

Monthly General Board Meeting  
RMDA  
November 7, 2018  
JL Cheers  
3415 S Monaco Pkwy  
Denver, CO 80222

**In Attendance - (voting members)** - Codey Holmquist, Cyndi Schreffler, Jennifer Roberts, Mark Udin, Skip Schreffler, Danielle Jurinsky, Amy Robertson, James Sands, Angie Lowman

**Non-Voting Members** - Dave Chuyen, Jerry Feather, Josh Baker, Steve Barlock. Lisa Albert, Bubba, Dion Wilson, Faye Rovira (suspended), Gena McCracken, Stacy Edwards, Val Olson, Anthony Lopez, Jenn Sands, Burke Mosely, Chris Robinson, Morgan Dotson, Cami Davis, Holly Knight-Moreau, Tony McLean, Steve Maestas, Eddie Rioux, Tom Nickerson, Floyd Youngblood, Carl Edwards, Chris Serr, Jenn Serr, Steve Shaller, Brett Leininger, Amanda Tindall, John Carreras, Terra Poplstein, Tim Cherven, Thomas Allison, Shane VanderWeg, Matt Davison

**Call to Order - 7:02pm**

**New Business -**

- Vote Codey in as President Jenn Roberts Nominated, Danielle Jurinsky seconded, Voting members approved.
- Letter from Jerry Feather ~ See attached copy of letter at the end of the minutes
- Website :
  - Status Update - Kevin/Mark 1st draft has been released, currently in the 2nd phase. Website to easier to use, and mobile friendly. Goal is to have website released by the banquet.
  - Release Date - Should be ready by the banquet
- Update on new storage location for trailer - Lease is currently up in January for current location
  - Looking for a new place/ possible at Jewell/E470
  - Chris Robinson has empty storage unit we could possibly use
  - Place by Emerald Isle \$70 mth
  - Brett Leininger states he has property to store trailer however determined it's too far away to keep for storage and easy access.

**Protests/Petitions-**

- n/a

**Voting Matters -**

- VP - nominations include
  - Mark Udin
- B Commissioner -Caitlin Boukhari resigned / Looking for nominations
  - Nominations due by EOD 11/14
  - Chris Serr volunteered
  - Amanda Tindall was nominated by Amy Robertson

## Presidents Business -

- Growth
  - Rec Division (instead of changing B) Rec Division is to help with growth and allow the couples, friends and anyone who wants to try playing darts, play together.
  - May 2016 minutes - Table discussions from previous meeting states: Creating team of members to discuss other options for leagues and such. Has been in process for several years. Feedback has been good, be able to play with friends/family and people that normally wouldn't play league. Simple division with cash payout instead of trophies, plaques, etc.
  - The money entered into the league will be used to keep new members or how that will work with current tax status, etc. Working out the kinks within the next few weeks.
  - Question posed Can you play with other "division" even though your already in a division?
  - Question posed: what are the dues? Will you have to pay both dues for each division of play?
  - Question posed; Is this something you've been working on since 2016, there is no plan in place?
  - Question posed: Can we give it to the bar owners and have an option through the RMDA league for league. Is league more organized? It would be promoted within the RMDA.
    - Codey, Amy and Danielle will work on the fine tuning of rules in the next couple weeks.
      - Another way to get new bars on board with RMDA
      - No stats
      - Win/lose we need to talk to bars and find out if they want to keep the draw or try for rec division teams
      - James will talk to bars once we have the bugs worked out.
- Social Media Policy - Revised writing of the social media policy.
  - Question posed : What is the fear of retaliation? Motion to accept the policy as just read by Mark Udin, Second by Cynthia Schreffler. Social media has been approved by majority.
  - Question posed = Will this be backdated?- Mark Udin made a motion to retroactive, Skip Seconded the motion.
    - Discussion - should be retroactive by Codey, not 100% confident about the punishments. Experience is that Skip in ND and his whole family was asking what was happening with RMDA and all the bad talks looks bad on the RMDA league and outsiders.
    - James Sands - Before policy on social media - IMO if we change anything, appeal process was followed, when the appeal went through and peers made a decision. What does that make you think about your peers who make the decision?
    - Chris Robinson - addressed FB rant about the dart league on RMDA FB, His name was thrown around. He doesn't take sides and he's a bar owner. You don't go on social media and blast people, handle it like an adult, not by blasting on FB. It's not fair to bar owners. Frustrated with is welcome to the league with the trash talk.

- Jenn Roberts states its a personal decision from Stacey/Danielle. We are a dart community We are split and it's not fair to the people or the members of the RMDA.
    - Gena McCracken states that she believes two people were singled out and the slate should be wiped clean from punishment.
    - May 2016 minutes : Hard copy of 2016 notes were referenced. No copy of 2016 minutes on RMDA webpage
    - Steve Barlock ; Make a motion to make RMDA page a members exclusive page, so the information doesn't go "Viral" and may help with then bad reputation going across multiple leagues.
  - Motion has been passed, Suspensions have been lifted for Faye Rovira /Michael Peterson
- Conflict of Interest Form
  - Bar owners rights to players
    - Bar owners have the right to refuse/86 any player
    - Rules read by Danielle Jurinsky regarding rules
    - Information provided by Cynteia Schreffler regarding "conflicts of interest"
- Reinstatement of suspended players = Handled prior discussion / players have been "reinstated"

**Motion for recess at 7:50pm by Amy Robertson, Motion granted**

**Call to order: 8:03pm**

**Faye Rovira talked to the board about rescinding evil words said, will obtain additional details.**

- Explanation of Josh and Dion's Ruling - Discussion regarding reasoning behind the ruling for Josh's Suspension/ Dion asked if anything could be said, he was denied for comment.
- Stability of General Fund
  - Raise Dues
  - Three Seasons - need to obtain additional details, working out kinks and additional dues
    - Possible ranking system and moving players up to next level of play
      - Terra states that there is a committee, email information and interest if want to be a part of the new league matches.
  - 1 Banquet/year - 2 open forums a year, if no additional meeting would need to determine another date for meeting for open forum.
  - Decrease number of awards given out every season - Keeping individual awards.
    - Jenn Roberts motions, Cynthea Schreffler seconds. Change of awards will be effective in Spring 2019
    - (get additional details from Codey/Jenn Sands)
  - Get rid of copier - new addendum had been signed and extended the "lease" agreement. Still reviewing and trying to determine if we can "get out of the new lease agreement"
  - Switch to Dart Connect only and no more statistician - Starting Masters in Spring 2019 to do a dry run of stats and automatically pulling stats etc.
    - Still working on details as to stats pulling, ratings and etc as needed.

### **Statistician Report -**

- No new information

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

- General Fund Balance
  - \$22783.52
- Tournament Fund
  - \$39038.32
- Paypal Balance
  - \$7150.22
- Due to hiring a new accountant, have to regenerate new documents, hopefully will have updated information within the next week or so. Waiting to hear from accountant for additional details.
- SOS/Tax
  - Conflict of Interest form - signed annually. Discussed and documented. Form uploaded. Eg. Statistician being paid member and serve on the board that is conflict of interest.
  - Look into policy for personal inurement in our bylaws. Can 1099 anyone who has personally benefited prior.
  - Fiscal year end changed to Jan to Dec at some point.
  - Sos in good standing. Decided to stay RMDA Inc with dba's of Rocky Mountain Dart Association and Rocky Mountain Darts Association. Should be finished by 12/01/18.
  - Form 1024 Needs to be completed (redone!) by Dec 1 for filing. Once in pending status we can submit 990's. Were rejected prior because we don't exist to IRS.
  - Under advice from IRS and accountant, needs to be put in a file and submitted with 1024 that ALL prior exec members whose actions were detrimental to the organization or the existence of the organization in the eyes of the IRS should not be elected to serve on the board in the future.
  - Still waiting on tax implications. Once forms are in pending status we will have better idea on fines or if we are required to file as C corp which would impose back taxes and fines.
  - Accounting is ALL out of our hands. RGO will be doing all of our reconciliations. They will be cutting checks for us as well. We ordered a stamp for 2 signatures for all checks. The treasurer role is to present a P/L and balance sheet only. Working on plan for bank withdrawals.
    - Question posed : Can a dollar amount be defined for the membership that is paying for the attorney, accounting firm, or any other outside hired sources? General membership would like to see what funds are allocated to these fees.
  - Printer has been negotiated. Still working on it as new addendum in Feb 2018 which extended our contract

### **Commissioners Reports**

- **Board Advisor-**
  - Looking for new bars. Commissioners are good.
- **B League -**
  - Caitlin Boukhari Resignation
    - Chris Serr - volunteered

- Amanda Tindall - nominated
    - Tom Nickerson to send out email requesting for volunteers.
  - Mark Spina request to move down to B denied (11/5)
- **A League -**
  - Jason Wright approved to move to A (approved 11/5)
- **AA/Masters League -**
  - Nothing new to report

**Tournament Committee - (add information from Ppwk from Danielle/Jenn)**

- Throwdown Results
- A/B Tourneys:
  - A/B Qualifier at @Cheers
    - B singles- 4 entries, \$10 per person/ \$40 collected ( Paid out \$150)
      - Pedro Calzada took 1st place and received his Open entry fees paid.
    - A singles- 20 Entries, \$10 per person/ \$200 collected ( Paid out \$150)
      - Bob Boben took 1st place and received his Open entry fees piad.
    - Doubles- 13 entries, \$20 per team/ \$260 collected (Paid out \$200)
      - In total, this qualifier brought in \$500 and paid out \$500. Broke even.
  - A/B Qualifier at Kennedy Station 9/22
    - B singles- 5 entries, \$10 per person/ \$50 collected (Paid out \$150)
      - Rider Jensen took 1st place and received his Open entry fees paid.
    - A singles- 9 entries, \$10 per person/ \$90 collected ( Paid out \$150)
      - Justin MacMillan took 1st place and received his Open entry fees paid.
    - Doubles- 6 entries, \$20 per team/ \$120 collected (Paid out \$200)
      - In total, this qualifier brought in \$260.00 and paid out \$500. Took a loss of \$240.
- Candy Corn Classic 10/6/2018
  - Women's A/B Singles
    - 7 entries. \$14 entry fee, \$98 collected
    - Paid out \$225
  - Men's A/B Singles
    - 17 entries. \$14 entry fee, \$238 collected
    - Paid out \$300
  - Womens AA/Masters Singles
    - 12 entries. \$14 Entry Fee, \$168 collected
    - Paid out \$225
  - Men's AA/Masters Singles
    - 21 entries. \$14 entry fee, \$294 collected
    - Paid out \$300
  - Mixed Doubles
    - 19 entries. \$24 entry fee, \$456 collected

- Paid out \$450
      - Total Cash paid out \$1500
      - Total cash collected \$1254
      - Loss of \$246 for tournament cash
      - Hosting fee accepted in the form of a check from the Balloon Inn, \$225.
      - Overall loss of the tournament \$21.00
- Shamrock
  - 2019 Nationals have been approved -main priority is the flyer for the 2019 Colorado Open
- Results from the Open
  - Waiting to the meeting to get final results.

#### Youth Committee -

- \$2000/year from RMDA
  - Starts Nov Fiscal Year (Spook shoot is start of youth "year")
- Discuss helping with cost of t-shirts, patches, pins etc as Jimmie, T, Angie pay most out of pocket
  - RMDA covers trophies as of now
  - Prepare quotes for pins, shirts, etc. for presentation at next board meeting
- Ronan Miller won 2018 Colorado Open / Lyon Cup youth event
- Had 17 kids registered to play - 11 men and 6 women.
- First time we've been able to break up male/female brackets
- Possible addition of youth/Masters event at the Open for Sunday
  - Need to submit information to be approved by the RMDA and ADO etc

#### Questions from General Public

- What process will there be to fill the VP position? Special election held at the next Awards banquet in January? See Pres Business
- Won't the RMDA need to amend the by-laws/rules to accommodate for a Recreational Money League? See Pres Business
- Explanation to membership about not holding an RMDA board member responsible for being verbally aggressive toward a member, then later, engaging in a physical altercation with that member. The incident started during RMDA league, the board dismissed any discipline stating the incident was not RMDA related because the physical incident didn't happen during an RMDA event. Yet, members were suspended for FB posts that were not during or connected to an RMDA event. See Pres Business
- What were the results of the first 3 tournaments. @cheers and Kennedy Station \$500 A/B only. How many total players? Winners? Financials. \$1500 Candy Corn Shoot. How many total players? Winners? Financials? - See TC Business
- What steps are being taken to replenish the Tournament fund?
  - Requesting information how to replenish money, looking at getting rid of the copier, getting rid of trophies, etc.
- What is the plan for the Shamrock? Where will it be? See TC
- SOS filing status? See treasurer

- Tax filing status? See treasurer
- What steps/ideas are in place to address the financial stability of the General fund? See Pres business for growth
- Conflict of Interest document review for the general membership - See pres/treasurer business
- Written Social media policy. See Pres business
- Reinstatement of suspended players. See Pres business
- Discuss the RMDA's responsibility to protect members ability to participate in league at sponsoring establishments. By paying the bar fees to be an RMDA sponsoring establishment you are inviting anyone from the membership into your establishment to participate in league. Allowing Danielle to 86 Stacy from her bars for a reason that does not involve breaking the law is a direct conflict of interest to the league and has created an unfair advantage for her teams in the A division. With playoffs coming up soon, there needs to be a resolution to this issue. - Pres Business

#### **Tabled for next meeting-**

- Shamrock
- Results from Open
- Prepare quotes for pins, shirts, etc. for presentation at next board meeting for youth stuff

#### **Next Meeting Date-**

- **12/05/2018 - 7:00pm at JL Cheers**

#### **Meeting Adjourned - 8:48pm**

#### **Letter from Jerry Feather:**

In the Fall of 1973 a new Bar opened in Glendale called the Bull & Bush & it had 2 Dartboards. The Owner Dean Peterson came up with the name Rocky Mountain Darts Association.

In 1975, 3 regulars at the Bull, Frank Wilson, Jerry Feather & Don Hofer came to the conclusion that we wanted to promote Darts in Colorado. We got permission from Dean to use his RMDA name and formed an LLC. Frank was to run the Dart Leagues, I was to sell Darts to Bars & individuals & thankfully Don was the money man. Well within a year I bought out both of the partners & we had our first social leagues, as the ones before it had just been money leagues & no one wanted any stinking trophy's. We decided on Gentleman's Cricket on Tuesday & 501 on Thursdays and at the end of the Season the Cricket Champion played the 501 Champion for the City Cup! About 1980 ADO forced us to play slop Cricket, because some outsiders weren't Gentlemen!

The problems that we are here to talk about have happened time & time again over the years & will happen again. I know because I was at the center of some. So after a few years the non-profit Dart Association was not properly taken care of with the IRS, actually no one's fault as they were all very busy, making a living, playing Darts, & going to Darts Tournaments all over the world. The RMDA got the back taxes paid and were back in good status with the IRS. By this time there was or had been almost every big Bar owner on the board at one time or another and lots of military guys mostly from Sunset Lounge. I was the last Bar Owner President in 1983, but was ADO rep

or Bar owner Rep for years. We had 3 Bar Owner reps on the Board for years. I just found out recently that the RMDA having numbers for members is very rare!

We grew like crazy and by 1984 we had over 400 teams in B, A, & AA with 01 teams on one night & Cricket Teams on another. In the Fall of 1984 the big Dart Bars all were expanding their space or actually moving, the future for Darts in Denver Metro area looked great with our leagues growing and the Colorado Open had already gotten to \$25,000. We (RMDA) were starting to have problems that come with volunteers & inexperience, money shortages & tax problems again.

**Then in 1985 with all the new growth in place, DARTBoARd built upstairs to 26 Steel & 10 soft tip Boards, Cranstons opened with 12 , Bank moved across the street with 16 boards, Sunset expanded boards, Bit of Billards expanded, Notter's expanded, Last Chance expanded, Henry's opened & the Jet had boards on both walls for a awhile! Over 100 new Dartboards. The RMDA board voted without the membership to merge 01 & Cricket to one night!** This might have been popular with some players but surely not the Bar owners. The handwriting was on the wall as The RMDA immediately had cash flow problems with almost 200 less teams at \$40 a Team, and all those extra boards were nice but not getting used as much. Now we started looking for ways to pay for the trophy's, the newsletter & our baby the Colorado Open. We had 8 Bar Owners that played at AA or Master's level. We had had beer & liquor sponsors both locally in our bars and for the Open, which we were able to continue with the support of all our Bar Owners despite not being in Love with each other going to the meetings with Coors, Budweiser & Moosehead. These Bar Owners went to other Bars to support their tournaments.

Now the Colorado Open each year became a burden if we didn't get sponsors & the board had voted to only have the bar owners representative on the boards and no other Dart sellers or Bar owners. But still the Bar owners stood behind the League and helped get sponsors and paid higher sponsor fees. By 1988 the Open was again in trouble and the Bar Owners added \$8,000 to the tournament but by the following year there was no Colorado Open. What are the RMDA's expenses? Any salaries? Trophy's? Office expenses? They should be open & visible to all members. Maybe Master's don't want or need plaques anymore? We don't have an expense for newsletter printing or mailing expense that's a big savings. Maybe a Saturday afternoon Jack Benny type League. No trophies, No sponsor fees and keep their own standings but people in the bar without the Bar adding money.

So I have tried to give a little history! It's not always easy but we all love Darts or we wouldn't be here. The RMDA is now down to less than 100 teams. A couple years ago I thought that was not very good but I was wrong, the RMDA under who has been running it for the last 20 has done better than most Dart leagues in the West and in the country. I also think that in the next 20 years the RMDA will continue to stay above the rest, because of who we are here in Colorado, we will not quit, we might bicker between ourselves but we will survive. We've come a long way from that small bunch that went to the Queen Mary & ran from board to board supporting each other.

We need more controls on T to T money, Sponsor Fees, Membership Fees, but that is easy! If someone handles OUR money, they should be bonded, audited annually and prosecuted if money comes up short, and that will stop it! The Idea that the RMDA can function without Bar Owner involvement just won't happen. The problem isn't a Bar Owner trying to do too much, It is the other Bar Owners not getting involved enough, invite them to meetings. I have tried to go to more local bars for their activities even though I can't shoot a lick anymore some say never could.

Thanks or Listening!



