

## **WISCONSIN STATE DARTBALL ANNUAL MEETING - Minutes**

*President: Harry Roecker VP: Kevin Kiesow Sec: Scott Peterson Treas: Kevin Kohlbeck Tech: Chad Kuhfuss*

Took place February 10, 2024 at American Legion Hall in Kewaskum, WI.

Started at 9am.

**Committee members in attendance** - 14: Andy Bloch, Jim Ehnert, Todd Halverson, Kevin Kiesow, Kevin Kohlbeck (virtually), Chad Kuhfuss, Travis Logsett, John Perrone, Scott Peterson, Harry Roecker, Brian Shimanek, Lowell Topper, Jerry Schultz, Kyle Walters

**Treasurers Report** (Kevin Kohlbeck):

### **State Tournament recap:**

2023 State 9 player tournament was held March 25 & 26, 2023 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. There were 128 teams, with 5 teams being turned away.

### **Upcoming locations for State 9 player tourney:**

**2024 – Eau Claire** (Travis) Northern Wisc. State Fairgrounds in Chippwa Falls - April 6 & 7, 2024.

**2025 – Oshkosh** (Kevin) Menominee Nation Arena - April 5 & 6, 2025.

**2026 – Wausau** (Chad) April 11 & 12, 2026.

**2027 – open**

Possible locations: Milwaukee – Potawatomi, Harry will reach out to them, may not be big enough or cost prohibitive. LaCrosse – Convention Center, Harry has had talks with them, still working on them. Travis was contacted by The Chula Vista resort in Wisconsin Dells about hosting the tournament. Harry will talk to them.

**State tournament** - planning guide was part of the agenda and discussed. Topics discussed

**Yearly Scheduling:** should try to set the date for the state tournament 2 weeks before Easter. Next choice would be 1 week after Easter. Last choice would be the weekend before Easter.

**Tournament weekend scheduling:** In 2023 the teams in each division played all at the same time, starting with the C teams at 9am Saturday. This filled all 32 boards in each of the first 4 time frames. No teams played back to back matches. All games could be scheduled in advance. There were open boards during the last (7:30) set of the day, so if boards were running behind, matches that were ready to go could be switched to the open board so they could start on time.

**Boards:** Committee owns 40 boards, stands and lights as well as extension cords. Any remaining plywood boards should only be used for the shoot off. These boards will be replaced once they are worn out. Travis will fix stands as needed in 2024 and will make a note of how many new boards are needed. Light boxes were painted in 2023.

**Brackets:** Will continue with 16 teams in A, (15 top teams and B champs), 32 teams in the B division (31 by average, and previous C champ), 64 teams in C division and 16 women's teams. This caps the number of teams at the state tournament at 128 teams. Teams will be turned away on a first come, first serve basis. Brackets are done randomly by the computer, talked about making sure 2 teams from the same area didn't play each other in the first 2 rounds if possible.

**Electronic scoring (Tablets):** Chad has all the equipment, and helps make sure everything is working properly. All games are scored on the tablets, and this updates brackets automatically. All the tablets should last for many years.

Shoot off: Limit 1 round per player when there are shooters waiting. We have 8 boards that can be used for the shoot off. Need 10 hits to qualify for the .500 and above category, 8 hits to qualify for the under .500 category. This year we will add a women's category, awarding a first and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy. It will take 5 hits to qualify in the women's bracket.

Practice darts: no practice darts before a match, this will be continued to help keep the start times on schedule.

Entry fee: \$100, with \$25 going to the committee. Can be paid via check or Venmo.

Online entry: IS REQUIRED. This gets each player in the data base used for the tablets during the tournament. Teams only mailing in an entry will be asked to register online.

Special event policy: to be purchased each year, which covers the 9 man and 4 man tournaments and the trailer and contents. 9 Player tournament host to pay ½ the cost of the policy.

Paper Brackets: still need to be displayed, should be large and updated during the tournament.

National Anthem: should be played at the beginning of the tournament.

Darts and boards: will be sold at the tournament if available. Board orders are hard to keep up with.

T shirts: will be presold, may have a few available at the tournament.

Mini board: shoot off will be run at the tournament.

Bleachers: should be brought in for the tournament if the space allows.

Backdrop and display sign: was purchased new last year. We need to take care of them when put away carefully after tournaments.

Tournament quality should always be the main goal, we should always strive to provide the best tournament possible.

#### **State 4 Player Tourney Recap:**

2023 was held in EauClaire, run by Lowell Topper and Travis Logslett.

We discussed the medical event that happened. Fortunately several nurses performed CPR right away and the man's life was saved, despite needing CPR for quite a while. He needed open heart surgery that day but has made a complete recovery. EauClaire recognized the responders to the incident. We talked about the tournament host members knowing the location of any defibrillators on site of future tournaments.

#### **Upcoming 4 player tournament:**

This is usually scheduled for the first or second Saturday in December.

The next tournament will be December 7, 2024 in West Bend. Harry will run it.

#### **Dartball Hall of Fame:**

Nominees need 70% of the votes for election (needed 10 of 14 votes). There were 9 nominees.

Results: Terry Olson 14 votes, Larry Jorgenson 12 votes, Jim Mayo 12 votes, Lowell Topper 12 votes, were voted into the HOF. Those not receiving enough votes were: Steve Marotz 9 votes, Mike Hofmann 8 votes, Jim Cason 5 votes, Dave Nehring 4 votes, Steve Behl 0 votes.

New inductees will be honored at a ceremony at 11:45am on State tournament Saturday.

**Officers:** Election was held. Officers will serve until 2030. Then elections will be held every 5 years.

Results: President: Harry Roecker, Vice President: Kevin Kiesow, Secretary: Scott Peterson, Treasurer: Kevin Kohlbeck, Technology: Chad Kuhfuss.

**Committee By-Laws** was talked about, this is the preliminary outline, pending final approval. Especially note the red words. We really didn't finalize this, so this could be changed.

## **Name, Purpose, Organization**

### **Name of the Organization**

a) The name of the organization shall be Wisconsin Dartball State Committee.

### **Purpose**

- a) The purpose of the committee is to promote the game of Dartball and encourage participation through leagues and tournaments.
- b) The committee will furthermore promote the game of Dartball through various media outlets such as the Internet, newspapers, and other media sources.
- c) The committee will create or modify rules that govern the game of Dartball.
- d) The committee will create the state tournament format.

### **Organization**

a) In the event the Wisconsin Dartball State Committee shall ever dissolve, all assets shall be dispersed among all registered Dartball leagues in the state of Wisconsin.

## **Governance**

### **Officers**

- Officers of the Wisconsin Dartball State Committee shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Technology.

### **Committee Meetings**

- The committee should hold at a minimum one meeting per year to attend to matters pertaining to the committee.
- The annual meeting should be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in February if possible.
- A central location in the state of Wisconsin is preferred for the meeting.
- Meeting may be attended in person or virtually.
- A minimum of 9 committee members must be present to hold a valid meeting.
- The president should call the meeting to order and follow the agenda created by the secretary.
- Motions may be made by any member of the committee except the president. A second is required and the president may choose a voice or roll call vote. Motions need only a simple majority to pass.

## **Duties of Officers**

### **Officers Duties**

#### President

- Preside over committee meetings.
- Verify that state 9 player tournament locations are adequate.

#### Vice President

- Take over duties of the President in their absence.

#### Secretary

- Develop an agenda for upcoming committee meetings
- Keep accurate records of committee meeting minutes and have them posted on the state website

#### Treasurer

- Maintain accurate income and expenses for the committee
- Distribute funds as needed or voted on by the committee

## Technology

- Maintain the state Dartball website and it's subscription
- Ensure scoring tablets are ready and working at the state tournament
- Maintain all electronic equipment and items related to it
- Support the Dartball Statistician app.

## **Succession Plan and Election Process**

### **Officers Election/Terms**

- Committee officers will be voted upon by the committee during the annual meeting.
- Committee officers will serve a term of 5 years.
- Officer elections will take place in the years that end in 0 or 5
- In the event that a committee officer resigns from their position, the committee may hold a special meeting for the purpose of filling the position or may wait until the next scheduled meeting to hold an election.

### **Committee Members**

- The committee should consist of a maximum of 15 elected members, with a minimum of 9 and should try to represent all areas of Wisconsin.
- **Committee members to serve a five year term, that would run to the date of the annual meeting ending in the years that end in either 0 or 5.**
- **Terms to be organized so that 7 to 8 positions would be voted on every 5 years.**
- Anyone who would like to be considered for a committee member position to submit their request via email to an officer of the committee or via the website.
- Each potential candidate for the committee should submit information about them and why they should be elected to the committee.
- Elections to the committee shall be voted on by the entire committee, and candidates need to be approved by a two thirds majority vote. This may take place at an annual meeting, or via email.
- Any new committee members term to run until the next election vote.
- Attendance at the annual committee meeting is required by all members.

### **Amendments**

- These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote.

### **Website:**

Chad Kufuss - Talked about need to update HOF bios and state committee member bios on website.

Chad will make it so that committee members can update their bios right on the website.

Talked about requiring all players to be listed on the website to be eligible to play in the state tournament. This would cut down teams submitting false averages. There are currently 1,623 players on the website now. Chad may also be able to create averages for players that have participated in previous state or other tournaments, but aren't registered in a league. He found that this would cover over 80% of the state tournament players. Players not listed in the database could be required to submit a .400 average. Leagues can add player averages without having to use the Darball app.

We talked about the need to have someone to help and back up Chad, and learn the system. Todd Halverson said he can talk with Chad and learn more to help back him up.

### **Trailer:**

The trailer is full with 40 boards, lights, cords, etc. Trailer had bearings repacked in 2018, new tires in 2019. The locks were replaced in 2023. Travis reported that there is a shackle that is broken, and will be repaired when it is emptied for the state tournament.

**Other tournaments:** There are a lot of tournaments that get posted on the website. Many of them are 4 man or league type tournaments. There is a need for more 9 player tournaments. Travis had an idea of a tournament series.

**Other items:**

Next meeting to be held February 15, 2025. Lowell Topper will work on a location in the center of the state, possibly in the Stevens Point area. This would keep all member's drive time to around 2 hours or less.

Based on the by-laws we created today, we have an opening for one more committee member. We would prefer this person to be from an area of the state not currently represented. Possibly from Kenosha or the western part of the state near LaCrosse.

Meeting was adjourned just after noon, with a meal prepared by Lori Roecker.

Scott Peterson

WDSC Secretary