



The London and District Men's Dart League



EXECUTIVE MEETING

Dec 7, 2016

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) Dave DesChamp	P	(Director) Ed Lewanick	P
(Director) Ken Vowles Jr.	P	(Director) Ben Garner	P
(Secretary) Dan Riley	P		

Chair: 19:45

Called to Order: Richard

Complaint: The President starts the meeting by informing the Board that a complaint has been filed with him against the Secretary. Richard now gives the Board a quick explanation on how he was told about this complaint and then asks the Secretary to read the complaint to the Board.

After reading the complaint the Secretary states that he will only address the issues in this complaint when the parties that filed this complaint are in the meeting. The complaint is basically saying that the Secretary is being a bully over an issue that first happened on Nov 3rd then again at the Nov 24th Charity Tournament. The complaint states that Dan is not following Rule 6B.2 and Dan was interfering with a verbal agreement made between two captains on Nov 3rd over chalking and then getting into an argument with a team player from his team over the same issue with rule 6B.2.

The Board briefly discusses the matter and asks the Secretary to read rule 6B.2 to the Board which Dan does. The Board discusses this matter a little more with the Secretary asking the Board to stop discussing this matter and asking for the members that filed this complaint against the Secretary to be welcomed into the meeting to address the matter.

The President now stops the discussion and invites the captain of Fubar (Matt H) and the player (Sean B) into the meeting with both men sitting down.

The President now asks Matt and Sean for their side of the complaint against the Secretary.

Matt starts his explanation by stating a Board member (the Secretary) first interfered with an agreement that was made on Nov 3rd between the captains of Fubar and Freedom. Matt says that he was playing in a doubles match when Dan protested Matt's wife giving Matt the score that was left after Matt had started to shoot.

The President states that this matter was resolved later with Matt's wife first talking to Richard that night and then by finding the rule 6B.2. Richard believes that the chalker also couldn't give what was left after a dart or darts had been thrown according to that rule, the chalker can only tell the shooter what he had shot.

Sean begins by saying that this League is not following the NDFC rules (Sean shows the NDFC rulebook) which does allow the chalker to state what score remains when asked by the shooter.

Sean carries on by saying the Secretary was purposely trying to disrupt their team (at the tournament) by bringing up what had been discussed earlier that month



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The President now states that he believes that being a Board member, it is his duty to inform a member(s) when a rule is being broken and it is that Board member(s) duty to try to correct the issue/matter if possible.

The Secretary now addresses the complaint by stating first he didn't have any issue with Matt's wife chalking the doubles match and Dan did not interfere in that process. But Dan did advise that a chalker shouldn't be able to state what is left to the player that is shooting only after Matt's wife had done just that. Dan also states that it was the captain of Freedom, who directly stated that the chalker was not allowed to do what she did. Dan informs the Board that after that match was done, he witnessed Matt's wife checking the rulebook and then going over to the President (who was also playing at the Victory on Nov 3rd) to discuss what happened. Dan has always believed that a chalker could only give the score that was shot and if a player wants to know what's left the player must step away from the oche line for help.

Dan now states that incident with Sean at the Charity Tournament started after Dan did look at the sheet for the section that Fubar was playing in, but Dan had already checked all the round robin sheets before he got to the last group which Fubar was playing in. Dan states that he did make a comment towards Sean about 6B.2 and Sean answered Dan by stating he was cheating that first night in Nov and that Dan and the rest of the Board doesn't follow the rules that are in the NDFC rulebook. Dan tells the Board that he took that comment from Sean as an attack on him and the Board, so Dan defended the Board and his team. Dan also states that when he answered Sean's statement that night about this League not following the rules from the NDFC, it was that we have our own rulebook and we don't follow the NDFC, Dan does try to enforce the rulebook at all times.

The President now steps in by stating to Sean that if Sean came to Richard or any other Board member stating that we are not following the rules, then they would also defend the rulebook of the LDMDL. Richard states to both Sean and Matt that if you do not like how a rule is written in the League rulebook then to put an amendment in to get it changed, not to attack the Board on the matter.

Richard does acknowledge that going after Dan was not a good thing, and that Dan has been known in the past to be very determined in defending the rulebook.

The Scorekeeper now states that he believes that rule 6B.2 is a little bit of a grey area since it does states that the chalker is not obliged to give the remaining score and this rule should be much clearer in its boundaries on what a chalker can and can't do. Andrew also states those there is another rule (5.3) that states if a player wants help then that player must step back from the oche line before getting help.

The Treasurer states that he believes that this incident was because of two hot heads and there is nothing here that affected the Charity Tournament.

Matt again states that it was the Secretary again, having an issue with his wife chalking at the Charity this time and Matt wants an formal apology from Dan for his conduct. Matt also states that rule 6B.2 must be changed.

The President now asks Matt and Sean that if the chalker was to give the wrong total remaining and the player shot for the wrong double what would happen then and that someone would have



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to be accountable for the mistake. Richard says that this matter needs to be addressed at the AGM and Richard doesn't fault the Secretary for defending the rulebook.

Complaint: The Treasurer then asks why the complaint was filed for tonight's meeting as the matter seemed to have been already solved and states that there must be some other possible reason.

A comment from Sean directed towards the Secretary now gets a response from Dan by telling the Board that there was an incident several years ago, between Matt and Dan when Dan was captain of another dart team which Matt played on.

Dan states that he had to remove Matt from the team because of Matt's failure to show up to play when Matt said he would be there several times. Dan tells the Board that this decision was not made by Dan alone but it was a team decision.

Dan also states that he has nothing against Matt or his wife either now or back then when the original matter happened several years ago, Dan has no ill feelings towards them at all.

Matt then offers his hand towards Dan and offers to bury the hatchet and both of them shake hands.

Both Matt and Sean ask various questions on how to submit a change to the rulebook and they are advised on how to do it, with the Secretary stating he would help them if they need it.

Richard also states that any member of this Board would also help them if asked.

Both Matt and Sean leave the meeting with Sean shaking the Secretary's hand on their way out.

Past Minutes: Minutes from the Nov 2nd meeting were emailed to the Board by the Secretary three days before tonight's meeting. Hearing no objections other than a couple of spelling mistakes, Dan now motions to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dir Ken, carried.

Financial Report: The Treasurer now hands out his monthly report with Dave noting that all the bills have been paid and the bank account balance is \$7,884.49 and the GIC of \$25,000.00 is there as well. Hearing no objections Dave motions to accept the financial report as given, seconded by Dir Ben, carried.

Reports of Officers: Dir Ed states that at the Charity Tournament there was \$232.00 in registration fees taken in, which the Treasurer took with him that night. Ed carries on by handing over the paperwork to the Scorekeeper. Ed starts to discuss the matter of some Premier players accusing the Board of fixing the blind draw so that Premier teams will play each other and knock each other out of the tournament.

The Secretary adds in that Mike E accused Dan of fixing the tournament when Dan had nothing to do with the draw, Dan states he witnessed the draw but didn't do the draw.

Both the Treasurer and Dir Dave also state that they were also talked to by other Premier players, questioning the way the draw was done. Both Board members were also playing in the same group as three other Premier teams. Both Dave's state that if they could have had their team in another group they would have gladly played in any of those groups.

The Board discusses possible solutions to this issue and agree that the best way to stop any accusations from the teams/players in Premier is to have one of those players draw the teams for the robin round portion of the tournament.



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The Treasurer says that he has made out the check (\$232.00) for the charity shoot to Canadian Diabetes. Dave also says that he has been approached by a player who wants to play in the Intense Singles League.

Dave states that he doesn't always have enough players in the intense division and this player wants to play.

After a short discussion, it is agreed to let this player join the intense division as long as he pays the \$25.00 that is required.

Reports of Officers: Dir Ken says that the bar on Kipps Lane is now open.

The Secretary now starts his report by reading a letter from HMCS Prevost, thanking the League for its contribution towards the memorial. Dan also reads a letter from the captain of 317's in the sixteen-game format. The captain is asking to sign a seventh player because of major health issues with his players.

The Board discusses the letter and the Scorekeeper now motions to allow the 317's to sign the seventh player, seconded by Dir Ed, carried.

The Secretary now states that he didn't bring in the new/replacement player list tonight since the Treasurer had told Dan last month that Dave wouldn't be at tonight's meeting. Dan carries on now by now giving the attendance report of this Board to date, noting that most of the Board was at every meeting with only a few Board members being late or leaving early a couple times.

The Vice-President now reports that he is having issues with the Intermediate Singles Division with players showing up. Brian notes that he is not the only Board member in that division and asks both the Secretary and President where they have been.

The Secretary states that he is not ready to play the format because of his surgery and has since left that division. The President states he has been too busy with his work, but he will be coming out more often now that winter is here.

The matter of players that are playing in certain single divisions is now discussed, with the Board agreeing that next year the Board will take a closer look at who plays in what format so we could possibly decrease the chances of certain players running away with their format.

Dir Dave has heard of more issues with Mustang Sally's and the issue of patrons and workers at that venue walking right in front of the boards while players are shooting their darts.

A long discussion now happens and it is agreed that the venue has too many teams playing out of the venue and the Board will have to limit the number of teams out of there next season. The President and Scorekeeper will work on the issue and try to come up with a solution for the remainder of this season. The President will also go to Mustang Sally's to discuss the issue of patrons and staff possibly getting hit by the darts and how dangerous this could be.

Dir Ben has no report at this time.

The Scorekeeper reports that he wishes to replace a player in the Intro Singles Division with another player who is already on a Thursday night team. The Board agrees to the change as long as this player pays the \$25.00 required by the rules.

Break 21:08-21:16

Old Business: The matter of old trophies was going to be discussed tonight but the President asks the Board to again table this matter and the Board agrees.

The Secretary asks about if the new Duchess of Kent building is open yet?

The Scorekeeper states that the new home of the Duchess was ready to open, but they had a leak in their roof which the City demanded to be fixed before they would be allowed to open. The



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Duchess is currently waiting for the City of London to send a Building Inspector back to the Duchess, but there is no time line as to when this will be done.

After some more discussion it is agreed that the Scorekeeper will contact the teams out of the Duchess to ask them to play out of either the Victory Legion or the Moose 1205 until the Duchess is ready.

Dir Dave now hands over an inspection report for the Byron Legion.

Old Business: The matter of schedules for venues that have multiple teams in them has now been taken care of by the Scorekeeper. Andrew reports he has done a master schedule for each venue that has more than one team and Andrew will get them to the venues asap.

The Secretary now discusses a sponsor check that wasn't used from the Poachers Arms venue.

Dan states that the check was given to Dart Mafia, but they went to another venue instead of Poachers. Dan informs the Board that both Dan and the President had earlier talked to Justin R from Dart Mafia and he said they would take the cheque back. The cheque is now past dated so Dan told the venue to cancel the cheque.

The Vice President now states that the DJ is booked for the banquet. The photographer is now discussed and we will address this issue at a later meeting. But it is agreed that we will try not to have a Board member be responsible for taking the photos.

Dir Ken now hands out some information to the Board, he has found on the issue regarding transgender persons around other sporting leagues

New Business: The President now asks Dir Ed to do the sponsorship file again and Ed agrees.

The Secretary now asks the Board if he can start to suspend the players who haven't picked up their player's cards according to rule 3.4 which is clear. Dan asks that he be given a month to contact these captains/players to be fair to everyone involved.

The Board discusses the Secretary's request and agree with Dan that he could suspend players who don't get their membership cards off of Dan. The Board gives Dan till the next meeting to follow up on this matter

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Dir Ben
Next meeting is January 4th at 19:30
Meeting closed at 21:43

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