

Board Meeting 10/14/2008  
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Aaron Mills, David Schuyler, Ted Gay, Tami Jay, Jessica Fulmer, Tim Pirtle

- Jessica submitted the Treasurer's report. A mathematical error was corrected and there was expenditure to the Ivy Cottage for flowers for Marty Foote and Jim Dickenson. The total balance in TDA accounts equal: \$4530.75. The motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.
- Ted discussed holding an ADO Cricket qualifier for the Regional held on November 8<sup>th</sup> in Pooler, GA. There will be four rounds being played on Saturdays and Tuesdays beginning October 18<sup>th</sup>. Matches will be played at the Cork and Bull for a flat fee of \$20. (TDA matches \$5 for each member participating) Qualifier format will be round robin. Ted will be sending an e-mail out with all the details.
- Location for the banquet on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Tami reported that the Cork & Bull offered to host the banquet and to prepare the side dishes. There was discussion concerning an approximate \$300.00 savings that would result if the venue was changed from the VFW to the Cork & Bull. The size of the venue, fairness to other bars in the league, smoking issues, fire codes, availability of women's restroom facilities and the ability to "separate" the private dart party from the regular patrons of the establishments were all discussed at length. A vote of all persons present wishing to express an opinion was taken and the vote was a tie with the Cork & Bull and the VFW each receiving 10 votes. The issue was temporarily tabled, and another vote was held at the end of the meeting with only Team Captains and BOG members voting. The result was 8 votes for the VFW and 4 votes for the Cork & Bull. The November 9<sup>th</sup> banquet will be held at the VFW.
- Trophy selection sheets must be turned in no later than week 10. Any 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place team that has not designated what they wish to receive will receive whatever trophy is available. Team member's names should be written legibly.
- Tim reported that he has sent PPD's through week 8 to the Board. There was discussion concerning the way to handle forfeits. It was determined that in the case of a forfeit, a score sheet does not have to be turned into the scorer, but a telephone call must be made to alert him that a forfeit has occurred. It was reiterated by David Schuyler, that a team receiving games by forfeit receives half the number of games played + 1 (13) **OR** the team's average whichever is **greater**. So, the number of games awarded as a result of a forfeit will have to be factored at the end of regular season play.

- There was discussion concerning whether # of games won or win/loss percentage would be used to determine winning teams of each division. Historically, division winners have been those teams that have won the greatest number of games. It was determined that to change that policy would require a written proposal and subsequent vote. The team that wins the greatest **number** of games will win their division.

## Proposals

At the last Captain's meeting there were several written proposals presented for discussion that would have a direct effect on the newly revised Rules, Regulations and By-Laws. The Proposals, and their respective outcomes are as follows:

1. Repeal of the "30% play rule" in the Rules and Regulations. A very basic reading of this rule states that a player on a team must play in at least 30% of its team's scheduled matches in order to be eligible to play in any playoff or tournament games. **The proposal passed with a 7-6 vote in favor of repealing the rule.**
2. Revision of Article IV, Section 3 of the Rules and Regulations. The existing rule reads: After the seeding Committee meets, new members may be registered using the Add/Drop sheet, with seasonal dues, to be submitted to the League Scorer by the Friday prior to initial play of the new member. The proposal was to revise that rule to read: After the seeding committee meets, new members may be registered using the Add/Drop sheet, with seasonal dues, to be collected by the team captain on Wednesday prior to the playing of the match. The opposing team captain must approve the addition of the new player. There was some discussion concerning the lack of time for the scorer to verify a new player's handicap, of "sandbaggers" and upsetting team's seeding, whether there was a need for the change in the first place, about teams dropping out of the League and about being more "dart friendly" and promoting the sport of darts. **The proposal passed with an 11-3 vote in favor of the revision.** \*\*Keith Hughes suggested providing team captain's with a contact list to assist them in verifying a proposed new player's ability and volunteered to be one of said contacts. The BOG is looking for other volunteers.
3. Add a new section to Article IV of the Rules and Regulations that allows substitutions. The proposed addition would read: In the event a team has fewer than four members present for play, an unregistered player may be substituted to fill out that team. There will be a five (5) dollar fee for the unregistered substitute and a substitution form must be filled out and approved by the opposing team's captain. An unregistered player may only substitute two (2) times per season. The unregistered substitute may officially join a team and any previously paid substitution fees will be deducted from the twenty (20) dollar registration fee. Substitutes may move up but not down within the divisions. For example, if a substitute first plays a match for a B league team, he or she can not then substitute for a C league team.

Unregistered substitutions will not be allowed after the 9<sup>th</sup> week of play or during any playoff or championship games. **This proposal passed with an 11-2 vote in favor of allowing substitutions.**

4. Revise Article XI, Section 2 TDA By-Laws concerning meeting dates. The proposal was to set permanent meeting dates as follows:
  - Seeding Meeting: 1 week before start of season
  - First BOG: Tuesday of Week 5
  - Second BOG: Tuesday of Week 8

**This proposal was unanimously approved.**

5. Proposal to seed the City Championship in a true bracket much like the NCAA Brackets. Using the 15 teams we have in the league this season, the proposed seeding would be as follows: A division would be seeded 1-5 in order of their placement within the division. B division would be seeded 6-10 and C division 11-15. The 16<sup>th</sup> seed would be a bye. Therefore, the first place A team (1) would receive the bye (16), 2<sup>nd</sup> place A(2) would play fifth place C(15), 3<sup>rd</sup> place A(3) would play 4<sup>th</sup> place C(14) and so forth. Mike Foote stated that this proposal if passed, could not be in effect this season per the current Rules, Regulations and By-Laws. David Schuyler pointed out that the Captains had voted at the last BOG meeting to make it effective this season if passed with the vote today. There was some discussion concerning balance, integrity and the betterment of the League and that the changing nature of the League requires some flexibility in its Rules and Regulations. **The proposal to Seed the City Championship passed with a 14-1 vote in favor of the new bracket. (This change will be in effect for this season's City Championship Tournament)**

New Business

Keith Hughes challenged the BOG to create a recruiting committee to get new teams into the league.

Aaron Mills asked all captains to promote the upcoming Aiken/Augusta Shootout amongst their teammates.

David Schuyler proposed a \$125.00 donation to the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 5877 to help cover the cost of the food that they will be providing for the Aiken/Augusta Shootout, with the TDA and SRDA each contributing \$50 and the SIDA contributing \$25. The issue of providing a keg was also mentioned.

Meeting was adjourned.