

## Presidents Letter 2017

I would like to thank all that have attended the AGM for their continued support and interest in the running of our League. I would also like to thank all the Members who correspond with the Executive over the season to make your concerns or comments heard as this feedback gives us a direction on change and updating our Leagues requirements for the players. Our Executive has been very involved with the Membership and I am very proud of that accomplishment.

The Executive has not had any issues over the past year and has worked together effortlessly to maintain and further our League. Each member of the Board has worked well together and has successfully pulled off another year of fun and competitive darts. Any Member of the current Executive has earned their position and I would work with any of them again. I feel they accurately represent the League and have worked towards the betterment of our League. This representation in the Boardroom allows us to make better decisions for the betterment of the League. As President, I am proud to have worked with this group of guys and look forward to working with them again if elected. I am looking forward to another two years as President. As always, I am humbled and honoured to be your President and will strive to enhance and further our League for the years to come.

We had very few issues this year dealing with teams or players. There were a couple of instances where alcohol may have changed the dynamics of the night and those players and teams were spoken to and in one case a warning letter was handed out. There were no suspensions or expulsions of any players or teams.

The biggest issue that we as an Executive had to deal with was the issue of Transgender as one of our players was transitioning to a female. I had communication with this player throughout the season and helped them understand the stance that we took. I also reassured that player that we would support their decision and make sure that they could continue to play without harassment or ridicule. I am happy to say that our Membership has been very understanding and supportive. The Board had no rules to direct them on how to handle the situation so a lot of research into human rights and transgender issues guided us to our decision to allow the player to finish off the season. I was invited to a Board meeting with the London Ladies Dart League where we discussed this issue and what we could do to protect a person's rights and the rules we needed in place to govern future Executive. I have written an Amendment for our Rulebook which will address the situation and put in guideline to protect the interests of a transgender person and our League as well. The London Ladies Dart League has already included the new Amendment into their rules in anticipation of any transgender person(s) joining their league.

On behalf of the Executive I wish you all a fun and safe summer. I look forward to seeing you at the Banquet and next year's registration. Check our website or FB page for updates or player and venue availability.

Yours Sincerely

Richard Duke  
President LDMDL