



The London and District Men's Dart League



Secretary Report 2016-17

May 18, 2017

I would like to welcome the membership to the Annual General Meeting for the 2016-17 season and this is my annual report on the League and your Executive Board.

The League this year has had some interesting events happen this season that has not happened before.

The Executive had to deal with the moving of a major venue, then the continued closer of the Duchess of Kent that has effected the schedules of many teams this year. The Board still isn't sure of when or if the Duchess will reopen for next year.

Some of the rule changes at last year's AGM to the eighteen-game format and the Singles League have not gone over to well for an example. These rule changes where intended to help, but as it has turned out the rules have not been as successful as hoped. Rules covering some of the changes from the last AGM are also now up for proposed changes again at tonight's meeting.

One of the biggest matters that was brought worth before the Board, was the matter of a member of the League expressing to the Board his wishes to become a transgender person. The Board was asked by the member what his/her status would be in the League for the remainder of this season since the transition process has begun. The amount of discussion the Board had on this member's request was very lengthy covering several meetings. Every Board member had an opinion on this matter with some Board member's against letting her play once the government ID had been issued. The Board decided to investigate what the Ontario government laws say concerning a person's rights in this area.

The President and Director Ken had each investigate various information avenues and both concluded that the Board should let the member in question finish the season out. The Board agreed with the recommendations from the President and Director Ken with one condition. The condition the Board wanted was that once government ID has been issued a new membership card will be issued by the Secretary after verifying the spelling of her name and that the member not try to play in any other dart league or tournament as a female, she would then forfeit her membership in our League.

The President did approach this member with the proposal from the Board and she agreed with the wishes of the Board. The member thanked the Board for their understanding her decision to become a transgender person and finish the season.

Overall the year that we just went though has been petty successful for our membership with one exception. As the Secretary of the League, I always send out the newest version of the rulebook with all the amendment changes noted. I send the new rulebook to the Board and this to help get the whole Board involved with the process that must happen each year. Every year I do this I always place a couple mistakes on purpose to see if your Board members are truly reading the rulebook. Unfortunately, every Board member missed one of my mistakes and I myself had also forgotten about that error.

It wasn't until week four that a member came up to me asking if we are using the right rulebook this year. The mistake that was made was on the very first page with the number year's that the League has been running. This year is officially the seventy-first year and not the seventieth that was printed.

The season overall has gone very well with very few issues other than the matters that where discussed earlier in this report.



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This Executive has had many different discussions, with every member voicing their view on every matter that has come before the Board. In my ~~opinion~~opinion, I believe that all your Executive Board members have done a very good job this year.

I would like to thank every Board member for the good job and service they have performed during this term.

I would also ask any member here at tonight's meeting wanting to step forward and stand for a position on your Executive Board. Please get yourself nominated and stand for a position on your Executive Board to help the League carry forward.

Yours in comradeship

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Attendance of your Executive Board for the ten meetings that were held this season is the following: President: 9 of 10, Vice President: 9 of 10, Secretary: 10 of 10, Treasurer: 10 of 10, Scorekeeper: 10 of 10, Director Ed: 9 of 10, Director Ken: 9 of 10, Director Dave: 9 of 10, Director Ben: 9 of 10.