



# NATIONAL DARTS FEDERATION OF CANADA

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### MINUTES

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023  
STE. HYACINTHE, QUEBEC

#### 1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The meeting was opened and called to order at approximately 10:10 AM.

The interim President and NDFC Vice-President, Maggie Leblanc, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Those in attendance were:

##### Executive Members:

Maggie LeBlanc	NDFC Vice President, Interim President
Don Crookshanks	NDFC Financial Director
Mary Dezan	NDFC Membership Director
Sandi Orr	NDFC Youth Development Director
Christine Stark	NDFC General Secretary

##### Member Body Representatives:

Northwest Territories	Kevin Barry Dan Kipling	Territorial Director President
British Columbia	Shelly Lewis	Provincial Director
Alberta	Judi Brown Darryll Walsh	Provincial Director Youth Director
Saskatchewan	Kathy Pasjack Bev Roth	Publicity Director/Coach Financial Director
Manitoba	Brad December Kim Clawson	Coach Provincial Director
Northern Ontario	Sally Rose Cathie Noonan	President Provincial Director
Ontario	Preston Noonan Denise Miller	Coach Vice President
Quebec	Noel Aucoin Susan Hine	Membership Director Past President
New Brunswick	Kirk Perry Lise Lapalme	Provincial Director 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Nova Scotia	Stephen Foster	Provincial Director
Newfoundland / Labrador	Mark Hebert David Thomas	President Provincial Director
Prince Edward Island	John Jackman Joanne Whelan	Provincial Director Secretary
	Jackie Mullett Christina Mill	Membership Director Provincial Director
	Anne Douglas	Secretary

##### Guests

Brenda Dietrich (AB)

Tina Chiasson (NL)

a) **Apologies for Absence**

None

b) **Verification of Quorum & Establish Voting Strength**

Quorum was verified, voting strength was established at 17, with 9 votes required for a majority and 12 votes required for 2/3

3. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

Moved by NDFC Vice-President, Seconded by NDFC Youth Director

THAT Don Crookshanks be elected as chairperson.

**CARRIED**

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Manitoba, Seconded by Northern Ontario

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

5. **PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

a) **Adoption and Acceptance as True Record**

Moved by NDFC Youth Director, Seconded by Manitoba

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on June 12, 2022 in Toronto, Ontario be adopted as written.

**CARRIED**

b) **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None

6. **ANNUAL WRITTEN REPORTS**

a) **Executive Report**

b) **Vice President's Report**

c) **Membership Report**

d) **Youth Director's Report**

e) **Financial Director's Report**

f) **Provincial/Territorial Reports**

No questions were brought forward by the board. This is the acceptance of the reports provided prior to the AGM.

Motion by Newfoundland/Labrador and seconded by Northwest Territories to adopt all Executive Reports

**CARRIED**

Motion by Manitoba and seconded by British Columbia to adopt Provincial/Territorial Reports

**CARRIED**

## 7. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

### a) Financial Director's Report

Don Crookshanks stated that the finances were in good order this year. At the start of the year there was \$133,698. There was approximately \$137,607 in the bank as of June 19, 2023. There has been \$10,000 paid for each 2023 and 2024 nationals and there is \$10,000 to be paid to the hotel each year (as a partial payment). The World Cup cost will be approximately \$65,000. This should leave an approximate balance of \$69,000 after this week has concluded.

Question posed to the board by the Financial Director: Is it worth sending the team to Denmark?

Newfoundland asked if it is better to use the money to pay back the players. Ontario understands Newfoundland's point and adds that our organization's purpose is to grow darts and give players a chance to go to international events. Newfoundland asked if it was worth a discussion now or later? The Financial Director suggested that all members should have a say in whether we keep sending a team to the World Cup. He asked the board if they want to bring the question to the members on if we keep sending a team to the World Cup or use the monies for another purpose. Ontario confirmed with the board that each World Cup team member pays a \$500 commitment fee and asked if there can be options such as paying a portion of flights to the events? Ontario also suggested having options to bring to the membership for voting instead of a simple yes or no on sending the team.

Alberta agrees with taking the question to the membership as Alberta does not want to see the World Cup team not go when the event is held. Northern Ontario asked if we can get testimonials from previous players to add perspective? The Financial Director has a concern for what World Dart Federation gives back to countries or the players for travelling.

Northwest Territories supports going to the World Cup regardless of the cost. Canada has some of the best players that need the opportunity to show their talent to the world. It is a privilege to go to an international event and is what some of our players aim for. The Financial Director does not have an issue with sending the team, his concern is what will happen in the future if there are no funds to send a team. This is why the issue is being brought up now, to be prepared for future events and have the members be involved in the decision.

Ontario asked about the number of players that go - there are 12 players, 2 managers.

Saskatchewan brought up a question - they had a youth go to school and forgot about the bursary. Can he get the bursary now or has he missed out. Youth Director and Financial Director confirmed the youth have until they are 21 to make a claim for any bursary amounts they are entitled to.

Dartboards are for sale by the NDFC as part of the sponsorship with BY Group and the option to purchase these boards will be provided to the provinces first. This year the boards were all spoken for before they were even shipped out. BY group may be able to provide additional dartboards as well.

Motion by Newfoundland and seconded by Manitoba that the Financial Report, as presented by the Treasurer, Don Crookshanks, be adopted. **CARRIED**

## 8. REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES

### a) 2023 National Championships

Northern Ontario and Northwest Territories –There was a concern for when the bar was closed. Darts was still happening at 11 when the bar was closed. The bar re-opened 15 minutes later, and the beer price changed. Don will check into this. Domestic beer is \$6, Import will be more (e.g. Heineken is \$8.50). JJ had spoken to the bar manager and made the arrangements to have the bar remain open until 12:30. He was told the venue was overwhelmed and had no idea what to expect.

Terri was unable to attend the meeting due to commitments with running the Canadian Open. The Executive provided information on her behalf.

The Youth Director will be collecting the monies for the banquet, photographs, and transportation. Any food allergies are needed immediately as the hotel needs to make the arrangements for different foods.

Pasta night was changed from the BBQ due to changes by the hotel. The cost is \$40 per person that can be paid at the door. It will be held on the rooftop greenspace. Any other questions can be directed to Terri. She has arrangements made for music. Time is 7-9 for food and music until midnight.

Dates for Adult Nationals:

2024 – June 24 – 27	2025 – June 23 – 26
2026 – June 22 – 25	2027 – June 28 – July 1

Transportation schedule for flights home should be available on Wednesday. The Youth Director mentioned the difficulties with scheduling the transportation when each province has multiple flights and different times. She suggested the provinces try to have flights better coordinated when arriving and departing Quebec.

British Columbia suggested having a set bus schedule available and provided to the provinces for them to arrange their flights.

Alberta suggested if there is another centralization, it should be closer to an airport.

## 9. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

None

## 10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

a) President - (Two Year Term - July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024)

**MAGGIE LEBLANC - Acclaimed**

b) Financial - (Two Year Term - July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024)

**DON CROOKSHANKS - Acclaimed**

c) Membership Director - (Two Year Term - July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024)

**MARY DEZAN - Acclaimed**

d) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Interim (One Year Term - July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)

**BRENDA DIETRICH – Intent to Stand**

**TERRI LEBLANC – Intent to Stand**

**LISA FLINDALL – Intent to Stand**

**BRENDA DIETRICH – WINNER**

Motion to destroy the ballots by Saskatchewan, seconded by Youth Director

**CARRIED**

## 11. AMENDMENTS TO NDFC REGULATIONS

### a) 2.2.1 Male and Female Alternates

*MOTION:* Be it resolved that in the event of an emergency, the team line-up for the Nodor Cup could include any person that would be eligible to play in the Nationals in an emergency (anyone that has played an event leading up to the nationals) and the province would decide who that replacement person would be. *Submitted by Alberta*

*DISCUSSION:*

Membership Director – Has a scenario - take Ontario for example, if John Part is there, he could play? Some said yes and some disagreed.

Ontario discussed how it was handled in previous years and agreed with not making the change to allow any member from your province/territory because you are penalizing the team that has not made the change or is not short a player.

Northern Ontario – take Prince Edward Island for example, they couldn't field a team in a previous year, so they lost 3 games automatically.

Newfoundland inquired if alternate had to play in Nationals before the event, with the change the alternate can now play? Yes, if they are registered on the team registration form and only in an emergency.

British Columbia mentioned that they have brought a second alternate and wanted to know if this person would be able to play. The Membership Director confirmed that for an alternate to play, they must be registered on the team list.

Motion by Alberta, seconded by Prince Edward Island

**NOT PASSED**

### b) 5.1.1 International Player Representation – World Masters – NDFC Responsibilities

The NDFC will notify all NDFC players who receive member country invitations, and tournament invitations (within reason), of their eligibility to participate in the WDF World Masters. The NDFC will also provide the NDFC players (Adult and Youth) with all the necessary information on the WDF World Masters for them to submit their registration and to make their own preparations.

Current List of Eligible Player\*\* Invitations (subject to change):

- Canadian National Singles Champions
- Canadian Open Champions (if not earned through the tournament)
- Youth Senior Singles Champions (if aged out or not otherwise invited)
- #1 Ranked Player
- #2 Ranked Player
- Canadian Singles Runner-Up
- Canadian Open Runner-Up (if not earned through the tournament)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Canadian National Singles event
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Canadian National Singles event

\*\*Men and Women earn the same number of invites per member country.

Motion by Executive, seconded by Northern Ontario

**PASSED**

**c) 5.2.2 (a) World Cup Adult Qualifier – Eligibility & Format**

The number one ranked male and female on the “official” NDFC adult ranking list shall become automatic team members. During the National Championships, a playoff shall be held to determine the remainder of the World Cup team. Eligibility into the qualifier play off shall include the 2nd to 16th place men and women, including ties, from the “official” NDFC ranking list of May 1<sup>st</sup>; the Canadian National men’s and women’s champion **previous 2 year’s National’s singles event**, if not already eligible; and the true Provincial Champions if not already eligible. Each Province/Territory may have one (1) representative participating in the World Cup Qualifier Event if the true Champion is not in attendance OR has already attained eligibility. Each Member Body’s player representative shall be determined from the available competitors in that Member Body, in the order of their finishing position from their respective Provincial/Territorial Championships **2<sup>nd</sup> place to 8<sup>th</sup> place only**. If the **previous year’s** Canadian National men’s and women’s champion is already eligible, the **runner’s up only** will then be allowed to participate.

DISCUSSION

Youth Director - wording could change to reigning champion.

Membership Director suggesting updating the wording to allow for the previous 2 year’s nationals singles champions.

Board agreed to amend the wording from the original submission regarding the singles champion to be the previous 2 year’s national’s singles champion.

Motion by Executive, seconded by Prince Edward Island **PASSED**

**d) 10.1 National Ranking System – Rules, Formats & Guidelines**

Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the bonding fee for all ranked tournaments will be \$100.00.

Motion by Executive, seconded by Manitoba **PASSED**

**e) 16.1 WDF Ranked Tournaments in Canada Tournament Allocation**

Motion to remove the regulation by Executive, seconded by Alberta **PASSED**

**f) General Housekeeping to update Regulations**

Regulations have been reviewed by Mary, Sandi and Christine and some housekeeping items were taken care of to reflect the current procedures and organizations or events that are no longer active.

Motion by Executive, seconded by Saskatchewan **PASSED**

**12. BUSINESS PUT FORWARD BY THE BOARD**

**a) Membership Fee Increase**

The Executive would like to see the membership fee increased by \$5.00 per member to \$20.00 effective October 1, 2023. The youth directors discussed the increase at the Nationals in May and are also in agreement with the increase.

Motion by Executive, seconded by Newfoundland/Labrador **PASSED**

**b) Youth Directors Meeting Business**

Sandi confirmed there were no items from the meeting.

Prince Edward Island was welcomed back!

Northwest Territories has now elected a youth director.

Saskatchewan asked if changes will be made to improve next year's youth nationals. Will there be food for sale as an example. The Financial Director confirmed the issues have been addressed and next year's event will have the hotel better prepared.

**c) Start of Play**

Motion submitted by Alberta to be effective October 1, 2023 (start of next season).

Motion by Alberta, seconded by Manitoba

**PASSED**

**13. APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANT & LAWYER**

**a) Appointment of Accountant**

Motion: Appoint John Moro

Motion by Financial Director, seconded by Newfoundland/Labrador

**PASSED**

**b) Appointment of Legal Adviser**

Motion: Appoint Sport Law

Motion by President, seconded by Saskatchewan

**PASSED**

**14. AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATORIES**

Signatories for the main NDFC account are being updated to: Don Crookshanks (Financial Director), Mary Dezan (Membership Director), and Christine Stark (General Secretary).

Motion by Northern Ontario, seconded by Youth Director

**PASSED**

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Changes to Nationals Format (point of clarification)**

Players asked to have 8 players advance from each division for doubles; the Executive agreed to try this as a 1-year trial only. After this year, it will be brought to the board for a vote. The Membership Director stressed to each Provincial/Territorial Director to make sure that all the ending times are recorded properly for statistical purposes. Even though there is only one additional round of knockout, there could be more tiebreakers. If the additional players advancing from the round robins cause the event to run an extra 2 hours (as an example) this might not be a viable option for the Nationals.

There were issues with the Canadian Open.

Northern Ontario had concerns with the length of time players were taking to get to their boards in between each match. Youth Director stressed that players should be using the five-minute call by going to the control table.

Alberta mentioned that there was no control on when people had to start the next round. Steve Foster explained that the Canadian Nationals and Canadian Open are two different events and are run slightly different. The group had anticipated more help at the control desk, but this didn't pan out as planned.

Saskatchewan asked what to do for any section runners that do not know anything about Dart Connect and if there is an issue. Any issues should be brought up at the control desk.

Prince Edward Island with timing of the event and if section runners are needed; how can this work if control desk was short?

Alberta – Each province can possibly offer 2 volunteers to help at the Canadian Open to fill the need for section runners.

Northern Ontario suggested province have 1 volunteer help the Canadian Open due to Sunday meeting.

Manitoba agrees that having someone volunteer to help would be better than making it mandatory for someone. British Columbia also agrees with asking for volunteers because of the extra financial burden on provinces by making things mandatory. Prince Edward Island mentioned that as an elected representative for the province, the board of directors should be willing to step up and help. Although volunteers would be ideal, there needs to be some kind of mechanism or procedure in place to have the volunteers.

General Secretary requested input from the Provincial/Territorial Directors on ideas on what can be done to make the Canadian Open go smoother. All the ideas will be gathered and communicated to each province/territory. The board of directors is all in agreement that improvements are needed.

#### **b) Membership Submission**

Ontario membership submission – Noel read submission; Denise handed out papers to the board.

There was a discussion about the length of time needed to be accepted as a corporation by the province. Sally Rose, MB provided the steps taken when Northern Ontario had asked to separate from Ontario. Denise Miller explained that the province is ready to incorporate but with the cost involved, they do not want to pay the fees out of their personal monies if the new member body is not going to be accepted by the board. Their lawyer also advised them to wait until the member body is accepted.

Saskatchewan wanted a clarification of what a yes or no vote here would do. This would allow the group to take the steps necessary to comply with all statutes and become a member body.

Alberta asked if the votes can be delayed and done by email later to take it to their board of directors. The board answered no, this needs to be voted on today.

Northern Ontario mentioned that some people may have concerns that Ontario would now have 3 member bodies. However, it is only land that joins the member bodies, nothing more. Currently Darts Ontario and Northern Ontario do not have anything to do with each other regarding running their organization.

Motion to remove Darts Ontario as of July 1, 2023

Motion by Darts Ontario, seconded by Prince Edward Island  
Alberta abstained. **PASSED**

Motion to allow new member body - Western Ontario Darts Association

Motion by Ontario, seconded by Northern Ontario  
Alberta abstained. **PASSED**

Eastern Ontario Darts Company

Motion by Ontario, seconded by Manitoba  
Alberta abstained. **PASSED**



Labrador membership submission

Motion by Newfoundland, seconded by Manitoba  
Alberta abstained.

**PASSED**

At the conclusion of the voting, the membership director stressed that the section runners need to record the completion time daily. This will help determine how long the sections take with the current format. With the additional time needed for the extra knockout round and the additional member bodies for the next Championships, changes might have to be made. It might not be feasible to have each event run an additional two to three hours. Everyone concurred.

### **Discussion of miscellaneous items and overall agreement**

Saskatchewan – Asked about any monies going to the further provinces who travel each year of centralization. Answer: It is still in discussion and the final numbers are still incoming for this first year.

Northern Ontario mentioned there are tablets showing outs and this is a form of coaching. Answer: The tablets will be fixed to have this option inactive.

Financial Director – Asked about what the cost of dart connect is. This is not fully known yet.

Manitoba – wanted to know why this week was picked. The event is being held around two holidays, increased flight costs.

Ontario – doesn't agree with some of the costs incurred so far. Things should be better for next year. There are a lot of costs only incurred for the initial year.

Dart Connect:

- \$1 US per person per event fee required to use Dart Connect. The fee is being waived for one of the events.

- There are tablet rental fees also.

Discussion about Dart Connect – Sponsorship opportunities, costs. This will be investigated for next year.

- Specialty Sports – there is a contract in place

NODOR Cup draw to take place right after the meeting.

The membership director requested any changes to the team line ups or anyone needing membership cards, come and see her before Monday morning.

Announcements: No drawing on tablecloths, no beer in elevators or hallways. Daily 50/50 draws and prize draws for those in attendance at each day's finals.

## **16. NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2024, in Ste. Hyacinthe, Quebec.

## **17. HOUSEKEEPING**

All voting cards and member body signs were returned to the NDFC General Secretary.

## **18. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 14:15 PM. Motion by Newfoundland/Labrador, seconded by Prince Edward Island.