no warning or complaint stating that he was going to be grilled over something that night.

Richard states that if a Board member gets out of line this is what's going to happen.

The Secretary again asks what the President/Board wants him to do.

The Scorekeeper now points out after reading the Duties of Officers (in the Rulebook) that the President is the only Board member who doesn't have any other duties other than running the meetings. Andrew states that other than that, it doesn't say the President has a vote at all; every other position has duties. Whether the Board says the President has a vote or not, it's not in the Rulebook. Andrew also sees no reason why the Secretary is not entitled to a complaint form according to the Rulebook.

The President answers that this is an Executive thing and Richard is going by the same rules Richard faced at passed Executive meetings before he was President.

Scorekeeper says that whether or not a past Executive does something a certain way, we should follow the Rulebook.

Director Pete states the pen thing was his fault and after discussing with other Board members that night at darts, Pete stopped the order from going through. Even though Pete is mad at the costs from the last pen order which was over \$600.00 last year so Pete wonders why he couldn't get the pens this time.

The President states that all purchases over \$500.00 have to be approved by the Board and the Executive does that constantly, using the DJ at the banquet as an example.

The Treasurer now says that the pen issue should be discussed later in the meeting. Dave states that Dan is getting a reputation as being a bully when things don't go Dan's way on the Board. We are a team and we should be supporting each other, mistakes are made but we have to respect everybody's position on the Board and their opinion.

The Scorekeeper states that we need to be a united front and Andrew likes to work with everyone here and feels we are making progress towards a better League.

The Vice President states that he and Dan have had their differences in the past, but we need a strong Secretary that knows the rules, we have to work together. We don't need loose cannons out there and we should be behind the President at all times.

President adds in that he has won three terms as President and he is sure of what he is doing, but again we need to be a team and work together. Richard also states that Dan has put the President in a bad position by his comments.

Director Ben states that he was pissed off over the email Dan sent, Dan shouldn't ever be giving his opinion in that email or others, Dan needs to be neutral with the Board working as a team.



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Director Ed is asked for his opinion at this time and Ed states this is all new to him and he is not ready to pass judgment at this time

The President now asks the Secretary to leave the meeting at this time.

The Treasurer now states that the Secretary has asked a question twice now and he still has not received an answer from the President/Board.

**Complaint's from the President:** The Secretary now asks again if the President/Board wants Dan to resign at this time.

The President asks the Secretary if he wants to stay or leave, Richard adds in, Dan is a valuable Board member.

The Secretary states that he would like to stay to at least get the League started. Then Dan will decide his future at a later time.

The President now asks the Secretary to leave the meeting and shut off the recorder while the Board discusses what all has been discussed.

The Secretary leaves the room at 20:25 and stops recording the meeting while the Board has an in camera session.

The Board invites the Secretary back into the meeting at 20:40 to hear what the Board has decided.

The President states to Dan that he has been a valuable Executive member for many years, but the Board cannot have you doing or saying what you want. The Board will be taking no action against Dan at this time. Richard again asks Dan if he plans to stay on as the Secretary.

Dan states he will finish his elected term and then decide what he will do.

The President now reminds the Secretary that he doesn't have any voting privileges for the next portion of this meeting.

The President now discusses the matter concerning Director Jeff. Richard states that he had received a phone call from the ANAF229 saying that Director Jeff was banned from that venue. Richard adds in that this happened sometime in May with Jeff never saying anything about being banned from there. Richard feels that if a Board member cannot go to a venue, it is an issue.

The Treasurer asks about a written notice from the venue telling the Board of Jeff's suspension and the President has no notice yet, but Richard is looking into that matter.

Director Jeff is now asked back into the meeting at 20:48.

The President now asks Director Jeff about what happened and why Jeff is being banned from ANAF 229.

Director Jeff states that he was at 229 waiting to see a friend play a concert there, but Jeff couldn't enter the club until 9 pm. It was raining that night and Jeff asked if he could wait inside away from everyone until 9pm when a lady came out of the kitchen demanding Jeff leave the club until 9 pm. Jeff states that words were exchanged, but Jeff doesn't remember what he said that night. Jeff does state that he did leave the ANAF 229 right after he was spoken to and didn't go back.

The Scorekeeper asks Director Jeff why we are hearing about this incident three months after it happened and Jeff doesn't have an answer at this time.

The Treasurer asks the same question from the Scorekeeper and did Jeff bring that letter with him tonight.

Director Jeff still can't answer that question and Jeff's not sure where the letter is as well.



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The Secretary asks if the letter Director Jeff received from ANAF 229 has any timeline on it, like six months, six weeks or anything else.

Director Jeff answers this question by saying the letter states he is banned from the venue.

Director Jeff is asked to leave the meeting at 21:00 by the President.

The Treasurer now suggests that Director Jeff be suspended from his Board duties while this matter is being investigated.

**Complaint's from the President:** The Vice-President states that someone here tonight has to go to the ANAF229 to find out what exactly happened.

A discussion amongst the Board now takes place about a possible suspension with Director Ben suggesting a 30 day suspension.

Director Ed states that the Executive Board members should be held to higher standards. These standards should be at a higher level than other members of the League.

The Scorekeeper motions that Director Jeff be removed from his Executive Board duties, due to his actions at ANAF 229 that got him banned, seconded by the Vice-President, carried.

Director Jeff is welcomed back (21:13) into the meeting.

The President now informs Jeff that he is being removed from his Director's position as of tonight, for his actions three months ago at the ANAF 229.

Jeff gets up and immediately leaves the meeting.

The Secretary states he did forget to bring the election results tonight, but Dan will email the President/Board the next three names on the list for a replacement Director

The President now agrees to a ten minute break, while the break is going on the Secretary will check the Executive bag of former Director Jeff (21:15-21:27).

The Secretary reports that the oche line chain is the only thing missing from this bag, the President will contact Jeff about the oche line chain.

The Secretary now hands that Executive bag to Director Ben; with Dan noting there will have to be some supplies added at the next meeting.

**Past Minutes:** Minutes from the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting are now discussed. Other than a few spelling mistakes the Secretary motions to accept the minutes, seconded by the Vice-President, carried.

**Financial Report:** The Treasurer hands out a report showing a balance of \$5,107.61. Dave notes that everything has been paid for from last year with the exception of the four outstanding charities, but that money is set aside. Dave still has \$158.00 to deposit and the Youth Darts charity cheque has been cashed, Dave will discuss the other charity cheques later tonight. The Treasurer motions to accept this report as given, seconded by the Vice-President, carried.

**Reports of Officers:** The Scorekeeper reports that the website is ready for this season, Andrew has been talking to Director Ben about using the server that Ben uses, Andrew says they need to talk some more about updating the website right now. The Facebook page is having more likes everyday and Andrew states that the League is getting noticed.

Director Ben states that both he and Director Ed have been inspecting the venues and they will be going to the ANAF 229 this Sunday. The inspections are going good, but some managers are asking for copies of the report for their own records.

The President suggests that the Inspection Committee get some carbon paper so they can give the venues a copy and give the receipt to the Treasurer to repayment.



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The Vice-President and Director Pete don't have report at this time.

The Treasurer now talks about the four outstanding charity cheques that haven't been delivered yet. Dave would of preferred those cheques had been taken care of so Dave could close the books on the 2014-15 season.

**Reports of Officers:** The Secretary answers the Treasurer by saying that he has researched the charities and has the addresses for three of them, but the four one will be hard to get out. Dan also notes he didn't get the cheques until the last meeting (July 8).

The Secretary now reports he has no phone/internet bill for this meeting and that Dan is almost ready for registration night.

**Old Business:** The President asks Director Ed if he got the updated sponsorship letter yet and Director Ed says he hasn't.

The Secretary hands Director Ed the new letter since Dan did print it off for tonight's meeting. The Scorekeeper reports that he now has keys to all three doors to the League lock up room, also there are an extra set of keys behind the bar at the Eagles in case a Board member needs access to the room. Andrew now hands all the keys to Director Pete.

Director Pete would like to see one last attempt to get all of the old trophies given out or given away if possible to the Youth League. Pete states that we should either give them out at the Memorial Tournament or get rid of them with the Board agreeing with Director Pete.

Scorekeeper asks about a Singles League venue closing (Duchess of Kent) where will we take the division now and the President says we will have to wait and see

Director Ed now talks about the pen issue with Ed stating he has found a supplier that will charge us 35 cents a pen (a 1000 pen ordered) with a \$20.00 set up fee. A debate about getting pens now takes place with or without the logo on it. It's decided the logo will appear on these pens is after a small debate. Now a debate about payment options is now discussed with the Treasurer and when Dave gets the invoice it will be paid or purchase a credit card if payment needs to be done that way online.

The Vice-President now motions that the League purchase 1000 pens at 35 cents a piece with the set up fee of \$20.00, seconded by Director Ben, carried.

The Vice –President now says that the Hellenic Centre is now booked for this year's banquet. Brian states the rest of the banquet issues will be decided later on by Brian and the Banquet Committee.

The President now addresses the computer issue by saying that the store Richard has been calling doesn't open on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday's right now, so Richard will contact them on one of other two days of the week.

The Executive shirts are now discussed and the President states that the shirts will cost \$65.00 a shirt and we can put almost anything on it. Richard states the shirts can be done quickly but we need to make a decision soon.

The Vice-President asks if we should give Middy Embroidering a chance to compare prices.

After more debate the Secretary suggests that the Board members pay some money (\$20 at least) towards these shirts so the League isn't paying for everything. The Board agrees to buy the shirts from an outside supplier with each Board member paying \$20.00 towards the shirts.



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**New Business:** The Secretary now states he has another venue asking to be in the League. This venue is the Air Force Club on Crumlin Rd. and they have been in contact with me. But I am too busy right now and Dan asks someone to look into this possible new venue.

The President says he will talk to them and Dan hands over the information he has on the new venue.

The question of where the Board will meet to divide up the League this year is now discussed.

The Board agrees to go to the President house again this year with anyone needing a ride to give a small donation towards the gas mileage so the League doesn't receive a bill.

The President wants every Board member at the Victory by 19:00 on August 6 to make sure everyone know their duties.

Richard also notes the Victory Legion will open their doors on Monday August 17 at 18:00 for registration of the Monday Singles League.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Made by Director Ben  
Next meeting is September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 19:30  
Meeting closed at 22:35

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