

**Minutes of
The Cleveland Darter Club
October 9, 2009
Board of Directors Meeting**

The October 9, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Jeff Inman at 6:15 pm:

Roll Call:

President:	Jeff Inman [JI]	Vice Pres:	Jon Molnar [JM], Excused
Rec. Sec.:	Sue Rusanno [SR], Excused	Treasurer:	Paul Hansen [PH]
Bd Member:	Dave Ellis [DE], Excused	Bd Member:	Audra Heath [AH]
Bd Member:	Jeff Heath [JH]	Bd Member:	Dave Rook [DR]

Also present:

Eric Belloma [EB], Steve Farkas [SF], Rose Scott [RS]

JI indicated that each absence had a valid reason for missing the meeting (SR and DE had work commitments and JM was ill) and requested each be excused. SR and DE were excused by unanimous vote (5-0) and JM excused by a vote of 4 -1. It was also noted that League Manager Missy London was also excused, without objection, due to an illness.

The Minutes of the September General Membership Meeting were previously emailed to all BOD members and accepted by a vote of 5-0.

President's Report [JI]:

- League & Club Promotion. JI indicated that the Fall Leagues and new website are off to a good start, with a few minor issues being addressed. The 95 Fall League teams represent a nice increase over the prior year, although the CDC still only has a market share of approximately 50% (excluding Euclid/Lake County area). Therefore opportunity still exists for significant increases in the future. Our focus must be to gain a competitive advantage through superior league management, customer service, website, etc. and to market our league as the premier league in the area.
- The League Manager Evaluation process for the period ending August 31 is ongoing and should be completed within the next week or so. JI again stressed the importance of receiving timely and constructive feedback and encouraged the rest of the Board to be more proactive in their role as BOD members by actively participating in the performance review process.
- Next scheduled meetings (all Friday nights at 6 pm):
 - o November 6 at West Park Slovenian Home
 - o December 4 at Panera Bread (Brooklyn)
 - o January 8 at Panera Bread (Brooklyn)
 - o February 5 at Panera Bread (Brooklyn)

Financial Report [PH]:

Total Cash in Bank	\$36,429.15
Less Cash designated for:	
Tournament Trails	(4,778.20)
Extravaganza	(4,683.98)
All-Stars	(6,534.00)
Hall of Fame	(245.00)

Net Cash Available	\$20,187.97
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NCB Bank Loan	\$35,916.64
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ADO [SR]:

- Written report presented. See attached.

Grievances, Rules and Sanctioning [EB]:

- Sanctioning going very well. EB noted that Jon London was doing a particularly good job, sanctioning many bars and gathering affiliate information for the website.
- EB made a motion for the Club to purchase a \$20 gas card to be awarded to one of his committee members for work above and beyond the call of duty. Motion was seconded by JI and discussed. Some reservations were made by DR and JH as to whether it was appropriate for a volunteer, non-profit organization to compensate one of its "volunteers" and whether this action would set an undesirable precedent. EB pointed out that the \$20 gas card would be for reimbursement of expenses by one particular committee member who went above and beyond the normal call of duty by travelling to and sanctioning several bars over the last several weeks. There is no intention that this specific instance of providing a token gift of appreciation would set precedent or establish future policy. After further discussion, motion was passed by a vote of 3 for, 1 against and 1 abstention.

Extravaganza [SR]:

- Written report presented. See attached.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- SF made a motion to waive the affiliate fee (\$50) for The Harbor Inn for the current year and all subsequent years in which The Harbor Inn agrees to house the Club's "Wall of Fame" and other Hall-of

Fame-related items. Motion was seconded by Dave Rook and discussed. JI made a point that this fee waiver would be incorporated into a CDC-Harbor Inn "Wall of Fame" contract. PH noted that this element of consideration would give legitimacy to the contract. JI and RS concurred. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

- SF made a motion to award Lifetime Membership Awards to members Joe Gannon and Bill O'Neil. Motion was seconded by AH. After some discussion about the merits of both candidates, JI expressed concern that no formal policy (written or otherwise) currently exists regarding nomination process for the Lifetime Membership Award and suggested a policy first be developed and communicated to the general membership prior to awarding the Lifetime Membership awards to the two nominees or anyone else. Based on JI's suggestion the previous motion to award Lifetime Membership Awards was withdrawn.
- After further discussion, DR made a motion to hold a BOD vote on the two candidates immediately. Motion was seconded by AH, discussed and passed by a vote of 3 for and 2 against {DR, AH & JH voting for, and JI & PH voting against}.
 - o Joe Gannon awarded Lifetime Membership by a vote of 3 for, and 2 against [DR, AH & JH voting for, and JI & PH voting against].
 - o Bill O'Neil awarded Lifetime Membership by a vote of 3 for, and 2 against [DR, AH & JH voting for, and JI & PH voting against].
- SF suggested that the HOF Committee consider honoring Betty Yurcich with an award at next year's Hall of Fame event for buying Tom Yurcich the dartboard that led to the eventual forming of The Cleveland Darter Club.

Seeing no further business, meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.

Next meeting will be held on Friday, November 6 at The West Park Slovenian Home beginning at 6 pm.

Minutes Prepared by: Jeff Inman, President

Addendum

Subsequent to the October BOD meeting, the Board was requested by member Rose Scott to accept and consider her nomination of Jane Boyd for the Lifetime Membership Award. This matter was considered by the BOD via email vote. By a vote of 6 for, 0 against and 2 abstentions, a Lifetime Membership was also awarded to Jane Boyd.

ATTACHMENT TO MINUTES OF 10-9-09 BOD MEETING

ADO COMMITTEE REPORT

The ADO Singles cricket league has completed its 5th week of play at the WPSH. There are 14 men competing for a minimum of 9 spots to the ADO Cricket regional in November. I have received good feedback as to how it is running and am pleased with the turnout. I plan to continue to run singles leagues as a means to qualify for Regionals in the future.

An open local qualifier will be held on Sunday, October 18th at 4pm at the Oriole.

An open qualifier will also be held on November 1st at 1pm at the WPSH. I am currently working on details for this qualifier, which will be open to all the clubs (LEDA, Youngstown, Akron) and am planning a special format (ie, draw mixed trips – where the whole team would qualify)

Submitted by Sue Russano, CDC ADO Representative

EXTRAVAGANZA COMMITTEE

Extravaganza 33 will be held at the Cleveland Airport Marriott on April 30-May 2, 2010. Thanks to the BOD for approving the contract.

The Extravaganza committee met a few weeks ago and discussed the payout structure and event schedule for the weekend. We have decided to increase the payout to \$13,000, which is not much more than we actually paid out last year. We felt that increasing the payout demonstrates the tournament is growing and by advertising \$13K, we should pull in more out-of-towners, helping to meet our room requirement. A breakeven analysis is available for you to review.

We are currently working on getting the flyer finalized as well as other promotional tools. We are awaiting approval of the ADO sanctioning for the tournament and in addition it will be included in the ADO pocket calendar and advertised in Bullseye news.

We are seeking Committee members and volunteers. Committee members are needed to help acquire sponsorships as well as other tasks. If you or anyone you know is interested on being on the committee, please contact Chris or Sue.

The next meeting is being scheduled some time in November.

Submitted by Sue Russano, Extravaganza Co-Chairperson