

Monthly General Board Meeting Agenda  
RMDA  
September 13, 2017  
Blue Bonnet Restaurant  
457 S. Broadway  
Denver, CO. 80209

**In Attendance – Brenda Roush, Renee Ripol, Ken Lynde, Cindy Lynde, Chris Seifert, Suzanne Seifert, Tom Nickerson, Suzanne Kessinger, Steve Maestas, Angie Lowman, Gena McCracken, Dave Hale, Terra Poplstein, Josh Shuler**

**Call to Order – 7:08 pm**

**New Business**

- A Commissioner Dion Wilson expressed interest sent him the information however he did not respond leaving that spot still open.
- Cards for board members – Chris Seifert presented 3 options – Renee and Chris will work on details between meetings. Put your name on the spreadsheet if you want cards by September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Pictures were taken of all board members in attendance. Those will be posted on the RMDA page.

**Protests and Petitions**

- Cody Miller petitioned to drop from AA to A - petition denied
- Mike Bowlin has 7 players that have all played and petitioned to drop one of those players to add a new player – request denied per rule 5.9

**Commissioners Reports**

- Board Advisor
  - Wants each commissioner to have Oche measuring kit, an order will be placed and those will be provided to the commissioners by next meeting
- B League
  - Some B teams expressed an interest in traveling – Chris Seifert stated that teams want to travel to a certain degree around the Denver Metro to play other teams. Ken Lynde stated this has been brought up before but we are working on having less travel due to drinking and driving and an attempt to grow the league. It was suggested that if they want to travel they move to another bar.
- A League
  - Chris Tilden movement to A division was approved
- AA & Masters League
  - Derek Brock movement to AA, the board discussed this and the vote to move was denied 8 to 0.
  - Darren Polst movement to AA, the board discussed this and the vote to move was approved 10 to 0.

**Membership Committee – Chair Josh Shuler Confirmed Members: Tanja Farmer, Heather Frayer, James Mutchler, Brian Finken**

- Josh Shuler emailed out an outline to players that used to be in the RMDA and he will provide data in the next meeting to discuss the input from past members about they are are not currently playing.
- Heather Frayer provided some leads of new bars and Josh Shuler will compile that information and give that to Steve Maestas to open discussions with the bars.
- Gena McCracken wanted to know if there is information regarding the benefit in terms of revenue a new bar could review. Josh and Steve will reach out to Si Seifert because he had that information in past years.
- Jimmie Jarrell is working with Westword to get an ad out that will hopefully get other bars interested in hosting teams and increase our exposure.

### **Sponsoring Establishment Outreach – Chair Steve Maestas Confirmed Members: Amy Robertson and Chris Blinkinsoph**

- Steve reached out to Chris and Amy and has not been able to set a date to of what they want to do with the committee.
- For the first 3 months Steve Maestas will be approaching the bars that respond to his request for an inspection. In February the expectation is the remaining bars will be inspected.
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### **Rules Committee – Chair Stacy Edwards**

- Will be meeting via email prior to next meeting
- It was discussed that we add a rule regarding Master players in the top 10% denied movement and to revisit the capping of master players
- There is also a typo in the appeals section of the rules that needs to be corrected

### **Banquet/Awards Committee – Chair Terra Poplstein**

- Ken sent Brenda the form that has been utilized for Venue bids. She is working to further determine spacing needs and more details to add to the form.
- Awards - Jennifer sands has decided to join our team! She has 6 seasons of banquet award experience and we are excited to have her. She will be working on forming a team of volunteers (1-2 people) to assist her.
  - Projects- formulate a spreadsheet for all awards and find a way to circulate it to Ensure names are spelled correctly and sizes are correct. Determine who wants awards and who wants to donate theirs.
- Next meeting will be to determine specific roles for volunteers in terms of setup/teardown, food planning, venue planning, transportation planning, equipment planning,
- Brenda will compile a list of tasks to prep for the banquet

### **Technology Committee – Chair Renee Ripol**

- Dart Connect/Tablets/holders costs were discussed, we will get the information to Gena McCracken to see if she can get a group discount. The pricing and plan to start rolling out Dart Connect will be discussed next meeting
- Automation of T to T – Renee will meet with Jennifer Roberts to see what she wants to automate and if it is a better way to convey the T to T data.
- Data Stream stats from Dart Connect to RMDA statistician – Kevin Kellogg said he can meet any time to discuss this. Renee will get a date together for Tom Nickerson, Kevin Kellogg and Renee Ripol to meet.

### **Communication Committee – Chair Gena McCracken**

- Gena McCracken will be putting together a Dart Connect page that will be connected to the RMDA site with reference on how to use it and instructional guidance. Tom Nickerson said that he can provide a spreadsheet of members to Dart Connect personnel. Brenda cautioned that we need to be careful of the language we use in the tutorials by talking about how “easy” Dart Connect is to use. It isn’t easy for everyone and people may be less likely to ask for help if we lead with “it is really easy”. She also suggested that a Dart Connect Help Desk during Captain’s meetings because the questions are entirely different from bar to bar.

### **Tournament Committee – Chair: Cindy Lynde, Members: Renee Ripol, Matt Westerberg, James Sands, Jenn Sands, Barb Sifrit, Brenda Roush, Beth Davis, Ken Lynde, Terra Poplstein**

- Next meeting is September 20<sup>th</sup> at Choppers, 7pm
- Tentative date for 2018 Colorado Open may be first weekend in November
- 2018 Shamrock Classic will be March 2-4 and flyer was sent to ADO for sanctioning
- Nationals is Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Welcome party set up in hospitality suite for finalists, RMDA, TC and ADO board members
  - Currently collecting items for welcome bags (contact Cindy Lynde if you can contribute)
  - Need chalkers to volunteer (contact Cindy Lynde if you can help)
- Colorado Open October 14-15, 2017
  - 4 A/B players have won entries so far
  - \$1,340 in sponsorships have been paid so far
  - Need volunteers for 50/50’s at local blind draws (contact Cindy Lynde if you can help)
  - Raffle Prizes are being gathered (contact Beth Davis if you can contribute)
  - T-Shirts the design for this open is being finalized
  - Setup and teardown need volunteers (contact James Sands if you can help)
  - Need volunteers at both registration and Colorado Open booth (contact Cindy for time slots)

### **Youth Committee – Chair Jimmie Jarrell Members Teresa Schultz, Angie Lowman**

- Annual \$2000 budgeted for the youth was approved by the RMDA the vote was 8 to 0.

### **Beyond the RMDA Committee – Chair Brenda Roush, Chris Seifert**

- **American Darts Organization**
  - Cricket ADO National Qualifier – November 19, 2017 Cripple Creek
  - ADO Singles leagues at Steel Tips, Mirage and Longshot will qualify 11.5 men and one woman
  - Dart Women of the West (October 30) will qualify 8-16 women
  - 501 ADO National Qualifier – late November/early December, Colorado Springs or Denver location
  - 2018 ADO US Team Nationals – has been awarded to the Colorado Open. We need to confirm our dates by September 18<sup>th</sup> to receive BDO ranking.
- **United States Sports Dart Alliance**
  - Chuck Hudson, husband of top player Sandy Hudson and former ADO Board Member, has created a for-profit business – USSDA. The organization plans to

hold national championship events at currently ran tournament locations and in the future staging four person competitions and youth events. Joining the USSDA would cost the RMDA \$250. This would allow our members to compete in the national events for \$100 instead of \$150. The benefit of joining the USSDA at this time would be to support someone looking to test out new national dart leadership and provide access to nationals to the small percentage of our league that would participate. The concern about joining at this time is that the ADO might look poorly on our joining and we might not be awarded ADO national finals in the future.

- o Chuck Hudson will be attending the Colorado Open this year. I have let him know that there might be board members and players that are interested in learning more over that weekend.
- o Brenda suggested after review of the organization that at this time the RMDA does not join the USSDA and keeps in touch with Chuck about their future projects. At a time that they are organizing matches between leagues we explore membership again. If we hear interest in the USSDA national finals from our traveling members we could hold qualifying events in Denver and send the players to these nationals as non-USSDA members.

- **Championship Dart Circuit**

- o The Championship Dart Circuit coordinated with the PDC this past July for the North American Championship. Several RMDA members participated in the qualifiers for this event. Holding local qualifiers for the 2018 North American Championship to cover entry and travel could be offered to RMDA members.

#### **Statistician Report**

- T to T is completed for August
- A proposed schedule for the 2018 Spring season was given to the commissioners for their review.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Monthly financials provided and reviewed by the board

#### **President's Business**

- Voting process for Grievances/Protests completed waiting on 3 board members to be added to private forum
- Purchase of Oche Measuring Tape (\$11.95 ea.) for each commissioner that doesn't currently have one.
- Next meeting is set for October 11<sup>th</sup> at Blue Bonnet