

Savannah Area Darting Association, INC  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 7, 2018 Minutes  
12/5/18

Meeting called to order 7:06 PM:

Attending James Stevenson (Pres.), Brian Little (VP), Jeff Disk (Tres.), Sheila Reese (Sec), Jack Johnson (R & G), Robin McGarry (Membership), Kevin Arnold (B Div. Rep. and Charities), Napoleon Sanchez (A Div. Rep.), Michael Thompson (C Div. Rep), Robin Kelley (E Div. Rep. And Sunshine Committee), Marina Weininger (F Div. Rep.), Joseph Conn (G Div. Rep.), Lou Burson (H Div. Rep), Guests: Angel Little, Cat Brune, Mike Cobb, Teresa Bonifacio, Carolyn Bigelow.

**Quorum is established**

**Reading of the Minutes for Oct 3, and 17, 2018.**

**Robin McGarry made the motion to accept Minutes as written 2<sup>nd</sup> By Joseph Conn. Passed**

**Treasurer's Report:** Operating cash about \$30, CD \$20,500 maturing in June 2020 approx. 21 months, Money Market approx. \$9000.00, approximately \$2000.00 in the Jr Darters scholarship fund, P & L about \$ 1000.00 off from last year due to purchases and other expenses (new PA system.)

**Robin Kelley made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written: 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin McGarry. Passed.**

Network Solutions is our domain and we got an email that the credit card did not go through, It has been handles since the banking issues are being resolved. The email stated that John Moore was the primary contact. We are paid thru 2020. We will be getting this changed to a current Board member.

**Division Rep. Report:**

A Division: Alternate Napoleon Sanchez reports having no information of any issues.

B Division: "No news is Good News"

C Division: "Everything Good"

D Division: Absent "Everything fine"

E Division: "Everything Good"

F Division: "Everything Good"

G Division: "Everything Good" except Amy at the wormhole has issues with smoking bars.

H Division: questions about "Atta Boys" player shoots Trip X, Single Y, and Trip Z. Do all the points have to count? Yes as long as both Triples count for points or closing. It was mentioned that last week there was a fight between two teammates throwing at the Crow Bar with Tarbox' team member after the match. Jack will investigate the situation, if time period is a factor the President has 30 days to file a Presidential grievance against the player or team. Jack will contact Tarbox and look into it, and find out what happened on 10/16.

If there is physical contact that would be an automatic suspension.

**Statistician:** James "Gunny" Ryan absent daughter sick.

**R and G:** 10/23 there was a grievance filed. Joseph Conn -The Outsiders and Brenton Rowan from F-Bombs protested the match. Team 42 Poison Darts had an altercation during their match with two of their players. They were pushing and shoving each other and one was pushed into one of the Outsiders team member and was injured. Team 47 F-Bombs filed a grievance for that Cricket match the injured player was throwing. Two of Poison Darts team members that were throwing their match pushed and

shoved each other and one fell into another match that was also being played at Blueberry Hill that night. A member of The Outsider's team was injured. Joseph Conn informed the captains that a grievance would be filed.

On Oct 26 there was an R and G meeting called. All three Captains were present. Both team members involved were suspended for 1 year and they are allowed go before the Board to appeal the decision. The captain of Poison Darts explained what happen and understand the rules that were violated. The R& G board discussed the situation and advised that both player would be suspended for 1 year and Poison Darts received 4 penalty points and the 2 points for the Cricket match were awarded to the other team. The player can go before the Board and petition to be re-instated on or after October 26, 2019. The captain of Poison Darts was advised that she could appeal the penalty points, but could not appeal the suspension.

Napoleon asked if the other player (the bystander from the other team) was injured? The injured player was able to continue the match and play the rest of the evening with difficulty.

The Captain of Poison Darts was OK with the Verdict.

**Sheila Reese made the motion to accept the R & G verdict and accept the ruling on the penalty points against Poison Darts from the R & G Meeting. Jeff Disk 2<sup>nd</sup> Passed**

James Stevenson wants to address the issue of the Smoking Bars. This is a touchy subject. James has been approach by several League members about the "Smoking Bars". As a Board can we not allow a smoking bar in the League as a sponsor? Blueberry Hill and the Wingman Club both are smoking bars and it is legal in their jurisdiction to allow smoking inside the bar. James had been asked if we cannot allow smoking bars to be a part of our League. We require the Sponsor to provide lighting and a space in which to throw: Why can't we require the Sponsor to provide a smoke free environment for our League members to throw. If the Board felt strongly about the change it would have to be a BY Law change that would have to be voted on by the league.

Mike Cobb asked to address the Board. Since he is not a current SADA member he was not recognized. Mike continued to try to address the Board. The meeting was paused for a brief 10 minute recess @ 7:30 pm. Discussion among the person in the rooms off the record.

Meeting called back to order @ 7:35. Napoleon: 5 years ago we would not be having this discussion. We now have two bars in the League that allow smoking: Blueberry Hill and the Wingman club. We have had numerous complaints regarding Blueberry Hill mostly due to smoking and poor ventilation. The Wingman Club does a lot for SADA. If we were to impose a smoking ban that would hurt the Wingman Club. As a league, it is not our position to dictate morality or behavior. Would it be possible if we went to Blueberry Hill with the complaints that have been pointed out, and suspend their sponsorship for 1 year. Approach Wingman Club to see if a designated area outside could be arranged on Dart night (Tuesday)

Mike Thompson, (whose team has been sponsored by both bars), reported the Wingman Club the smoking is hardly noticeable. Blue berry Hill has other issues, there is not enough room for two team to be throwing there on the same night due to crowding and smoke. There are non SADA related issue: smoking, brawling, substance abuse. Suggestion that the Blueberry Hill be suspended for 1 year as a sponsor and request that the ventilation be improved.

Angel Little remarked that we are a sport and our sponsors are supposed to provide a safe environment for us to throw in. The Blueberry Hill Bar needs to be more responsible. The complaints need to be in writing.

Robin McGarry: We are here as a Board to hear what our league members concerns are and address these issue. There has been numerous complaint about the quality of the air at Blueberry Hill. Some teams are refusing to go to Blueberry Hill for matched, instead they would rather forfeit the match.

Teresa Bonifacio: That night there was also a pool tournament being played at Blueberry Hill on Dart night and there is no room for 2 matches with 4 teams of 8+players (approximately 30 to 40 darters and a pool match going on with 30-40 persons playing in the Pool Tournament. Next season we should only have 1 team there on dart night.

James stated that originally a complaint was brought to his attention that would affect League play and that as the President he is required to bring it before the Board. The issue is the **smoking** in the bar not the establishment.

**Brian Little made the motion to squash the issue regarding smoking ban. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Disk. passed.**

Recommendation:

Division Reps will get with the Captain's to get feedback. Jack researched and found that we as as League cannot regulate if a bar allows smoking if it is legal in that State Law or if the City allows the smoking in the bar.

James will contact the bar owners and see if there can be some resolution regarding the ventilation in the smoking bars. We may need to limit the number of teams that bar can sponsor. It is not the place of the League dictate whether a bar can allow smoking. If enough team captains complain about Blueberry Hill then the President can then go and file a grievance against the bar.

As a recommendation that due to health and safety issue we as a league we can address these issue with the owners of Blueberry Hill. Recommendation that the bar be placed on a one 1 year suspension from being a sponsor to allow enough time to improve the environment. When the suspension is completed then we can callow 1 team per night or 2 teams per season to be sponsored. If there are any further complaints please give them to James so that he can document the concerns, before he goes to speak with owners. James will contact the bar owner and address the Leagues concerns. We are going to table this discussion till next month.

**Membership: Robin is finished with Add and Deletes**

She passed out A/D sheet to Division reps.

**ADO:** absent

**Website and Tournament Director:** Herman absent James reports everything going great playoff set for Saturday. Dec 8<sup>th</sup> and the Charity event is Dec 1 and Dec 2. Deposit have been made and Trophies have been ordered. We will need everyone's help for set up and breakdowns.

“The Dan Jordan Memorial Charity Tournament” Kevin Arnold reported that we have 10 room nights booked and we have 9 days left before the price reverts back to the standard fees. We need to go ahead and book the comp rooms for Herman and Robin as soon as possible.

**Brian made the motion to reserve 2 rooms for the weekend of the Charity Auction Tournament for Robin McGarry and Herman for Friday and Saturday night 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin Kelley Passed.**

The Special Darter's rate for the hotel is \$89 and \$99 until November 16<sup>th</sup>. After November 16 the rated will return to normal room rates.

We have \$600 in sponsorship to this date. The New sponsorship deadline will be November 26.

Charity report.

Robin asked the Board for \$300.00 to purchase supplies to create the baskets for the auctions. Brian suggested that they purchase the items and be reimbursed. We do not want to create a financial burden on the ladies putting together the baskets. **Brian made the motion to purchase the items and be reimburse. No 2<sup>nd</sup> to that motion Motion is dead. New motion.**

**Joseph Conn made the motion that we allocate \$300.00 for the Charities to purchase items needed to create the baskets. If funds are not used or items can be returned the ladies will do so and return the remaining money and receipts back to the Treasurer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin Kelley Passed**

Robin McGarry asked the Board to be able to use the SQUARE to accept credit cards.

**Joseph Conn made the motion to accept credit cards for purchases and use the SQUARE to process payments for the Silent auction at the Charity Tournament. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin Kelley Passed**

Rates for the event venue will be based on the number of room nights purchased at the hotel. If we have over 50 room nights the fees will be \$485.60. Less than 50 room nights the cost may be \$728.00.

Only the money raised from the Silent Auction will go to Ruth Bick. Money raise from the Tournament will go to SADA to offset the cost of the event. Robin reminded the Division Reps that we have only 9 days left and asked that the room rates and sponsorship information be put on the website. Teresa Bonifacio asked if we are on the ADO Calendar for the Charity Tournament.

**Nothing for Newsletter.**

**Nothing from Josh for Public Relations.**

**Nothing from Herman he had to go to Atlanta for work.**

**Sunshine Committee:** nothing to report.

Board member mentioned that Kevin Arnold lost his mother in September, Sweeney's mother is not doing well, and he is traveling to be with her. Chris Mattingly wife had a baby.

**8:21 recess for break.**

**Resumed @ 8:31**

**VP. Report;** Brian Little stated that he and Angel have been having issues and that he has retired from darts. Still on the Roster just not playing. So he will not be running for president.

**President James Stevenson:** Jenny Hernandez Award will be voted on tonight. There can be 2 Roadie awards given per year. James feel that the Tournament and the Open Directors should choose the recipients.

**Brian made motion the motion that we make a change the wording in of the PPMR under Trophy and Awards Article 7 Letter L that the Tournament Director or Open Director (instead of the President) to choose the (2) Roadie Awards recipients for those setting up and breaking down for Tournaments and Play offs throughout the year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin Kelley Passed**

Jenny Hernandez Award is for outstanding Board member serving on the Board to help with the Boards duties and functions throughout the year. Voted on by the Board members. We will be voting tonight to be awarded at the December Playoffs. The award will be voted on, counted and held in secret till

Playoffs. It will be a closed votes and be counted by President and Secretary.

We will be needing nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary by next month's meeting. Herman will put on the website that we will be looking for candidates. You have an active member of SADA to be able to run.

Joseph Conn declared that he would like to run for Vice President.

**Old business:** Bank accounts are fixed Credit cards are operational. Cashier checks have been returned to the bank. With a large apology to the bank.

Discussion on next year's calendar: Teresa Bonifacio created a calendar with 2 options

Option 1 sign ups on Board meeting Jan 2, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jan 15<sup>th</sup> dart play, break at end of week 14 we will have a week off for Easter and break at Thanksgiving.

Option 2 Board meeting on Jan 2nd then sign up on Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> night of darts Jan. 22 with only a break at Thanksgiving.

**Sheila Reese made the motion to choose Option 1 of the 2019 Calendar for next year 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Little Passed**

Herman will post on the Website the 2019 Calendar

**No New Business**

Meeting adjourned @ 8:51