



The London and District Men's Dart League



EXECUTIVE MEETING

November 4, 2015

Attendance:

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

Chair:

19:33

Called to Order:

Richard

Complaints: The President informs the Board that we have three complaints stemming from the week of October 15. Richard states that two complaints are from Executive Board members against two players and the third complaint is from a team against another player.

The President now asks Director Ben to start with his complaint against a member from the Usual Suspects.

Complaint 1) Director Ben now informs the Board members what happened between Chad McDonald from Usual Suspects and Josh Cushman from the team Dart Mafia. Also Ben informs the Board that there was also an interaction between Ben and Chad after the first incident with Josh C on October 15.

After hearing from Director Ben, the President now invites Chad McDonald and his team captain Val Wilson to hear the complaint and to give their side of what happened that night.

With both Chad and Val now in the meeting, Director Ben again states that it was Chad that started the incident by not chalking the match (which it was Chad's teams turn) and refusing to shake hands with Josh. Ben also states that after the match was done Chad was threatening to beat Josh up with that threat also being used when Chad encounters Josh. Ben then states that Chad was also aggressive towards Ben by also threatening him as well.

After hearing what was said Chad states that he didn't threaten either Josh or Director Ben with any kind of violence and Chad is well aware that Ben is a Director on this Board. Chad states that he asked Josh if they could both chalk and walk their match, but Josh refused to do that which made Chad a little upset but not enough to do what was said by Director Ben. Chad also states that he has never had anyone ever treat him with the disrespect that Josh was showing Chad by not shaking Chad's hand after the match was over. Chad says that over the many years he has played darts, whether Chad had won his games or lost, Chad always shakes his opponent's hand and Chad says it is a sign of the poor sportsmanship shown by Josh.

A question from the Vice President about Josh's not shaking hands and Chad answers that he had his hand out for the handshake after the game and all Josh did was walk away, not shaking Chad's hand or even saying good game.

Val W states that when Director Ben said something, everything calmed down between Chad and Josh. Also Val says when the night was over almost all the players from Dart Mafia didn't shake hands with anyone from the Usual Suspects and left the venue.



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The President now asks Chad about a threat that he supposed to have made against a member from the team British Darts.

Chad states that issue was about a player getting advice on a take out without stepping back from the oche line. Chad states that the captain from British Darts told his player the take out and that is against the rules and Chad was only stating a rule that's in the rulebook.

The Treasurer asks Chad if he supposedly made any threats that night and Chad said he didn't threaten anyone that night either.

Chad states that he is sorry if what he says sometimes comes off as a threat to other members, but Chad has no intentions of beating up anyone. Chad wonders if some people feel threatened by Chad because of his size which he can't do anything about.

Both Chad and Val leave the meeting for the Board to discuss what had been said.

A discussion now happens between the Board members with Director Ben stating that he will not vote on any motions involving this incident with Chad.

After some more discussion the Vice President motions that Chad McDonald receives a written warning with the letter pointing out Rules 5.4 and 10.6, seconded by Director Dave. This motion is carried with two (2) against and one (1) abstaining.

Both Chad and Val are now invited back into the meeting and the President informs Chad that he will receive a written warning for his actions on the night of October 15. Chad is also told that this complaint was from Director Ben and not Josh and we cannot have anymore physical threats coming from Chad or anyone else in the League. But if there is another incident involving Chad it could result in either a fine or possible suspension.

The Secretary states that he will give Chad his warning letter at the Charity Tournament on November 19 and Chad agrees with that.

The President does inform Val as the captain of his team; Val is responsible for his players conduct and also informs both Val and Chad that Director Ben had no vote in this matter.

Both Chad and Val leave the meeting.

Complaints 2 & 3: The President now starts the discussion on the next two complaints asking the Vice President to first explain why he has a complaint against Marcus Magee from Once a Wolf and the complaint the Secretary has received from Marcus Magee against Bill Lozynsky from GUAB.

The Vice President explains what he saw and heard on the night in question and why he had placed a complaint against Marcus.

Next the Secretary reads the complaint he had received from Marcus against Bill.

The President now invites into the meeting; Marcus M, Duane Pemberton and Jim Critchley from Once a Wolf and Bill Lozynsky and Daniel McCarthy from GUAB.

The Vice President now states that on the night of October 15 Brian had to calm down a situation involving both Marcus and Bill. Brian states he heard a threat from Marcus towards Bill about making physical contact with Bill outside in the parking lot. Brian notes that Marcus was complaining to Brian about the actions from Bill that night, but Brian couldn't let a threat of a possible assault happen in front of him.

The Secretary now reads the complaint from Marcus against Bill noting the complaint is stating very poor sportsmanship from Bill towards two members from Once a Wolf.



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The heckling from Bill was also directed at times towards Jim Critchley as well.

Marcus does realize that making a threat against Bill was very wrong and is sorry he said that but Marcus was having a very hard time dealing with his emotions in this matter. Marcus just couldn't understand why Bill was doing what he did that night when we are all supposed to be having fun while playing darts and not putting people down because they are not as experienced as others are.

Bill L tries to address this statement, but the President stops him and tells Bill he will have an opportunity to answer everything said here tonight later.

Jim C states that Bill's attitude towards Jeff got worse as the night went on. Jim also says that Bill was rushing the players from Once a Wolf to shoot their shots and when Jeff completely missed the board Bill made a statement loud enough for the room to hear and embarrassed Jeff in the process. Jim notes that when it's his team's turn to chalk they try to get Jeff to chalk a match, but when Jeff made a mistake on Bill's score, Bill let loose on him again embarrassing Jeff.

Jim also asks the Board members who decides on what dart boards they play on, because when the team games came up, GUAB wanted to make that choice.

The President states that all games are played on the boards the home team decides on, if the opposition opposes this they can then file a complaint with the Board.

Dwayne P now states that he heard everything that night and was very angry with Bill, but Dwayne knows who Bill is and Dwayne just ignored Bill as a jerk. Dwayne hopes the Board will act on this matter because new players like his son will be discouraged to play this great game if the Board allows jerks like Bill Loznsky get away with shit.

Daniel C now addresses the Board by stating he didn't think that the night was that bad. Daniel states that his team doesn't smoke so that may be the reason why the players from Once a Wolf felt that they were being rushed to play. Daniel also notes that Bill did apologize for his comments towards Jeff's zero score in the one game that had been mentioned.

Bill L now addresses everything said by stating that he didn't care if Jeff chalked a game, but Jeff should be trying harder to score the actual shot scored, everyone has to learn how to chalk sometime Bill notes. As for rushing the players Bill didn't think he was doing that at all. Bill does admit that commenting towards the zero score by Jeff was a mistake, but Bill had never seen that score in the League before. Bill didn't think he said the comment that loud but Bill's voice does carry and Bill didn't mean to embarrass Jeff.

Director Ben notes that the way Bill has been talking tonight is probably the way he was talking on the night in question.

Bill does admit to talking while he was chalking, but he was only having some fun and didn't realize he was doing anything wrong.

The Treasurer now states to Bill that with Bill making comments towards other players while he is chalking is a form of heckling which is not allowed according to the Rulebook.



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Complaints: The President notes that it is the comments made by Bill while chalking and during that night that is the issue and the League cannot allow this to carry on.

Marcus does note that Bill made these comments most of the time by turning around from the chalkboard so everyone could hear them.

The President now states that the original reason why he called Marcus into tonight's meeting was from the complaint made by the Vice President about Marcus's comment against Bill. The history Bill has before this Board shows Bill does not have a good record in matters like this.

Director Pete states that any issues that have been in front of the Board in the past are just that, the past. Pete states that we are acting on what happened this time, but Pete also notes that Bill's apology does seem hollow to him with the way he is addressing this matter tonight.

The Secretary states that Bill's past is not up for discussion here and we should be only concentrating on what's before the Board tonight.

The President now asks all players here tonight to leave the room while the Board discusses what has been said tonight towards both complaints.

A discussion now happens with the Board members noting that heckling cannot be allowed and also any possible threats coming from anyone towards any member.

After a long discussion the Treasurer motions that Bill Lozynsky receive a written warning for his actions on the night of October 15. Dave notes these actions are namely the heckling of other players during the games, seconded by the Vice President, carried with none against.

Another motion coming from Director Ed is giving a verbal warning to Marcus Magee for making a physical threat towards another League member, seconded by the Secretary, carried.

The President now invites the members back into the meeting announcing the verdicts that are made towards both Marcus Magee and Bill Lozynsky.

The President now informs Marcus that he is receiving a verbal warning from the Executive Board for his comments about threatening another League member with physical violence before, during or after darts are played or finished. Marcus is now formally warned by the President.

The President now informs Bill that he is receiving a written warning from the Executive Board for his heckling and harassment of other League members. Richard notes that this is not the first time Bill has been in front of the Board and the sportsmanship Bill was showing that night was in very poor taste.

The Secretary states to Bill that Dan will give Bill his warning letter at the Charity Tournament on November 19 and Bill agrees.

The President also notes to both members that if they appear before the Board on a similar issue, they could find themselves possibly fined or suspended from the League.

The members leave the meeting and the President states that Board will have a ten minute break 20:57-21:10.

Past Minutes: The minutes from the September 2 meeting were emailed to the Board by the Secretary on November 3. The Secretary now motions to accept the minutes, seconded by Director Ben, carried.

Financial Report: The Treasurer hands out his monthly report noting that the bank balance is now at \$5,006.68 with the GIC of \$25,000.00. All bills have been paid up to date including this month's phone bill Dave notes.



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Reports of Officers: There are no reports at this time from the Vice President, Scorekeeper and Directors Ed and Dave.

Director Pete notes that there is a bulletin board for the League at the Victory Legion which is not being used. Pete believes that the Board should be posting divisional standings or any notices about upcoming events (tournaments) plus anything else the Board sees fit to place on this board to keep the membership informed.

The Board agrees with Director Pete's comments and will try to fill the bulletin board with information that was noted by Peter.

Director Ben now states that he didn't bring the missing venue inspection reports tonight and will bring them at the December meeting. Ben also notes that he has rechecked Poachers Arms and will again recheck that venue soon to see if anything has changed.

The Secretary asks about the venue Players, Dan states that he had received a complaint about the conditions of the playing boards, but Dan hasn't been able to get to Players to see these boards.

The President now asks the Inspection Committee to look into this matter.

The Treasurer reports that he now has the new Staples cards (three) and hands the Secretary and Scorekeeper each a card with Dave keeping the third card. Dave now asks for the old Staples card from the Secretary which Dan hands over to Dave. Dave also reports he received \$25.00 for a replacement player for the Singles League.

The President now hands over to the Secretary the paperwork and money for a new player on Richards' team, which Richard had contacted Dan about this player a few weeks ago.

The Secretary now reports that he had forgotten the phone/internet bill at home so Dan will have to pay for two months at the December meeting. Dan now hands over \$155.00 in new/replacement players Dan has received since the last meeting.

The Secretary also hands over \$164.00 in registration money from the Frank Hannon tournament and Dan hands the paperwork to the Scorekeeper as well.

The Secretary now brings up the way this Board handled the complaints from Board members that were addressed earlier at tonight's meeting. Dan states that in his opinion and according to the Rulebook all complaints have to be filed with the Secretary and the proper paperwork or emails sent. These complaints must be handled like all other complaints that the rest of the League has to follow.

The President objects to what the Secretary has said since Richard had the rule dealing with incidents that Board members witness, placed into the Rulebook at the last AGM.

The Secretary points out that according to the Rulebook, the Secretary must inform the player(s) that have a complaint filed against them of the reason(s) the complaint was made and Dan also points out that the member does have the right to see the complaint as well.

The Board discusses this matter and agrees with the Secretary that every complaint should be handled the way the Rulebook specifies.

Old Business: The Scorekeeper now reports that he was contacted by the man that Director Ed had recommended, but that didn't turn out to be the right solution. Andrew also contacted Micro Cad but there's no luck there for a tower system with Windows 8 or high at this time. Andrew did however find some used laptops at Micro Cad that are priced at \$179.00 each with a possible deal for three costing \$149.00 each for three laptops. Andrew states that these laptops are operating with Windows 8 system.



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Old Business: The President states that we should go for the three laptops with the Secretary and Scorekeeper each getting a laptop and the third laptop going to the President so he can do his duties as well.

A discussion now happens with some debate if the President really does need a laptop.

The Vice President makes a motion that the League purchases the three laptops at \$149.00 each to replace the systems the Secretary, Scorekeeper and President are currently using, seconded by Director Ben, carried.

Director Ed has no report on the sponsorship file at tonight's meeting but Ed does note that the League pens ordered are here and the Board now receives some pens each. The rest of the pens will go into the lock up along with the 180 pens that still haven't been given out.

The President now hands out the new Executive Board shirts to the members, but unfortunately there are spelling mistakes (last names) on Directors Ed and Dave shirts.

The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Directors Ben, Pete and Dave all pay the \$20.00 that was agreed to be paid at an earlier meeting. The Secretary, Scorekeeper and Director Ed will have to pay their \$20.00 at the December meeting.

New Business: The Vice President now shows the Board a clock that looks like a dartboard.

Brian states that he has purchased six clocks to give away at the banquet, these clocks cost \$40.00 a piece Brian notes.

The President now discusses what should have been another complaint tonight about the forfeits that the premier team DUI has made this year. Richard states that he had talked to the team captain, Bernie Palmquist, about these forfeits and told Bernie that if they are going to forfeit a night, then DUI must contact the opposing team informing them of the forfeit. Richard states that Bernie told Richard that two of the forfeits were because his team didn't have enough players out on those nights and that Bernie acknowledges he should have contacted those captains and is sorry about that. But when DUI plays Inflight, Bernie stated to the President his team will not play them and will forfeit every night they are to play each other due to the past events between players on both teams.

The President has contacted the captain of Inflight informing him of the decision by DUI when each team is supposed to play each other, but Richard also states that he had also warned Bernie that if DUI doesn't contact any other team about a forfeit the Board will have to look into this matter much deeper.

Director Pete now discusses the old divisional trophies and the teams/names shields that are now each trophy. Pete suggests that we don't throw away the trophies without getting those shields off them, because there is a lot of history on those trophies.

Both Director Pete and the Scorekeeper will look into some possible solutions on this matter and report back to the Board at a future meeting

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Director Ben

Next meeting is December 2 at 19:30

Meeting closed at 22:10

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