

# Meeting Minutes – North Country Dart League

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**Location:** Fagin's Pub **Date:** January 6<sup>th</sup> 2026 **Start Time:** 7:07 PM **Adjourned:** 7:26PM

## Attendance

Northland Interiors: **Not In Attendance**

Fagin's Pub: **Y (Dan Croteau)**

Jericho Outdoors: **Y (Tina Viens - Remote)**

Flight Risks: **Y (Greg Tabak)**

Northern Pounders: **Not In Attendance**

Just the Tip: **Y (Jen Theriault - Remote)**

Wizards: **Y (Laura Roy)**

Misfits: **Y (Paul McKenzie)**

Sharp Shooters: **Not In Attendance**

Bedard & Son: **Y (Jami Cooney)**

Bookworms: **Y (Charlene Gallagher)**

Northway: **Y (Zuri Chambers)**

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- There was a situation in Week 2 where a player had played 2 legs of their singles match (match was tied 1-1) and had to leave for work. The two teams decided that because another player was listed in parenthesis that the player could step in to finish the match.
    - It has always been said that if a player has to leave during a match, their turn is skipped in team games and in singles they forfeit the set.
    - This is not listed anywhere in the bylaws that we can find. We would like to add this back into the bylaws if it is agreed upon by the captains and the board.
    - A vote was held on whether to add this back into the bylaws. The vote was a unanimous yes to add this back to the bylaws.
  - Bylaws Section 5 E. states: "An initial sponsorship entry fee of \$40.00 will be assessed per season, per team."
    - This should be \$40 per year? Or redefine "season".
    - A Vote was held to amend this to what we believe the spirit of the rule is. This will be changed to state that the \$40 sponsorship covers 2 seasons (or one year). The vote was a unanimous yes to change wording.
  - Bylaws Section 5 I. Home team captains will be responsible for turning in the match report sheets each week by Thursday. The home team will be assessed a 2 point penalty if the match report sheets are not turned in.
    - The NCDL Box is no longer available at the Pub to turn in the Match Report Sheets.
    - Change this to "The Home Team captains will be responsible for sending a picture of the Match Report Sheet within 1 day of the match completion to the league president."
  - With us now using DartConnect, the triplicates are almost rendered useless. They are quite expensive (\$260 for 1,000 the last time they were ordered) We will redesign the Match Report Sheet so it is only printed on a single piece of paper rather than using triplicates since the captains stated that most do not hang on to the colored copies. After a picture is sent to the president (or whoever is doing stats) the Match Report Sheets can be discarded.
  - Once again a soda bottle was brought into the VFW on week 3 that the VFW does not sell. Captains, please speak with your players and make sure they are aware that if they are caught bringing food or beverages into one of the venues, they will face a season long suspension.
    - Dan is 90% sure he knows who brought this in but as he did not directly see the person drinking from the bottle, no suspension will be issued this time.

- Many of our players are on a fixed income and it can be difficult for them to come up with \$40 at the beginning of the fall season to play in both seasons. Some players may also only wish to play one of the two seasons. It is also not fair for people who play in one season to pay as much as a person who played in both. Discuss pro's and cons for making the dues \$20 per season instead of paying the entire \$40 for the fall season. Players would also have the option at the beginning of the Fall season to pay for both seasons if they choose.
  - Any player who only plays one season will not qualify for the league shirts or sweatshirts if we decide to go to \$20 per season unless they are interested in paying an additional fee (will be decided based on what we choose to do for NCDL merch that year) This may also reduce the number of items we are purchasing every year.
  - A Vote was held to change the dues to \$20 per season (Due at the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each season) which would go into effect for the Fall 2026 Season. The Vote was 5 Yes, 1 No. Motion passed. Sponsor fees will still remain as \$40 for the year, due Week 3 of the Fall season.
- Discuss Substitute players. This season we had an issue where a player played one match and never paid dues. This resulted in a reassignment of points. Other leagues have substitute players that pay \$5 to play for a week. Their \$5 has to be paid to the captain before they throw a dart. This should eliminate the potential for point reassignments and it's a small fee to try out the league. Keeping with the bylaws, once a player has played in a match for one team, they cannot change teams until the following season. A Sub should pay their \$5 for the first and second week they play. Once they play their 3<sup>rd</sup> week (which qualifies them for playoffs) they would no longer be considered a substitute and would be required to pay the remainder of their dues (\$10 if we go to \$20 per season or \$30 if we stay with \$40 for both seasons). Substitute players will also count against the team's total number of players (must be between 6 and 12)
  - Any substitute player will need to be CLEARLY marked on captain's roster forms. Something like Player Name (Sub) should be okay.
  - Captains would be responsible for notifying the opposing captain and note on the match report sheet that the player has paid their \$5
  - If a captain is unsure of how many matches a sub has played, we have a link in DartConnect that shows us how many matches a person has played this season and it is broken down by team. Captains can reach out to Lucien if they are unaware of how to get to that page.
  - A vote was held to Trial Substitute players for the Fall 2026 season. The Vote was a unanimous yes. Beginning Fall 2026 we will trial substitute players.
- Dan gave Zuri the Spring 2026 DartConnect Bill. Zuri gave Dan the money to pay the bill. Dan will pay this and bring a receipt to the next meeting.
- Tina Viens (Jericho Outdoors) asked to have Roxanne Costales added to her roster.
- If you have not seen the post on Facebook, please check it out and talk over Shirt colors with your team. Only 1 color choice per team (duplicates amongst teams are fine). Please get your color choice along with each player's size to Lucien at your earliest convenience. This include all paid players who played in only one or both seasons. If a player played for you in the Fall season but is on another team in the Spring season, the captain they play for now will be responsible for getting their sizes.

- Dan and Shauna brought baskets for the Spring Fling Ding-a-ling bingo. This is a massive fundraiser event put on by Shauna Croteau. Baskets should be filled with about \$100 in value of new items in a theme by the members of each team. This can include donations by local venues or items purchased. Dan asked that the baskets be turned in completed at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. If teams require extra time to work on the baskets, please contact Dan or Shauna for an extension.
  - Shauna has again offered if a team needs help or doesn't want to build a basket, they can give the money to her and she will build the basket for them.
- Tickets for the Spring Fling Ding-a-ling Bingo will go on sale Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup> at Fagin's Pub.
- April 18<sup>th</sup> will be the Spring Fling Ding-a-ling Bingo. This event will be held at the White Mountain Chalet.
- Last year we helped out the Neighborhood Horseshoe League by donating part of the raised funds to them. This year Shauna would like to donate part of the profits to the Northwoods Cancer Survivors, a group that helps out local families with gas cards and services for people with cancer. Previously we have had themes like "Willy Wonka" and "Cowboys" but this year it will be the color pink.
  - Since this is a league fundraiser, a vote was held to make sure captains were willing to help out the Northwoods Cancer Survivors with a donation. It was a unanimous yes to donate a portion of funds to help families undergoing cancer treatment.
- **The next Captain's Meeting will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026. The meeting will be held at Fagin's Pub at 7:00PM.**