



DARTS ALBERTA THE ALBERTA DARTS ORGANIZATION

2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Sunday, March 9, 2008
LOCATION: Kingsway Legion, Edmonton Alberta
EXECUTIVE: Bill Hatter, President
Judi Brown, First Vice President
Brenda Dietrich, Second Vice President
Dean Lawson, Secretary
Anne Marie Coroluick, Treasurer
Lisa Nortoft-Daigle, Publicity Director
Dianne Greening, Youth Director
Cathy Janes, Membership Director
Sandi Orr, Provincial Director & Administrator

ATTENDANCE: A total of 108 members were in attendance, consisting of 87 voting members of the age of majority and 21 non-voting youth members.

A. Call to Order

The 2008 Annual General Meeting of Darts Alberta The Alberta Darts Organization was called to order by the President at 10:20 a.m.

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a brief opening statement.

B. Verification of Quorum

It was declared that a quorum was present.

C. Adoption of Agenda

Cindy Der / Fred Seaward moved that the agenda be adopted, as circulated; CARRIED

D. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

Roger Parsons / Shon Fox moved that the minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting held in Calgary on Sunday, March 11, 2007 be accepted, as circulated; CARRIED

E. Business Arising from the Minutes

It was questioned regarding whether the Executive considered the recommendation that was brought forward at the 2007 AGM regarding the female team member in the Member League Championship Program being permitted to also be an elite member. The Second Vice President reported that this was reviewed and that since the program is designed more for the Grassroots to intermediate level athlete and that the funding from the program is provided through our Alberta Sport Annual Sport Grant, this program is under very strict guidelines. It was reported that this was reviewed and considered, but due to the purpose of the program, no changes to the team structure is being considered at this time.

It was question whether an individual had to play at all levels of the program. It was clarified that in order to be eligible for any earned award, an individual must have played at least one match at some point of the competition and that it was not a requirement for individuals to have to compete at all levels.

F. Financial Report and Approval of Audited Financial Statements

The 2007 Auditor's Financial Statements were presented and are attached to these minutes. It was questioned regarding the comparison between what was spent of Executive Expenses from 2006 to 2007 and the major increase that is noted. The Treasurer reported that the expenses included in this section are grouped together and include regular meetings, disciplinary meetings and education, training and conferences. Several of the reasons for the increase over the past year relate to our required conference participation at the Alberta Sport Summit that was held in Banff and disciplinary proceedings. The auditor has been requested to separate this out for future years to provide a more accurate portrayal of where funds are being expended.

It was reported that the cost to hold one disciplinary hearing is approximately \$2,000 including room rental, travel, meals and a verbatim recorder. It was suggested that consideration be given for instituting a filing fee for complaints. It was noted although this could be looked into, it is every members' right to file a complaint, and would likely not be a viable option.

It was questioned regarding the cost of team shirts. It was reported that this too is a grouped line item that will be changed for next year and include any type of garment awards, including the Adult National Team, Youth National Team, Top Ranked Adult Awards, Top Ranked Youth Awards, and the Member League Championship Awards. This too will be separate on next year's financial statements.

Margaret Heinermann / Nathan Poore moved that the 2007 Auditor's Financial Statements as of August 31, 2007 be accepted, as circulated; CARRIED

A brief overview was also provided regarding the current financial standing as of February 29, 2008.

G. Appointment of Auditors

Ken MacNeil / Fred Seaward moved that Wayne Michael Barry be appointed as the Society's Auditor for the 2007/08 fiscal year; CARRIED

H. Administrator's Report

The Administrator circulated her report and provided further details regarding the arduous process of the government applications, reports and grants. A copy of the Administrator's report is attached to these minutes.

A presentation was made to the current and past members of the Executive Committee whose volunteerism and dedication to our sport were responsible for doing such an outstanding job that Darts Alberta was recognized in the Darts World Magazine "*as one of the best run organisation in Canada with many new programmes and initiatives*".

A framed copy of this article was presented to Bill Hatter, Judi Brown, Brenda Dietrich, Sandi Orr, Anne Marie Coroluick, Dianne Greening, Cathy Janes, Lisa Nortoft-Daigle, Lori Earnshaw, [Margaret Heinermann](#) and Linda Pyck.

I. Adoption of Executive Member Reports

I.1.01.08 President

The President thanked all of the Executive Members for all of their hard work over the past several years. It was noted an overview of our many programs were provided by the Administrator and that further reports will be provided by each Executive Member.

Marla Franks, the Edmonton City Dart League and their volunteers were thanked for setting up the boards for today's AGM Shoot.

I.1.02.08 Provincial Directors

The Provincial Director introduced and congratulated the 2008 Adult Team Members. The team will be competing at the Adult National Dart Championships in Winnipeg in June.

I.1.03.08 First Vice President

The First Vice President reported that the last casino, held in July 2007, realized a net proceed of \$78,282.07 and noted this to be slightly lower than the previous casino, likely as a result of the employee strike that was resolved only days before our casino was held.

Judi Brown reported that she would not be seeking reelection.

I.1.04.08 Second Vice President

The Second Vice President reported on the Grassroots Program and the anticipated increase in participation this year because of new member leagues. A minor revision to the structure of the program has been adopted to incorporate smaller member leagues. Members were encouraged to nominate members to their league's executive for the grassroots program.

It was reported that five teams competed yesterday in the League Provincial Championship and congratulations were extended to the winners.

It was reported that she will be participating in the new Level 3 NCCP Coaching Pilot Workshops offered through Alberta Sport in the coming month.

Congratulations were offered to all 2008 Team Alberta members.

I.5.01.08 Secretary

The Secretary reported that he has learned a great deal since becoming a member of the Executive. It was noted that he has recently completed the NCCP Part B portion of the coaching program and is looking forward to being a part of the 2008 Coaching Team at the Adult Nationals. It was further reported that he has been adjudicating quite a bit over the past several months, including the 2008 Adult Provincials.

I.1.06.08 Membership Director

The Membership Director reported a total of 1,463 members, including 88 youth members and youth coaches to date for the 2007-08 season. It was noted that the Member League deadline for membership submissions is December 31, 2007, that not all leagues have submitted their members and league executives were asked to ensure that their information is provided in a timely manner each year.

I.1.07.08 Publicity Director

The Publicity Director reported on the following:

- Launch of the new Darts Alberta website.
- Three (3) full newsletters, one (1) mini-newsletter and four (4) e-News Flashes were developed and circulated over the past year.
- Members were advised that if they are not on the e-News distribution list to email the Publicity Director at publicity@dartsalberta.com to begin receiving them.
- Members were encouraged to submit articles for publication. Members were advised that due to the integrity of the sport, some editing of submitted articles may be required.

I.1.08.08 Youth Director

The Youth Director reported on the following:

- Two new Darts Alberta Youth Ranked Tournaments were created over the past year. These are youth ranked tournaments with a Youth and Seniors 50+ event with one held in Edmonton in the fall and one in held in Calgary in the spring. Darts Alberta needs 50+ seniors to come out and participate in these events.
- The first-ever ranked youth tournament is still going strong. The Silver Cup will be held on May 3-4, 2008.
- The Youth League Championships is being held this year in Ponoka.

It was suggested from the floor that Darts Alberta obtain a copy of the school calendars for the youth to better plan the timing of the youth events. It was noted that scheduling will always be a challenge, but Darts Alberta does the best we can to not only avoid major school holidays and events but also to avoid conflicts with adult competitions.

I.1.09.08 Tournament Director

The Tournament Director reported on the following:

- With the Calgary & District Men's Dart League coming on board as a Darts Alberta Member League this year, the Stampede Open will be Darts Alberta ranked this year in July 2008.

- The Dublin Open appears to be a go again this year, with the official date to be announced.
- Darts Alberta now has 11 to 12 Darts Alberta Ranked Tournament throughout the province.
- Even though participation numbers are down slightly, the tournaments seem to get the greatest participation in Edmonton.

J. Notices of Motion and Special Resolutions

J.1.01.08 Notice of Motion: Adoption of Darts Alberta Bylaws

There were no Notices of Motion submitted for consideration at the 2008 AGM.

K. Election of Officers

K.1.01.08 First Vice President [Term from July 1, 2008 until June 30, 2010]

The Administrator called for nominations for the position of First Vice President.

Dean Lawson was nominated. After 3 calls, there were no further nominations and nominations were declared closed.

Dean Lawson was elected as First Vice President, by acclamation, for a term until June 30, 2010.

Judi Brown was thanked for her many years of service on the Darts Alberta Executive and wished the best of success in her future endeavours.

K.2.01.08 Secretary [Term from July 1, 2008 until June 30, 2010]

The Administrator called for nominations for the position of Secretary.

The following individuals were nominated:

- Lesley Johnston
- John Dechambre

After 3 calls, there were no further nominations and nominations were declared closed.

Two members were appointed as scrutineers.

Lesley Johnston was elected as Secretary, by ballot, for a term until June 30, 2010.

Fred Seaward / Roger Parsons moved that the ballots be destroy; CARRIED

K.3.01.08 Membership Director [Term from July 1, 2008 until June 30, 2010]

The Administrator called for nominations for the position of Membership Director.

Cathy Janes was nominated. After 3 calls, there were no further nominations and nominations were declared closed.

Cathy Janes was reelected as Membership Director, by acclamation, for a term until June 30, 2010.

K.4.01.08 Youth Director [Term from July 1, 2008 until June 30, 2010]

The Administrator called for nominations for the position of Youth Director.

Dianne Greening was nominated. After 3 calls, there were no further nominations and nominations were declared closed.

Dianne Greening was reelected as Youth Director, by acclamation, for a term until June 30, 2010.

L. New Business

L.1.01.08 Husky Mohawk – Member Award

The Administrator explained the Husky Mohawk Loyalty Program and reported that as a result of our members using their Husky Loyalty Cards, Darts Alberta has realized a total of over \$1,100 in sponsorship proceeds this past year. Over \$400 of these proceeds will be given back to our member leagues and \$160 was added to this year's AGM Shoot.

One of the initiatives for using your Loyalty Card is that the member that earned the greatest amount of proceeds for Darts Alberta receives \$100 in Husky Gas Certificates. The Gas Certificates were presented to Dean Lawson of Medicine Hat. Subsequently, Dean Lawson donated these gas certificates to the Chapman

family in Red Deer to offset the costs of traveling back and forth to Edmonton for Brody Chapman's cancer treatments.

L.2.01.08 Darts Alberta Grant Program

Margaret Heinermann questioned why the Darts Alberta Grant Program is only available for individuals that have qualified to the National Level or greater. It was noted that the Legion Seniors program is only organized up to the provincial level. It was explained by the President that qualifying at the National Level or greater is the current policy and that there is a program for seniors at the National level, eligible for grant funding – The Canada Senior Games.

The President advised that this request would be reviewed by the Darts Alberta Grants Sub-Committee for further consideration.

L.3.01.08 Anti-Doping Policy

It was questioned by the floor how Darts Alberta deals with the Anti-Doping Policy. The President reported that at this point in time, only blatant disregard is considered but that a procedure is in place. It was noted that there is no testing procedure currently in place and that there are legal issues surrounding what can and cannot be done regarding drug testing. The President further reported on the drug testing process at the World Darts Federation level.

L.4.01.08 Disciplinary Sub-Committees

During the discussion regarding the Anti-Doping Policy, it was questioned regarding membership of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee and the need to involve more individual members rather than Executive members. The President provided an in depth explanation of the disciplinary process and reported that on several occasions the Executive have sought out individuals to serve on panels. It was noted that this has often been a challenge as members tend to shy away for serving on this type of committee. It was suggested from the floor that more members of Executives from the member leagues be sought out to serve on panels and that this would provide them with more knowledge on how to better implement the system within their own leagues.

It was reported that we are often in need of members-at-large to serve on these committees and several members expressed interest in serving on future Discipline Panels.

M. Adjournment

Tim Moore / Lynn Howarth moved that the meeting be adjourned; CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved, as circulated

Date of Approval: _____

Approved, as corrected

Secretary Initials _____

Presidents Initials _____