



# The London and District Men's Dart League



## EXECUTIVE MEETING

November 2, 2016

### Attendance:

Member's Name	P/A	Member's Name	P/A
(President) Richard Duke	P/L	(Vice President) Brian Lonsbary	A
(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:** Dan/Richard

**Called to Order:** 19:35

**Announcement:** After a discussion amongst the attending Board members, it is decided the Secretary will conduct tonight's meeting until either the President or Vice-President enter the meeting tonight.

**Team Issue:** The Secretary now talks about the reason(s) why the Board has the matter of the add on player requested by Freedom at the October meeting being discussed again tonight.

The President now enters the meeting and the Secretary gives the Chair to Richard (19:38).

The Secretary now continues to explain two reasons why he feels the Board made a mistake by denying Freedom their seventh player. Dan states the motion that was made by Dir Ben was the first error, since Ben wasn't here at the start of the explanation that was made by the captain of Freedom.

The second error was made on the same motion when it was seconded by the Vice-President, who in Dan's opinion was also in conflict of interest. Dan states that Brian's team plays in the same 18B format that Freedom plays in, so Brian had could have had interest in the outcome of the motion.

More discussion now happens with the Treasurer stating that if he realized that the Vice-President's team played against Freedom, Dave wouldn't have supported the motion to deny Freedom the extra player.

The President now stops all discussion on this matter and invites the Ombudsman and the captain of Freedom (Bruce M) into tonight's meeting.

The Ombudsman thanks the Board for hearing this appeal and starts to explain the reasons why the Board made a mistake denying Freedom their extra player (seventh).

John Mc starts by quoting rules 2.1 and 3.6, stating the Board first of all broke rule 3.6 by allowing another team in the October meeting to sign two extra players after registration no matter the reason and then denied Freedom the same request which was a mistake. Both teams had been requesting the extra (seventh) player on compassionate grounds.

John also states that the Vice-President should have removed himself from the vote on this matter since Brian's own team plays Freedom. Brian had a direct interest on denying Freedom's request since Brian's own team could benefit from the Board's decision on this matter.

Discussion now happens between the Board and the Ombudsman around the extra player and how many players are on Freedom now.



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**Team Issue:** Dir Ken states that Freedom has six players already, so why do they need a seventh if they have six already.

The Ombudsman explains the reason why one player on Freedom cannot play more than one or two games and that the same player is only coming out to support the team most nights. John also notes that Freedom isn't trying to pull a fast one on the Board by signing the seventh player.

The Ombudsman says that a possible solution could be a change to the Rulebook to reflect the minimum number of players being allowed to register a team be raised to five players from the current four players.

John states that by adjusting that rule, every team that signs five players shouldn't have too many issues with players not showing up. John adds in, if a team is having issues with a player(s) missing darts due to illness or work, then they can add on a new player before the deadline.

The Treasurer now states that every team's situation is different with team's issues being the same. Dave also asks the Ombudsman about how John knows how the Vice-President voted and the Ombudsman answers Dave's question by stating that Brian seconded the motion to deny Freedom their player so Brian had to vote with that motion.

Both the Ombudsman and Bruce M leave the meeting at this time.

A long discussion now happens with Dir Ben stating what could possibly happen in the future if another team(s) make the same request that we are now discussing.

Other questions around the Rulebook are asked with the President stating that we do try to defend the rules, but we do make mistakes sometimes.

The Treasurer now motions that Freedom be allowed to sign the seventh player on compassionate grounds, seconded by Dir Dave, carried. The vote is three for, one against, one abstained and two had no vote.

Both the Ombudsman and Bruce M re-enter the meeting.

The President now informs both Ombudsman and Bruce M, that the Board will allow Freedom to sign the seventh player.

Both Bruce and John thank the Board for their decision and Bruce hands the Secretary the paperwork and \$65.00 for the player in question, before they leave the meeting.

The President at this time now instructs the Board not to answer any emails from members, since that answer could tell the membership where that Board member stands and may be taken as a decision from the Board. Richard states that the only two Board members that can answer emails are the President and the Secretary, if the questions are about the rules.

**Past Minutes:** The Secretary had emailed the minutes to the Board on the weekend before tonight's meeting. Hearing only one issue with those minutes the Secretary now motions to accept the minutes as written with the one issue removed, seconded by Dir Ben, carried.

**Financial Report:** The Treasurer now hands out his monthly report with Dave noting that all bills have been paid up to date. Dave notes that the bank balance is \$7,341.74 and the GIC of \$25, 000.00. Hearing no objections, the Treasurer now motion to accept the financial report as given, seconded by Dir Ed, carried.

**Reports of Officers:** Dir Ed now hands over the paperwork from the Fred Parry tournament to the Scorekeeper and Ed notes that the Treasurer had already taken the registration monies that night.



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**Reports of Officers:** Dir Ken now hands over the paperwork to the Scorekeeper from the Frank Hannon tournament and Ken then hands over \$86.00 (9 teams) to the Treasurer. Ken also hands the tournament tags to the Secretary.

Director's Ben, Dave D and the President have no report at this time.

The Scorekeeper now states that he was at Mustang Sally's and there were issues with teams playing on certain boards and seating for the away team having to walk too far to get to the playing boards.

The Treasurer also states he has heard about issues with seating conditions at Mustangs.

Andrew states that the nights that seem to be the problem happen when the venue has three teams playing there every other night, but there's nothing that can be done about it other than not letting the venue have five teams play at that venue next season without some changes to the seating problem he saw.

The Secretary now hands over to the Treasurer his new/replacement player list #3. Dan notes that the list has \$265.00 in new/replacement players over the last month.

Dan asks the Scorekeeper about when Andrew places the updated standings online, because Dan has been receiving questions on the standings.

Andrew states he that he usually does the posting on Monday nights after Andrew gets home from the Monday Singles League.

Dan also asks Andrew to remove the registration forms from the website, since some teams are using those forms to add on or replace a player. Dan notes that we have proper forms posted online to deal with a player add on or replacement.

Andrew agrees to remove the registration forms from the website.

**Old Business:** Discussion on the old trophies are again tabled to the next meeting.

The Scorekeeper states that he hasn't given the schedules out to the venues as of yet, Andrew says that he had forgotten about doing that and he is sorry.

The President states that he will contact the venues and ask them to get the schedules off the League's website.

The Treasurer reports that the Intense Singles division playing at ANAF 229 have all of their issues (boards and floor mats) taken care of by the venue.

The Secretary now says that every Board member was emailed the tournament conveners list when he emailed the minutes to the Board.

Dir Ken now informs the Board on the matter that we had discussed at a past meeting concerning the member who is getting gender reassignment done. Ken says that some of the information he has found in the guidelines set out on various websites are, that a person wishing to go through with the reassignment has to live two years as a woman/man and take the hormone medication. There is an Ontario Gov. bill 204 that deals with this matter.

Dir Dave now asks for help with the inspection of the remaining venues, since the Secretary is now too busy. The Treasurer, Scorekeeper and Dir Ken all volunteer to help Dave.

Dir Dave will contact each of the Board members who volunteered when he is ready to go out.



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**New Business:** Dir Ben now informs the Scorekeeper that the he has the wrong spelling of a player's name in the high out for 18A.

The Scorekeeper makes the correction right away.

The Secretary now reads a letter from the Boys and Girls Club and the Board elects to take no action on the letter.

The Scorekeeper says that we will also be hearing from the charity for HMCS Prevost very soon about our donation made at the last AGM.

Andrew also reminds the Board that he will not be available for the Wes Harris Charity tournament due to his surgery on his shoulder.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Made by the Dir Ben

Next meeting is December 7 at 19:30

Meeting closed at 21:12

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