



The London and District Men's Dart League



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 19, 2016

Called to Order:

Time 20:02 Hrs. Membership 35
Doors Closed 20:10

Roll Call of Officers:

| Member's Name | P/A | Member's Name | P/A |
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| (President) Richard Duke | P | (Vice President) Brian Lonsbary | P |
| (Secretary) Dan Riley | 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 | | |

Appointment of Sergeant at Arms: Dave DesChamp

Chair: Richard Duke

Past AGM Minutes: Minutes from the May 21, 2015 AGM are presented and read by the membership at the meeting.

Motioned to accept the May 21 /15 minutes is made by Secretary, seconded by Todd T carried.

Presidents Report: The President's report was given out to the membership and is summarized by Richard touching on one matter about a team not paying their tab at a venue this season.

A question from John Mc enquiring if the Board will be able to settle this matter or is it a black eye for the League.

The President states that he has been in contact with the team in question about going to the venue to pay up the bill, but in the end, it is the venues staff that didn't make the team pay the tab. Richard adds in that we can't force the team to pay, but we will be asking them to pay to keep the venue happy.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer now reads his report and the report from the Financial Review Committee to the membership. Dave states that the Committee has some concerns around the registration night and how the teams are registered and this will be tightened up for next year. There were few teams that registered in the 2014/15 season that were missing some details that cause some concern to Committee. Overall though the FRC was happy with all the numbers Dave presented and they give a good report to the membership on how the finances of the League are handled.

A question from Ken V is asked but it is concerning this year and is answered by the Treasurer.

The Chair now asks for a seconder for the Treasurers report, seconded by John Mc, carried.



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Secretary's Report: The Secretary report was handed out for the membership and the Secretary now summarizes his report. Dan states that overall the League and our Board has had a good year, with Dan's insistence the League will now use his cell phone number to contact him and the original dart line phone number will be discontinued as of May 31st. Dan states that this move plus the internet being directed toward Dan's own private bill will save the League eighty to one hundred dollars every month.

Rob B asks about the decision why this happened?

The Secretary states that this year he has answered more calls on his cell (now that Dan's cell number is published) and that in Dan's opinion the old dart line has out lived its usefulness. Dan adds in that the League will be paying him a fee each month or so to help with the costs of Dan's cell and internet bill which will be a lot less than the League is paying now.

The President now asks for a seconder for the Secretary's report, Rob B seconds the report and is carried.

Honorariums: The Chair now addresses the Rule 11.3 that deals with the monies that the Executive is paid for their honorariums.

The President asks for a member to make a motion.

John Mc motions that the Executive get paid the honorariums this year, Brian H seconds this motion and is carried in a vote.

New Business: The Chair now addresses the charities for this year. The Chair states that the League has \$1,838.00 in registration fees from the tournaments this year and a motion is made by Todd T to put another \$162.00 into this fund to make it an even \$2,000.00 for the charities this year, seconded by Casper K, carried.

The Chair now opens nominations for the charities to receive \$500.00 each with the membership being reminded by the President that the League always gives \$500.00 towards the Youth Darts at the Moose Lodge 1300. So, Richard states that will be giving out only three other charities the checks.

Nominations for the charities given are Jesse's Journey, Cenotaph Restoration, Battle of the Atlantic Memorial at HMCS Prevost and the Red Cross victims fund for the people of Fort Mac Murray.

After a ~~vote~~vote, the following charities will each receive \$500.00 for the League and they are Youth Darts, Cenotaph Restoration, Battle of the Atlantic Memorial at HMCS Prevost and the Red Cross victims fund for the people of Fort Mac Murray.

Election of Officers: The Election Chairman (Brian H) opens nominations for the Directors (4) positions to the membership. The President recognizes that Brian H, Rob J and Greg C will be the conveners for this election.

The following names are nominated Dave DesChamp (S), Rob Baker (S), John McGregor (D), Ben Garner (S), Peter McClung (D), Ed Lewanick (S), Don Clark (S) Todd Thomas (S), Ken Vowles Jr (S), Tom Moore Sr (D) and Rod Owens (D). Jeff B is also nominated for this position but due to Jeff not fulfilling his duties (Rule 11.15), Jeff cannot run of the position at this time.

The ballots will be collected and the four (4) Directors will be announced later after all the ballots have been counted the Chairman of the meeting announces.



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New Amendments: The Chair opens the meeting up for the proposed amendments to be discussed and voted on.

1) Proposed by the Secretary

Change Rule 5.1 from: *Team Captains or their delegates must submit their team's scores ONLY through the LDMDL website at www.ldmdl.ca by 8:00 pm on the Sunday after the night of play; the Dart Line is not to be used for reporting team scores. Failure to report by this time may result in a '0' (zero) score being awarded for the night of play and a failure to report (DNR) will be entered into the standings. The Scorekeeper MAY record a team's score if he has the opposing team's score unless the missing team's score result in points for that team (1 for a tie, 2 for a win). The Scorekeeper will enter a failure to report (DNR) for the non-reporting team and MAY take the option to contact the team captain to have the missing score submitted (deadline for submission to be determined by the Scorekeeper).*

Change Rule 5.1 to read: Team Captains or their delegates must submit their team's scores ONLY through the LDMDL website at www.ldmdl.ca by 8:00 pm on the Sunday after the night of play. Failure to report by this time may result in a '0' (zero) score being awarded for the night of play and a failure to report (DNR) will be entered into the standings. The Scorekeeper MAY record a team's score if he has the opposing team's score unless the missing team's score result in points for that team (1 for a tie, 2 for a win). The Scorekeeper will enter a failure to report (DNR) for the non-reporting team.

The Chair now asks for a seconder for this amendment, Casper K seconds this amendment and the Chair now open it up for discussion with the Secretary explaining the reason for this amendment.

Hearing no discussion, the Chair now calls for a vote and the amendment is carried.

2) Proposed by the Secretary

New Rule 5.2.2: All forfeited nights for the non-offending team will be scored as a win, with that team receiving two (2) points and that team will receive enough games won for a win. Example: The "non-offending team" in the 18-game format receives a forfeited night, that team would get ten (10) games won and zero (0) games against and two (2) points. The team that forfeited the night will receive zero (0) points and all eighteen (18) games will be scored as games against them.

The Chair now asks for a seconder for this amendment, John Mc seconds this amendment and the Chair now open it up for discussion. with the Secretary explaining the reason for this amendment.

Many question are asked about this amendment with the biggest question what will this amendment do to the standings ask by John Mc.

The Scorekeeper states that this amendment will give him some big issues around the standings. The Chair now calls for a vote and the amendment and it is defeated.



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3) Proposed by the Secretary

Change Rule 5.7 from: *Any team that fails to show for three (3) consecutive nights without the express permission of the Executive Board, or has given notice to the League Secretary of withdrawal from the League, shall be disqualified from further League participation by the Board and be given proper notice of such (See 5.6) for disciplinary action (10.4) applies).*

Change to Read 5.7 to read: Any team that fails to show for three (3) regular scheduled nights during the season without the express permission of the Executive Board, or has given notice to the League Secretary of withdrawal from the League, shall be disqualified from further League participation by the Board and be given proper notice of such (See 5.6) for disciplinary action (10.4) applies).

The Chair now asks for a seconder for this amendment, Todd T seconds this amendment and the Chair now open it up for discussion. with the Secretary explaining the reason for this amendment.

A question from John Mc about the reason why the change is needed is answered by the President by him stating we cannot allow a team to pick and choose who they play and this amendment will allow the Board to stop this issue from happening again.

The Chair now calls for a vote and the amendment and it is carried.

Election of Officers: The results of the Directors (4) election is now said by Brian H and Brian states that your four Directors from next year are Dave DesChamp, Ed Lewanick, Ken Vowles Jr and Ben Garner.

Now, Brian H asks for a motion to destroy the ballots and it is made by Ken O, seconded by Robin B and is carried.

The Chair now thanks Brian, Rob and Greg for their work on the election.

New Amendments

4) Proposed by the Secretary

Change Rule 5.18 from: *All tournament or trophy, Singles and Doubles play registration shall close at 08:00pm with play commencing no later than 08:15 pm.*

Change Rule 5.18 to read: All tournament or trophy, Singles and Doubles play registration shall close at 07:30pm with play commencing no later than 07:45 pm.

The Chair now asks for a seconder for this amendment, Shawn R seconds this amendment and the Chair now open it up for discussion. with the Secretary explaining the reason for this amendment.

Hearing no discussion, the Chair now calls for a vote and the amendment is carried.



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5) Proposed by Director Pete

New Rule 6A:10: During round robin play, there be will no smoking. If you are found smoking before your robin play is finished you may be disqualified.

The Chair now asks for a seconder for this amendment, Rob J seconds this amendment and the Chair now open it up for discussion. with Director Pete explaining the reason for this amendment.

Todd T asks about a possible smoke break be added into the tournaments so that the smokers can at least get a smoke in.

Director Pete states that for the most part teams/players are very good about taking their smoke break, but there are always teams/players that hold up tournaments up which makes the tournaments later and later each year.

The Treasurer asks to place a motion onto the original amendment stating that a ten-minute smoke break will be allowed at all tournaments at the conveners convince.

Director Pete refuses this motion and the original amendment is now voted on.

Hearing no discussion, the Chair now calls for a vote and the amendment is defeated

6) Proposed by the President

Add to Rule 6A.7: Rename Playoffs Tournament to Format Team Tournament.

The Chair now asks for a seconder for this amendment, Todd T seconds this amendment and the Chair now open it up for discussion. with the President explaining the reason for this amendment.

Hearing no discussion, the Chair now calls for a vote and the amendment is carried.

7) Proposed by the President

Change Rule 6B.1 from: *In League play home team chalks all odd numbered games; visiting team chalks even number games. This rule precedes all other rules regarding game starts in Rules 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5 and 7.6. Coin toss only required if a best 2 out of 3 has a 3rd game. In tournament, trophy, regular play the third (3rd) or fifth (5th) game is started by the toss of a coin to decide who goes first. All games will start with the first player in the lineup. It is the Captains responsibility to assure his line up order is marked on the scoreboard before play commences. No changes can be made after the game has started.*



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7) Proposed by the President

Change Rule 6B1 to read: In League play home team chalks all odd numbered games and the visiting team will chalk all even number games. In the event of a 3rd game the team who started game 1 will start the 3rd game. In tournament play with an uneven amount of games (e.g. 2 out of 3) shooters will shoot for closest to the bull. In the event of both teams scoring a red bull, the shooters will shoot again with the second shooter shooting first. A tie breaking game will be started in the same method. All games will begin with the first shooter in the lineup. It is the Captains responsibility to assure his lineup order is marked on the scoreboard prior to game start. No changes can be made after the game has started.

The Chair now asks for a seconder for this amendment, John Mc seconds this amendment and the Chair now open it up for discussion. with the President explaining the reason for this amendment.

Many questions are asked about this amendment concerning the wording and if this is in tournament play only with Ben G asks about the coin toss as well, is it gone in all play.

The President states that in his opinion we should be deciding who shoots first in the third and deciding game of every match whether it is in tournament or regular play, there should be some skill involved instead of just plain luck of a coin toss.

A motion made by John Mc proposing a small change to the original amendment is declined by the proposer.

The Chair now calls for a vote and the amendment and it is carried.

8) Proposed by the President

Change Rule 6C from: *Captain and Co-Captain Night/ Memorial Night*

Change Rule 6C to read: Rename Memorial/Capt./Co-Capt. night to just Memorial Tournament

The Chair now asks for a seconder for this amendment, Rod O seconds this amendment and the Chair now open it up for discussion. with the President explaining the reason for this amendment.

Hearing no discussion, the Chair now calls for a vote and the amendment is carried.

9) Proposed by the President

Insert into existing Rule 7.2: In the event of both teams having 3 players both teams will forfeit the same 7 matches leaving 13 games left to play. Points will be awarded as usual based on games won.



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9) Proposed by the President

Insert into existing Rule 7.3: In the event of both teams having 3 players both teams will forfeit the same 6 matches leaving 12 games left to play. Points will be awarded as usual based on games won.

Insert into existing Rule 7.4: In the event of both teams having 3 players both teams will forfeit the same 4 matches leaving 12 games left to play. Points will be awarded as usual based on games won.

Insert into existing Rule 7.5: In the event of both teams having 3 players both teams will forfeit the same 3 matches leaving 9 games left to play. Points will be awarded as usual based on games won

The Chair now asks for a seconder for this amendment, Todd T seconds this amendment and the Chair now open it up for discussion. with the President explaining the reason for this amendment.

Question from Ben G about the number of games to win the night is asked if you already lose seven games in Premier. Could a team possibly be win the night with less than the required number of games already outlined in Rule 7.2.

The President answers that it is possible that both teams won't have the required number of games needed to record a win.

Another question from Casper K is asked if in the 12-game format that means you can win five games to win the night and the President answers yes, but Richard adds in that this proposal is to take place if only both teams that play singles and doubles have three (3) players each at the start of the night when player lineups are exchanged.

The Chair now calls for a vote and the amendment and it is defeated.

10) Proposed by the Vice-President

Change Rule 7.3 from:

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

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



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10) Proposed by the Vice-President

Change Rule 7.3 to: 18 game format to be 6 doubles 601 straight in double out then 4 301 double in double out 8 singles 501 straight in double out.

Doubles X 6 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

Singles X 8 sets (2 of 3 games) 501 straight in double out

The Chair now asks for a seconder for this amendment, John Mc seconds this amendment and the Chair now open it up for discussion. with the Vice-President explaining the reason for this amendment.

A question from Casper K to why change the order of play is needed.

The Vice-President states that in his opinion the 18 game format should be decided on the play of the singles matches and all the doubles being played first will help decide this matter.

The Chair now calls for a vote and the amendment and it is carried.

11) Proposed by the Vice-President

Change Rule 8.2 to read: Singles night to be a blind draw every night, no makeup games allowed. When it is not even the convener will get a tie for the number of games he is running

Delete Rules 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4:

8.2: *There will be makeup weeks allocated for missed games throughout the season.*

8.3: *A player who is not able to attend must call the person they are playing to reschedule or it will be considered a forfeit immediately. (Snow nights or League cancellations not included)*

8.4: *Any missed game or games that have been rescheduled (by agreement of both players), must be played by the 2nd make-up night in the schedule AFTER the original night of play. Failure to make-up missed games by this deadline will result in a '0' (zero) being awarded to both players for the originally scheduled night of play.*

The Chair now asks for a seconder for this amendment, Jeff B seconds this amendment and the Chair now open it up for discussion. with the Vice-President explaining the reason for this amendment.

Ken V states that he does prefer a schedule for the singles League, so he can know who he's playing each week.

The Vice-President answers that near the end of the season there are too many players not playing other players due to the standings and Brian has heard many reports that some players are even playing each other in abasements to get their games in.



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11) Proposed by the Vice-President

Another question from Greg C about the possibility of players that do not belong in the intro format getting to play when that player belongs in another format, what will this proposal do to stop this.

The President answers that every year we have players that we may not ~~of~~have known play in formats that they should not be playing in. This is solved the next year by placing that player in a higher format of the Singles League.

The Scorekeeper states that he has had some very hard times trying get the scores from players who have missed a night of play and haven't set up a makeup night, Andrew states he is totally in flavor of this amendment.

The Secretary states that it is his opinion that all the formats will stay the same but, the only change is there will be a blind draw instead of a schedule and the Vice-President agrees with the statement from Dan.

The Vice-President answers another question around the convener getting a tie for the number of games being played in each of the three formats in the Singles League. Brian states that the conveners will only get that tie if they do not play due to the number of players being odd that night. If there are an even number of players Brian states, then the convener has to lay the night.

The Chair now calls for a vote and the amendment and it is carried.

12) Proposed by the Secretary

Change Rule 11.1 from: *The Directors positions will be elected for a one (1) year term, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Scorekeeper will be elected for a two (2) year term. All honorariums will be still based on a yearly basis as determined by the membership.*

Change Rule 11.1 to Read: The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Scorekeeper and Directors (4) will be elected for a two (2) year term. All honorariums will be still based on a yearly basis as determined by the membership.

The Chair now asks for a seconder for this amendment, Rob J seconds this amendment and the Chair now open it up for discussion. with the Secretary explaining the reason for this amendment.

Brian H states that he believes that an election for the Directors position works great every year.

John Mc believes that with the current system the new Directors get much need experience on the Board and strongly believes the way the rule is written now is the best way done.

The Chair now calls for a vote and the amendment and it is defeated.



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13) Proposed by Director Pete

Change Rule 12.8 from: *All Board members will be required to be present at the Annual General meeting and at the Annual Banquet and awards event clothed in semi – formal attire, (dress shirt and tie).*

Change Rule 12.8 to Read: Board members will be required to wear semi-formal attire to the Annual Banquet and semi-formal attire or Executive shirts to the AGM.

The Chair now asks for a seconder for this amendment, Jeff B seconds this amendment and the Chair now open it up for discussion. with Director Pete explaining the reason for this amendment.

Bruce Mc asks that if this proposal is also going to allow the Executive to wear the Executive shirts at the banquet.

The President answers him by stating that only at the AGM's will the Board be allowed to wear the Executive shirts> The Board will have to be in semi-formal attire at the banquet every year.

The Chair now calls for a vote and the amendment and it is carried.

Discussion from The Floor

The President now opens up the meeting for discussion from the membership here tonight.

Casper K asks if there is anything that can be done to prevent tournaments dragging on past 1am.

The President understands the question from Casper, but it is up to the convener of the tournaments how they play each tournament.

Brian H comments on how the Executive has clamped down on many issues from the past and thanks the Board for their hard work.

Brian M asks about the amount the Executive gets paid in their honouriums and is shown the rule that states what every Board member receives each year.

Greg C asks about the possibility of having singles and doubles games included into the 6-game format and is told by the President that if he or his team wishes to play in a format with singles and doubles, Richard suggests that Greg try the 12 game format first.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Caspar K, seconded by Rob J
Meeting closed at 21:48

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