

LRDA Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 3, 2021

Elks Lodge 6:30 pm

Present: Tim Bartlett, Brian Ivanich, Kelly Fleming, Chris Berry, Russell Scruggs

1. Review/approve the minutes from the last Board Meeting (Secretary): Minutes were approved as is and will be posted to the LRDA.ORG website.
2. Financial report (Treasurer): Chris reported that we have \$7,495 in the bank and he has paid the annual fee to Lock N Load storage of \$480. Kelly requested an audit of the financial books. Tim and Brian agreed that it was needed. This is to determine exactly how much has been spent on Mini Tournaments, the BBC, Operating expenses including office expenses, and seasonal expenses, as well as how much money has come in from membership dues/fees and from sponsorship fees. Once this information has been obtained the Board can better determine a budget for the following year with regards to tournaments, operating expenses and seasonal expenses.
3. End of season party: Everyone knows what they are to bring for the end of season party. Tim will provide the Ham/Turkey. Kelly and Brian will bring side dishes. Brian will bring the supplies needed for the LOD; Kelly will bring T-shirts from the some of the door prizes, raffle tickets, and the paper plates and cutlery for the buffet. Chris will be responsible for bringing \$1's and \$5's for the payout on the LOD and any extra funds that the league will add to the pot for that event.
4. Review LRDA Calendar of events: The board reviewed the upcoming calendar for the playoffs, top 40/16 and EOS Party.
5. Rules Committee report (Rules Chairman): A formal written request to make a change to the Rules and Regulations document was presented (see attached document). A Captains meeting will be called just prior to the General Membership meeting in January where it will be presented for them to vote on. They Captains may elect to have this rule brought before the general membership or they may opt to vote on it and have the results announced at the GM. Either way any change would not become effective until Fall 2022 season.
6. New Business: A discussion ensued about other rule changes that should possibly be made. All requests for changes to the Rules and Regulations need to be submitted in writing to the Rules Chairman who will then bring it before the Board where they will review it for validity and then set a time for a Captains meeting. Captains can vote to make the change or they can vote to have the change brought before the General Membership for a Vote. The request should be read to the voters in its entirety and a vote taken. It is not meant to be a forum for debate. All

requests should contain: the original rule, how it should be changed to read, why it should be changed, and any other supporting examples.

7. Set date, time, location and agenda for next meeting: The next Board Meeting is scheduled for December 1, 6:30 at the Elks Lodge. The agenda will contain a review of these minutes, the review of the financials as prepared by the Treasure. Any rule changes that need to be brought forth for discussion, a final review of the end of season party responsibilities, and any old/new business
8. Adjournment. The Meeting adjourned at 7:40

Attachment:

Request for change to the Rules and Regulations

As a member in good standing of the Little Rock Dart Association, I (Kelly Fleming) request the following change to the Rules and regulations document be brought before the appropriate parties for a vote.

The current rule Section 1- Players item C which reads

“New members or players may not be added to any team during the last three weeks of league play.”

Be changed to read

“Players must participate in at least 1 match prior to the last three weeks of league play to be eligible to participate in the last three weeks of league play and/or the playoffs.”

Or have this sentence added to the current rule so that it reads

“New members or players may not be added to any team during the last three weeks of league play. Players must participate in at least 1 match prior to the last three weeks of league play to be eligible to participate in the last three weeks of league play and/or the playoffs”.

I strongly believe this rule was originally written to prevent a team from adding a “ringer” to their line-up on the final 3 weeks of play in order to better their chances of winning their division and/or the league championship.

There was an issue during the Fall 2021 season when a “player” wanted to pay their season dues on week 12 and didn’t play that night so could not possibly be added to the team’s roster by the secretary until week 13 the first of the last three weeks of league play thus causing the question of was this team in violation of the rule. My response was and still is YES they were. I was overridden on this by 3 other board members (Tim Bartlett, Brian Ivanich, and Chris Berry. Russell Scruggs the Rules Chairman did not respond to emails and text messages on this issue) therefore I am asking for the above mentioned rule change.

Changing the rule to state that players must participate in at least 1 match prior to the last three weeks of league play would solve this problem and maintain the integrity of what I believe the original rule intended.

An explanation of my reasoning of why this change is important is as follows:

The question has become one of ‘When is a player added to a team?’ The rules state that a player must be a current member of the LRDA and players have until the 3rd week of league play to pay their seasonal dues to fulfill this requirement. If a person is listed on a team’s roster but they do not pay their season dues on time, all games they have participated in are forfeit. This means that all their stats are reset to 0 and they must start over should they wish to pay their dues and play after week 3. (See Rules and Regulations section 1 Players)

As league secretary I can state that anyone who has not paid their player dues by the third week of league play is removed from the team roster as they are no longer considered an eligible player by league rules. If they wish to participate in league play after the first three weeks, they can be added a team's roster. They do this when the captain of their team adds them to the lineup and sends in their dues on the first night they play.

Why are they not added after the first three weeks of league if they pay but do not play? Until a player throws a dart for a team they are eligible to play for any team in their approved division(s). Players are allowed to pick which team they want to be on initially. After that they must have the approval of both team captains if they want to change teams that season. As secretary I do not assume (even when a captain says a person will be playing on his or her team) that the player will actually do so until they throw their first dart and there are stats for that player to be recorded under that team.

Also you should note that because the matchup sheets containing a team's roster are emailed out by the league secretary to the teams prior to Thursday night's league play. (Usually on Tuesday afternoon) The soonest said secretary could possibly add a player that didn't play any matches to a roster would be the week after the request to add them is made whereas, a captain can make changes to their roster Thursday night by adding a person to their lineup. (Presumably with the consent of the Board of Directors see rules and regulations section 1-G)

I do not believe adding a player to a team roster after the initial 3 weeks of league play without that player throwing any darts is a wise precedent to set as this will open an entirely different can of worms. New rules and procedures would have to be written and put in place to prevent these potential problems.

For example: A captain could, after the initial grace period at the beginning of the season, send in money for a person and have them added to their roster either with or without that players knowledge. Then for whatever reason that person says they don't want to play on that team. According to the current rules in order for them to change teams they would have to get approval from the current team captain who refuses saying 'If they do not play on my team they can't play on any team this season'. Now the player says 'I never agreed to be on their team. I haven't even shown up to any of their matches. Why can I not choose the team I want to play on?'

Do you see where I am going with this?

Ensuring a player actually plays on the team they are being added to will prevent the above circumstances. By changing wording of the current rule (1-C) regarding adding a player to a team we can guarantee the player has actually consented to play for that team and wasn't added just to play the final 3 games of the season and/or the playoffs.