



The London and District Men's Dart League



EXECUTIVE MEETING

Feb 1, 2017

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: 19:35

Called to Order: Richard

Player Request and a Team Issue: The President now addresses an issue from a player in the Premier format that is requesting to leave his team to join another team in the 18A format.

Richard briefly discusses the matter with the Board, with most of the Board already aware of this matter, so Richard now asks Josh C and Justin R into the meeting to find out why this request was made.

The President welcomes both of these members asking Justin R to explain the reason why his teammate is asking to leave the team.

Justin states that so far, this season Josh has been showing a poor attitude and is not showing up every week to play. Justin says that the times that Josh hasn't shown up the team could have really used him, but Josh doesn't even make a call or text to Justin stating that Josh wasn't coming out to those weeks. With the nights that Josh has missed this season, Justin had to replace Josh with someone that will show up and play, but there is still room for Josh if he wants to stay on the team.

Josh answers these statements by saying that so far, this year Josh hasn't been playing more than four games a night and the other players on the team are avoiding talking to Josh, basically acting if Josh wasn't there. The captain of the team is also doing this so when Josh's girlfriend was ill, Josh stayed home to help her though those times. Josh states that he should have joined another team this year, but he gave this team a chance for this season and it was a mistake.

Josh is asking the Board if he could join a team in the 18A format to finish this year but will sit the rest of the season out if he cannot do that. Josh would rather sit the rest of the season before he goes back to the team he is currently on.

Questioning by the Board to both members now happen and Josh states again he would prefer to go to the 18A team or just sit.

Justin is asking the Board to follow the rules around this matter and not allow Josh to play for any other team, accept if Josh reconsiders his stand on not playing for Justin's team.

The Treasurer points out that both of these members and a few more play at the intense singles format and asks both of these guys that no matter which way the Board rules, can these two get along at the singles on Monday nights.

Both Justin and Josh can't make any promises, but both will try to get along on Mondays.

Justin and Josh both leave the meeting so the Board can discuss the matter.



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Player Request: The Board now discusses everything they have heard on this matter with the Secretary noting that there are four Board members that play in the 18A format and should those Board members have a vote on this matter. Dan states a conflict of interest may arise on this matter for those Board members.

After more discussion around the singles league format and the possible team that Josh may go to, the Secretary motions that the Board doesn't allow Josh to join another team in the 18A format according to rule 3.1, seconded by the Vice-President, carried with four abstentions.

Josh C is now invited back into the meeting with the President informing Josh that the Board will not allow Josh to join the 18A team this season. Josh leaves the meeting at this time.

Team Issue: The President now asks the Secretary to read a complaint he received against a team in the 6C format from the night of Jan 11/17. The Secretary now reads the email to the Board with Dan telling the Board that he had talked to the captain of WHD about showing up tonight and even emailed the complaint to the captain two weeks ago, but the captain or anyone else from the team have showed up tonight.

The President also informs the Board that WHD home venue have also expressed their concerns to Richard on how the team acts on Thursdays.

The Board discusses this complaint and it seems really clear that this is a case of unsportsmanlike conduct, but with no one from the team to defend the actions of that team the Board may have to put this matter off until March.

The Secretary notes that according to rule 10.6 the Board can rule on this matter even if the team isn't at the meeting as long as the Secretary has given enough warning to the captain before the Executive meeting.

The President asks the Secretary to call the captain and Dan does make that call.

The call was made with the captain of WHD with him denying that a player on his team had actually stuck a female guest on the night in question. The captain states he forgot about the meeting tonight and is sorry he did not attend. The call is now finished with the Board discussing what is in the complaint and the denials from the team captain of WHD.

The Scorekeeper now motions that WHD forfeit the Jan 11th night, seconded by the Secretary. The President discusses this motion by saying that the Board hasn't identified the player who may have stuck the female guest so maybe a suspension of the team maybe in order.

The Vice-President states that a captain is responsible for his team and the players conduct, so Brian suggests the captain should get a suspension and not the whole team.

After some more discussion the Scorekeeper withdraws his motion and Dir Ben now motions that a strongly worded warning letter be given to the captain of WHD, based on the complaint and the venue comments, seconded by the Vice-President, carried.

The President now asks the Secretary to have the warning letter ready for tomorrow night and the Vice-President will deliver it to the captain of WHD since both WHD and Brian's team are playing at home tomorrow.

The Secretary states he could have the letter ready for tomorrow and will deliver the letter to the venue, for Brian to hand it to WHD.

Break 20:30 to 20:38, Dir Ed has to leave at this time due to work commitments.

Past Minutes: The Minutes from the Jan 4th meeting where emailed to the Board on Jan 28th.

Hearing no comments the Secretary now motions to accept the Jan 4th minutes, seconded by the Vice-President, carried.



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Financial Report: The Treasurer hands out his monthly report noting that all bills are paid up to date and the bank account has \$7,349.47 along with the \$25,000.00 GIC. Hearing no objections, the Treasurer now motions to accept his report as given, seconded by Dir Ben, carried.

Reports of Officers: Dir Ben hands over for Dir Ed the results from the Premier singles tournament to the Scorekeeper and \$44.00 in registration fees to the Treasurer. Ben also hands in the results from the 18 game format singles to the Scorekeeper and \$104.00 in registration money was taken by the Treasurer that night, also Ben notes there was a \$1.00 donation at the 18 singles. Ben comments that there were too many players for the number of playing boards needed that night which caused a few issues, but the format got through it anyway.

Dir Ken now hands over \$64.00 in registration money from the 6-game format to the Treasurer and also hands over the paperwork to the Scorekeeper.

Dir Dave states that had heard some complaints about the singles tournaments and those complaints were all around the number of players in the venues. Dave says this did cause some issues and Dave asks about the system we use to decide where the tournaments go?

The President answers Dir Dave's question by stating that for the last several years the venues have been the same for each tournament and we haven't had as many issues as we seem to be having this year. Richard says that the Board will have to look at this issue closer for next year.

The President now hands \$36.00 in registration fees to the Treasurer for the 16-game format and hands over the paperwork to the Scorekeeper. Richard also states that the team in the 18B format that was out of the Duchess is now playing at the Moose Lodge 1300.

The Scorekeeper now hands over \$84.00 in registration money from the 12 game format singles and Andrew also hands over to the Secretary two registrations (2 x \$25=\$50.00) for the Intro singles league. Andrew also states that the venue where the 12-game format was also overloaded with players, but they got through it as well.

Both the Treasurer and Vice President have no report at this time.

The Secretary now reports that he has \$60.00 now in the new/replacement player list #5 and hands that over to the Treasurer. Dan also reads the correspondence that he has received in the last month to the Board, noting that the questions Dan was being asked were very easy to answer.

The Treasurer now notes that all monies handed over to him tonight are correct.

Old Business: The Secretary now asks about the old trophy issue that we have been putting off for too many meetings.

The President states that we should get all the information from those trophies and we will discuss the next level at the next meeting once we have that information.

The Vice-President and Dir Ken are going to Saunders next week to look at the trophies for this year. The question about the pictures that we had last year is now discussed and if teams want to do the trophies that way again we need to get the picture done asap, but there were many teams that didn't get pictures done. The Board will discuss that at the March meeting after Brian and Ken have reported back what they found at Saunders.

The Secretary states that he got every membership card out to the members that haven't received their card. Dan says the threat of suspensions got every captain's attention and they received those cards at the singles tournament. Dan also says that he has been asked about who chooses the venues for the singles tournaments and Dan states that the Board would address this issue.



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Old Business: Dir Ken now asks about the return of pre-registration forms and the President states that is an option, but we should explore every avenue before we get back to that again.

The Secretary now states that he received the original membership card for the member who is trans gendering.

The Board now agrees that if a player registers initially as a man and then begins the transgender process, then that player can continue to play in the LDMDL for the remainder of the season.

However; she may not attempt to play in any other league or tournament as a man.

The President states that he has talked to the member about this issue and she agreed to the matter at hand. Richard states that we will have to add a new rule this AGM that deals with this matter around the gender of a member of the LDMDL. Richard states that are 62 pages on this matter under the human rights act in Ontario and Richard will bring the new amendment up at the AGM. The President also will be meeting with some or all of the LLDL Executive in a few days to inform them about the information we now have and the wishes of the member to play in the LLDL next season.

Dir Ken adds in the point that he had given to the Board information (at an earlier meeting) about this matter which are very clear as far as the Ontario Government is concern.

The Treasurer now states that the GIC has been renewed and Dave says that the sponsorship form needs a newer letter attached to it.

The Scorekeeper now states that he did get to Mustangs Sally's and discussed the issues the League has been having at the venue. Andrew says that the ownership is concerned with the issues Andrew discussed with them and they are immediately making changes to where the staff and patrons are able to walk and work without disturbing the dart players. Andrew adds in that Mustangs are also talking about putting more boards up against a different wall to help relieve this matter, but also maybe to get more teams there or at least keep the ones they have. Mustangs are cooperating with the League Andrew says.

The President now talks about another venue (Players) and the way the venue isn't prepared when the home team shows up. After some discussion, the Board agrees that the President can talk to Players about this matter because it's not the team that Richard plays on, but the other team in 18B that is also dealing with the same issue.

New Business: The Secretary states that he still is open for any new amendments and the upcoming holiday (Family Day February 20th) later this month will interfere with the singles league.

The Scorekeeper will post there will be no games played that day and each of the conveners should announce the same when they take registration over the next few weeks.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by the Vice President
 Next meeting is March 1 at 19:30
 Meeting closed at 21:25

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