

Meeting Minutes – North Country Dart League

Location: Fagin's Pub **Date:** January 7th 2025 **Start Time:** 7:00 PM **Adjourned:** 7:35PM

Attendance

Northland Interiors: **N** Lockness: **Y** Jericho: **Y** Northway: **Y** NC Bowling: **N**

Northern Pounders: **Y** Berlin City: **Y** Just the Tip: **Y** Wizards: **Y** Misfits: **Y** Sharp Shooters: **Y**

Bookworms: **Y** Berlin Spring: **Y**

- The Ridiculous 6 tablet was turned in to Lucien
- Dues were turned in for Ronnie Dumont Jr (Northway), Gabby Letarte (Bookworms) and Marianne Letarte (Bookworms)
- Mike Roy added a new player, Jeff Perry, to his roster and is using his dues credit for Jeff.
- The National Division tried out the Advanced Player Lineup on week 1 and were asked their feelings on how it went and if it was beneficial. Everyone in attendance felt it was a good change. There is still some areas where people may need to be shown how to utilize the feature more effectively but we will continue to use it so captains can get more comfortable with it. A discussion will be held at a later time to decide if we should implement this in the American Division as well. Korn of the Misfits seemed to be against it for the American Division so some people may need to have a 1 on 1 session to learn it.
- Match start times was brought up. Players need to be ready to throw at 7:45PM. We understand sometimes things happen but captains should make every attempt to have their players at the venue and ready to throw by 7:45pm.
- Captains and Score recorders (on the match report sheet), please make sure things are being written down correctly. In Week 1 alone for the Spring 2025 season, 5 notables were not written down. Korn of the Misfits stated that he was not aware that we wrote down Rounds of 7. There are small boxes to the right of the "Notables" text box to put checkmarks in for people who hit a Round of 7, 8, and 9. Some people use a line to mark that a player hit one. This is perfectly fine and may save space if a player happens to hit more than one in a night.
- There was a ton written down for a player in Week 1 that could not be verified on DartConnect. We spoke with the team's captain and informed them about the situation. After reviewing the legs this player was involved in, the only thing we can guess happened is that the player had 93 left in their singles 301 and busted. It is possible that the player hit 100 but busted and someone still wrote down the 100. Because the 100 was unable to be verified, it is not being awarded to the player.
 - We have seen a few times where a player has busted with 100+ and the throw was written down. Please note that a throw has to count in order to be written as a notable. There was another situation in a prior season where a player had a

Round of 7 written down but only 5 of the marks counted so it was not a true Round of 7. If anyone needs help understanding what constitutes a Round of 7, please reach out to your captain or a member of the board of directors.

- Dan asked Kenny where we were with the engraving on the trophy plates. Kenny said that we just needed to add the most recent winners to the plaques and that he has purchased a laser engraver because he was unable to find anyone else who can do it in the area.
 - Dan asked both Kenny and Zuri if the league had paid the other person to have the plates done which Kenny was not happy with. Both stated that they did not believe that we had paid out for the plates.
 - Dan requested that we set a deadline to have the plates on the trophies which was agreed upon by Kenny. The updated plates will be on the trophies by February 4th 2025.
- Reminder: Any dues not already turned in need to be turned into the captains by the start of week 3 and will need to be turned in to the league by the February 4th meeting.
- A discussion was held regarding the team Ridiculous 6. They have now played the Fall season for the past 2 years and not rejoined for the Spring seasons. This makes things difficult regarding teams moving up and down to promote better play. The team Just the Tip was set to come up to the National Division but had to stay in the American due to the number of teams being at 7 if they had come up. Per the December 2024 meeting, Captains voted to have an even number of teams in the National and the American preferred to have a bye if they had the option.
 - It was mentioned that the team does bring in a lot of revenue to the bars and bring in some strong players which is welcomed and appreciated.
 - Kenny Nett mentioned possibly asking them to commit for both seasons to allow for better team management between the two divisions.
 - Dan Croteau said that another option was to just allow things to continue as they have for the past few years and at the beginning of each season, we hold a vote for who is in the National and who is in the American Divisions.
 - A vote was held to determine how to proceed. It was a unanimous decision to allow things to continue as they have been
- At the VFW there was a situation where players who were in the back room were coming out through the banquet side to go for a smoke break. There was a playoff match going on on the boards in the banquet side closest to the bar and it was distracting the players engaged in a match. Dan Croteau did snap at one of the players and told them to use the other exit (to the right of the boards in the back room) to go out for a break.
 - Dan did apologize to the player's captain and asked her to relay it to her player. He said that he will also apologize directly when he sees the player again.
 - Dan has requested that players in the Back Room of the VFW utilize the door in that room to go out for breaks and players in the banquet side are to use the main doors off of the banquet side for breaks. This is only to prevent distracting players engaged in a match. Dan also reiterated that the "Members Only Area"

is not to be used as a pass through and only members or people accompanied by a member are allowed in that area.

- It was brought up that the new Match Report Sheets do not contain an area to write down the match points in the center like normal. This was an oversight by Dan and it will be corrected the next time we have Match Report Sheets printed. In the mean time, please write in the points in the area we normally had them.
- It was mentioned that the Berlin Bowling Center is very cold and this makes it difficult to play a match there. This is something that has been brought up in the past as well in conversations outside of the captain's meetings.
 - Dan Croteau said that if the temperature gets too cold, give him a call and we can look into switching to a different venue for the match.

The next Captain's Meeting will be February 4th 2025. The meeting will be held at Fagin's Pub at 7:00PM.