

Meeting Minutes – North Country Dart League

Location: Fagin's Pub
Date: February 7th 2023
Time: 7:05pm
Adjourned: 7:55pm

Attendance

Dent Guys - Lockness Painters - Northern Pounders – BBC - Jericho Outdoors

Dube's BullDawgs – Misfits - Round of 9 - Just the Tip

Absent

Sharp Shooters Ridiculous 6 Northway

Agenda Items

1. Dues and Roster for Just the Tip were turned in. Sponsorship fees will be turned in directly to Dan next week.
2. February 27th Match between Northway and Just the Tip, can be rescheduled? Dana Roy will get in touch with Zuri to reschedule
3. Laura Roy turned in team roster and dues for Al Stock and Ron Roy.
4. Dues for Ruben Landeros of BBC were turned in.
5. Northern Pounders Sponsorship fees were turned in.
6. Dent Guys requested to add Keith Hart to roster (unpaid, has not played yet)
7. A motion to use DartConnect beginning Fall 2023 was made by Dan Croteau, A vote was held, unanimous vote to approve Dart Connect. The league will purchase tablets, tablet holders, and pay the fees to use DartConnect. Captains will be responsible for tablets or may designate a player to be responsible for the tablet.
8. A question about the rules of coaching was brought up and it was previously mentioned that we have said coaching is allowed by anyone if a player disengages from the board. Coaching was allowed by Captains and Co-captains even if a player is not disengaged from the board. This was never voted on to be added into our bylaws.
 - a. A motion was made by Dan Croteau to change the bylaws from “coaching in 301 games is allowed by Captains” to allowing coaching in all singles games. Motion passed with majority vote
 - b. A motion was made by Dan Croteau to allow Captains and Co-Captains to coach without the player disengaging from the board. Motion passed with majority vote.

- c. A motion was made by Dan Croteau to allow coaching from anyone if the shooter disengages from the board. Motion passed with majority vote.
9. It has been mentioned many times that the last place team in the National Division at the end of a season moves down to the American Division and the top team from the American Division moves up to the National Division but this is nowhere to be found in any revisions of the bylaws dating back to 2007.
- a. A discussion was held regarding when an American Division team does not feel they are ready to go to the National Division. A team's request will be considered and they may not be made to move up.
 - b. A motion was made by Dan Croteau to add this back in to the bylaws. Motion passed with a majority vote.
10. An error in the bylaws was brought up in section 7v3b. The bylaws currently state, "In the Tactics Cricket game, the visiting team has the option to shoot first in the first game." It should state that the home team has the option to shoot for bull first. A vote was held to make the change and was approved

Action Items

1. Lucien LeVeille and Dan Croteau will be looking into purchasing tablets in the next few weeks. It has been determined that we will need 16 tablets at this time.

Other Notes

- The payouts for the Women's Ton Club were previously stated to be \$30, \$20, \$10 for 1st through 3rd. The payout is now being changed to \$40, \$30, \$20 to bring it in line with the Men's Ton Club. The two ton clubs will now be completely separate. This applies to both the National and American Divisions.
- It was reiterated that matches NEED to start by 8:00pm. If a team does not have 4 players present by 8:00pm (a small grace period may be given if it is known that players are on the way, this is at the opposing captain's digression) the match will be a forfeit. In this event, the match report sheet needs to be filled out and every player from the team who is present has to sign the Match Report Sheet and Dan Croteau needs to be contacted. If a team has more than 4 players present, someone from the short handed team needs to fill out the Match Report Sheet and the match needs to start at 8:00pm. Players can fill in their slated spot when they arrive. Any absent players turns will be skipped. Bars are getting frustrated with the late finishing times and are threatening to not stay open for us.
- If a player is asked to leave a venue by the venue's staff or owners for belligerent behavior during a match, the league will not only stand behind the bar's decisions but we will review the situation and may elect to enact a further punishment up to and including expulsion from the league.
- The playoff trophies and keys will be collected by the president of the league after celebrations. This is so we know where they are and we are able to get them to Kenny for engraving.

- At the American Legion during the Spring 2022 Playoff Finals and the following week, the Match Report Sheet ended up on a table between the two active boards. People were walking up to the sheet while players were throwing. Not only is this dangerous, it is distracting to the throwers. No ONE should be in front of the line while someone is shooting besides the scorekeeper. The Match Report Sheet needs to be placed in a neutral, non-distracting area.
- A player was hit in the head when a dart went astray. It was suspected that the dart deflected off of the board at the American Legion. This resulted in a question being raised about whether the boards at the legion (the 4 boards sharing a wall) were too close together and needed to be moved for safety reasons. The venue was evaluated and the Luck of the Draw tournament held around Christmas was used as a reference as well. The boards are okay and do not need to be moved.
- A team captain questioned whether the boards at the Ming House needed to be replaced due to numerous bounce outs one night in match play. The boards were evaluated by Lucien LeVeille and Dan Croteau. Both threw multiple darts at the boards, using different sets of darts and different throws, ranging from a harder throw to a lob. It was found that the center bull's eye on the left hand board (when facing them) was a little soft but was able to hold darts okay. Both Dan and Lucien concluded that the boards are okay for now but it may be recommended to replace them in future seasons.
- Becky Dube brought up an issue with a player heckling and harassing one of her players during a match. The incident was already discussed with the opposing captain and the player has been spoken to. This is a direct violation of our bylaws and the player was informed about this and has promised to correct his behavior in the future.
- Tom LeMasurier brought up that a player was told they have to put down any unthrown darts in order to walk over the line (oche) in order to look at the board to determine where their previous throw(s) landed. This is not correct. A player can walk up to the board to verify a throw without setting down their darts. The darts in the board are not to be touched or it does signal the end of the player's turn.
- Tom LeMasurier asked for clarification on the Notables section of the Match Report Sheet regarding Round of 7, 8, and 9. It was asked if we should be using the boxes or writing them on the line. Either way is fine but it is best to stick to one method. Nate Richard also said in the event of multiple Rounds of 7, someone can write in 3X R7 to signify three Round of 7's.
- Shauna Croteau announced that the 2nd Annual Spring Fling Ding-a-ling Bingo will be April 1st. There are 115 tickets available on a "First cum, first serve" basis. Tickets are \$25 each. This event was a huge success last year and we hope it will be just as big this year. Yes, this does conflict with the White Mountain's Shootout. Please contact Shauna for tickets!