

December 26, 2022, Board Meeting / Division Set-up for Winter 2022

President Susan Linkous called the meeting at Chester Junction and conference call on TEAMS to order at 3:14 PM

Present Susan Linkous, Amber Cole, Bobby White, Robert Jayne. Shelley Norman not in attendance. Others attending meeting Amy Gartrell, Chris Fullerton, Tommy Harrell, Terry Beasley, and Jennifer Wicks.

Division break downs were discussed. We have 30 teams. Tuesday has 9 teams; Wednesday has 21 teams. Susan suggests two options for setup.

Option 1 – Put all teams in a division in one bracket. Wednesday Gold and Silver have eight teams each and would play each other once with 3 byes; Tuesday Silver has nine teams and would play each other once with two byes; and Bronze on Wednesday would be a regular setup with each team playing twice, with two byes.

Option 2 – Split the Wednesday Gold and Silver divisions into two brackets each of four (two divisions each). Four team brackets would play each other three times with one bye for each team. The other divisions Wednesday Bronze and Tuesday Silver would have five teams each and play a regular season, playing each team twice with two byes. Tuesday Silver would have a second division with four teams; teams would play each other three times with one bye for each team.

A third option, a hybrid of the two options was discussed to allow GOLD Option 1 and Silver and Bronze would follow option 2.

Discussion held on the three options. Amber stated option one was not giving the sponsors the playing time they would expect and that we needed to consider the sponsors as well as the players opinions. The Board would like a ten-week season so we can have three seasons in 2023. Each voting board member stated which option was their choice and all selected option 2. Vote of 3 for option 2.

Wednesday Gold 1 and 2 – 4 teams each; Wednesday Silver 1 and 2 – 4 teams each; Wednesday Bronze – 5 teams; Tuesday Silver 1 and 2 – 5 teams and 4 teams respectively.

Board members reviewed PPA Team averages as well as Dart Connect 01 and Cricket Team averages where available in setting divisions. The Board used a combination of the two to set this season divisions. We have 7 sponsors for this season.

Team caps were not discussed. Rule – 0.25 above lowest team average.

Tournament of Champions was discussed. We have \$14,217.00 in sanctioning. A donation of \$3,554.25 will be made to FEEDMORE per the \$0.25 of every sanction dollar to charity designation. The top 4 points earners, both men and women have money set aside for their entry fees at the Dart Classic. We have not had a Dart Classic since 2019. Last year's Board set aside \$105.00 each for seven men and six women as we had duplicate point winners for 2020 and 2021 and moved from Sanction fund to Dart Classic fund. There are duplicate pointer winners again in the top 4. If current Board followed last year's Board decision, we would set aside one man and two women this year only. Discussion held on paying deeper this year, possible top 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> man and woman. Concern we didn't set aside from 2020 and 2021 to pay deeper and if this was fair. Suggestion made to set aside funds of \$2000.00 and determine use for entry fees.

Expenses for Tournament of Champions – two 4-post trophies for Top Man and Woman, eighteen top 10 plaques (no quote available at time of meeting – estimate from last year noted; \$40 to haul trailer to and from event; Set up and break down of stanchions up to \$200 at \$10 each; potential for director to be paid to run event. Last year's pay out was \$5,000 paying out Top 64 teams – 128 shooters. Everyone that showed up to play last year was paid. Estimate 180+ players are qualified. Board voted for Amy Gartrell to run Tournament of Champions for \$150.00 on Brackelope. YES – 3; NO – 0. Motion made to pay out \$8,000 for top 64 teams – 128 players for Tournament of Champions. Motion seconded. Vote taken. YES – 3; NO – 0. Motion passed.

The Board moved onto reply to Dart Classic committee email regarding recommendations for the 2023 Dart Classic. The Richmond East Moose Lodge requested the CVDA support a charity of their choice for the use of the Ballroom and hosting our Dart Classic. Susan is still waiting to hear from the Moose on that charity. The committee needs that to update sponsor letters for donations as well as advertising. The Board had previously suggested a pay out of \$7,000 to \$8,000 dollars. Proposal from committee for payout of 10,000+. Amy Gartrell stated she is working to raise funds to keep tournament above \$10,000 which entices players searching for ADO points. Based on Amy's statement, Motion was made for the Dart Classic payout for 2023, to NOT exceed \$10,200. Motion seconded. Vote taken. YES – 3; NO- 0. Motion passed. The committee also proposed raising blind draw entry fees from \$6 to \$7 – this is raising the sanction fee from \$1 to \$2 -- with the extra \$1 to be used for the Dart Classic. The Board discussed. This would be for ALL sanction events, not just blind draws. Motion to raise Sanction fee from \$1 to \$2 was made. Motion seconded. Vote taken. YES – 3; NO – 0. Motion passed. The increased sanction fees (\$1 each) for January to May 2023 will be used for the 2023 Dart Classic as needed. The increased fee (\$1 each) from June 2023 to May 2024 will be used as needed for the 2024 Dart Classic. The intent is to get back to hosting event in a hotel with no offsite driving needed for players and staff. We have Digital Steel fees to consider per every entrant. We will not raise Dart Classic entry fees to cover the cost of digital steel. That money will need to come from fund raising. This will remain an ADO event (and not a USMCA event). Event schedule for 2023 to remain same as 2019. We are not adding or changing events or time frame. Amy will work on the revised payout under \$10,200 and will have at next Dart Classic Committee meeting in January for members to review and to pass along to the Board. Board did discuss payout options, example a percentage pay for Saturday night blind draw. We will still have the Pro Shoot early Friday evening. Raffles were discussed and the committee offered several options. Tickets will need to be purchased for the Tablet and holder raffle. Susan to get ticket prices from Wilson Graphics and Board will vote on quantity via text or email. A local Pro Player raffle will give dart players an option to shoot a local weekend tournament with a local top shooter. Players can purchase tickets and drop tickets into bag with players name and weekend event. Drawings to be held one week prior to weekend event. Details to be outlined and handled logistically by Amy. Board members were asked if all funds need to funnel through Treasurer or if committee members would manage and report out. Committee will manage and report during committee meetings of status and funds collected as well as document for the Board.

The General Membership meeting will be January 4, 2023, at Murphy's Law.

Meeting ended at 5:43 PM

Respectively submitted by Amber Cole