



TDA Captain Meeting – 02/03/2009–Notes taken by Tracie Ricard

Board Members:

Aaron Mills – President

Keith Hughes – Vice President

Jessica Fulmer - Treasurer

David Schuyler – Scorer

Marty Foote – Secretary *

Tami Jay – PR Rep*

Ted Gay – ADO Rep.

* denotes absence of board member for meeting

The Captains meeting was brought to order by Aaron Mills.

Team Captains signed the meeting sign in sheet. Here 4 Beer was not present and will have 5 points deducted from their total score. Twisted Twenties, Elizabeth & the Sugardaddies, and Hoze's Road Rash were not present and 3 points are to be deducted from their total score.

Meeting minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as noted. Marty was absent and Tracie Ricard took minutes for the meeting.

Treasurer's report: Jessica stated that the only change in the report was one sub at \$5 and didn't see the need to print out the report for one change. She also stated that she has not seen Tim and has not written the check yet for his services as Scorekeeper for last season.

ADO report: Ted announced that he will be sending out an email in the next couple of days for the 501 Masters qualifier. Participating darters will be going to Charlotte on March 15th. The format will be similar to Augusta's qualifier (round robin format) and will cost \$20 per person. Matches will be held on Saturdays and Sundays throughout February. He will hold a super Saturday which will cost \$5 a person to participate and you will have to have accumulated a certain amount of points to participate in that. We will send as many darters as we can, but it will depend on the amount of money we collect and the TDA will match \$5 per person for TDA darters participating.

Scorekeeper's report: David suggested that visiting captain's keep a copy of the score sheet from their matches in case the home team's score sheet gets lost. This way there is a back up copy that can be used if the original goes missing.

PR Rep's report: Tami was absent, however did print up a menu choice for the banquet.

VP Report: Nothing

Old Business

City Tournament Proposals

1. Blind Draw (2 votes)
2. Seeding (9 votes)
3. 1st place in each division seeded and the rest of the field blind draw (1 vote)
4. Seed 1st and 2nd place A division teams and rest of the field blind draw (1 vote)

Heyward brought up a suggestion that we put everyone together and pick players for each team to play a playoff. Use A division players as captains and have them pick B and C division players to fill out the team.

Aaron stated that the City Tournament was for teams that currently play in the league and that Heyward's suggestion could be used for a one day shoot maybe.

Mike Foote said that seeding and the blind draw both have merit but that the lower seeded team should have home field advantage.

David suggested that we give the 1st place teams that are seeded home field advantage and the rest of the field placed at random bars. This would be for the first bracket only and reward these teams for placing 1st in their division.

The votes were tallied for the 4 options and Seeding the City Tournament won the vote (votes are notated above). Smooth made a motion and Cindy seconded it to have the 1st place division teams get home field advantage for the first round and blind draw the rest of the field. No one opposed that motion.

Banquet

One written option was provided for a vote: \$600 from Mary Dabney for the following

Appetizers: Layered Bean Dip w/Chips, Potato Chips w/ Ranch Dip

Main Course: Fried Chicken, Salad, Cheese Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls

Dessert: Brownies and Chewy Squares

Assorted Drinks

Also will provided plates, napkins, cups, utensils and condiments if needed

Jessica and Aaron said that they had also checked into sub sandwiches but it was going to cost around \$700, which didn't include drinks, etc.

Vote was taken and was unanimous to have Mary cater the banquet. The food will be served at the conclusion of the final match of the Tournament.

Tracie Ricard made a suggestion that the banquet cost be written to be included with the food, such as the rental cost, keg cost, etc. so that captains can see the full amount spent for the banquet. While many captains understand all the costs involved, some of the newer captains may not be aware of what is involved.

It was also stated that the banquet will be held at VFW 5877.

New Business

Jessica brought up that Bobbi Claxton had approached her and suggested that we do an Aiken/Augusta women's shoot out. Asked the captains to discuss with their teammates and see what kind of interest we get from the women to see if Aiken would participate.

Mike Foote presented a suggestion that we reduce the membership fees to \$15 one season to give something back to the darters. He said that would give something to everyone, not just the ones that show up at the banquet or that would show up for a tournament. Heyward suggested that we leave the fee at \$20 because that's a pretty good price for getting 13 weeks worth of darts. It was suggested that these comments go to Bill Dabney, who is heading the committee to look at different options for us to spend some of the league's money.

Tracie reminded everyone that the Charity Board Certificates are available on the website and that the captain's should go ahead and start working on getting items together for the Charity Raffle at the banquet. A discussion was started about what kind of items could be donated. Mike Novak said that he would be interested in getting in touch with any of the bar owners when they place their order for dart boards and purchasing a board to donate for the raffle. Mike Foote also brought up that in the past we have had some big ticket items donated and those were raffled with separate tickets that cost more than the regularly raffled items. Mike Novak also brought up that at the last couple of banquets we have not had as much dart stuff raffled. Smooth interjected that this was because for about a year and a half we gave Todd Rooney a \$250 budget to purchase dart supplies, etc. to raffle at the banquet. Aaron brought up the fact that in lieu of that we started giving 5 free Membership fees to raffle and that has gone over well. He said that he would look into using an extra \$150 to purchase some dart supplies to raffle.

Jessica brought up that there are no clear guidelines for the PR Rep to follow as far as what to do for the Charity board. Mike Foote responded saying that it was left as a broad description so that we wouldn't have to change the By-Laws if we wanted to do something different.

It was also suggested that we look at different options for awards for divisional winners. Mike Novak said that most people have all the trophies they want and that it would be nice if we did t-shirts, etc. for 1st place teams and then maybe did pins or something simple for second place teams, or maybe nothing at all for second place teams.

Keith brought up the point that he wanted to make sure that David was going to get paid for his scorekeeping duties since he took over. It was agreed that it was already assumed he would get paid. He also encouraged the captains to start putting their ideas in writing as proposals so we can get some of the items we have talked about changed. Some people have had great ideas but nothing can be done unless it's in writing.

A discussion was made about moving the date for the banquet to Saturday, March 14th because the current date was the same date as the Masters 501 regional. Heyward was asked if that would be an issue for the post and he said that it shouldn't be, but that Lo Down Brown would be playing music that evening at 8:30 pm. It was discussed that if we did move the banquet to Saturday, we should start earlier so that we could make sure we would finish in time to clean the hall for the band to play. Smooth made a motion and David seconded it to move the banquet to Saturday, March 14th and start the playoffs at 10am, 12 votes were in favor. The VFW will be open at 9am for people to warm up before the semi-finals at 10 am. Ted noted that he would put a note on the qualifier email he sends out that the banquet date and time had been changed.

David made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Heyward seconded.

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