



ADA AGM Minutes

0905/11

7:00pm

Northern Hotel, Great Northern Road

(1) Roll call was taken and 56 teams present with 8 teams arriving late, 15 teams missing. Keith Pirie, Gordon Laing and Jim Havlin were not present from the committee. Also present was Len Mutch Chairman of the Scottish Darts Association.

(2) Last years minutes were put to the floor, no one had any queries so were proposed by Central Bar and seconded by Golden Tee. Minutes passed.

(3) Dougal thanked everyone present for attending the meeting. He also thanked everyone for their presence and help on finals day. Congratulations was also made to all who played on the stage whether winner or runner up and to those who won or were runner up in their respective divisions.

(4) Due to the treasurer not having the statement of accounts for season 2009/10 ready at last years meeting they were presented to all teams to be passed at this meeting. No one had any queries about the accounts and were proposed by the Rowantree B and seconded by the Grays Inn Bar. Statement of Accounts for season 2009/10 passed. The statement of accounts for season 2010/11 was also presented. There was a query about the accounts from Len Mutch; the question was asked whether we had lost the sponsorship for the singles and pairs as it wasn't on the statement. Sharon Leslie explained that we hadn't lost the sponsorship as it had been grouped in with the cup sponsorship and the divisional sponsorship was now shown separately.

The committee requested that the outstanding sponsorship of £450 be removed from the accounts as it was not possible to recover the money. The outstanding sponsorship was from Coors when they were meant to sponsor the 2nd, 3rd and 4th divisions in 2008/09. To remove the outstanding sponsorship from the accounts was proposed by the Central Bar and Seconded by the Kittybrewster.

There were no further queries about the accounts so they put to the floor and proposed by the Grays Inn Bar and seconded by the Pittodrie Bar. Statement of Accounts for season 2010/11 passed.

(5) Committee stood down for re-election. Dougal Duguid proposed Gordon Laing for president as he is no longer able to continue with the position due to medical reasons; this was seconded by the Golden Tee and passed by majority vote with no objections or abstentions. With Jim Havlin and Dougal Duguid standing down the rest of the committee (Peter Greig, Scott Kennedy, Sharon Leslie, Mike Murray, Keith Pirie, Hamish Spence, Brain Sammons, and Dick Wright) stood for re-election. It was asked if anyone would like to be voted on to the committee as two new members were required, Graham Garden (Cove Rangers SC) put himself forward and it was also suggested that Alan Ross (Murdo's) had enquired about joining the committee so would need to be confirmed. Dougal was prepared to stay on the committee till another member was found. The election for the rest of the committee was proposed by the Butchers Arms and seconded by the Central bar; this was passed by majority with no objections or abstentions.

(6) 1: Rule Change – The top two teams in the Premier division to be promoted and the bottom two teams in the Super Premier Division to be relegated.

This rule change was proposed by the Masada and seconded by the Abergeldie.

Proposal was defeated by a majority vote against, with only 8 votes for the rule change and no abstentions

2: Rule Change – A play-off of one match at a neutral venue chosen by the committee to be played between the team in 2nd place of the Premier division and 2nd bottom place of the Super Premier division

This rule change was proposed by the Northern Bar and seconded by the Kings Bar

Proposal was passed by a majority vote with 5 votes against and 1 abstention.

3: Rule Change – No transfers allowed during any one season

This rule change was proposed by the Masada, their representative John Smith explained that the reason for this rule change was because the transfer rule was being abused by players and teams. The transfer rule was brought in to help teams struggling to fulfil fixtures but this wasn't happening anymore so there should be no transfers during the season.

Rule change was proposed by the Masada and seconded by the Kings Highway.

Proposal was passed by a majority vote for, with 10 votes against and 4 abstentions.

4: As rule change no. 3 was passed this rule change was not required to be voted on

5: Rule Change – Bracket draw to be used for all cup games from the 1st round

This rule was proposed by the Masada and seconded by the Kings Highway

The proposal was defeated by a majority vote against the rule change, with 2 votes for and 1 abstention

6: Rule Change - Each round to be drawn again up to and including the semi-final

This rule change was proposed by the Northern Bar and seconded by the Grays Inn Bar

Rule change was passed with a majority vote for, 18 votes against and one abstention.

7: Rule Change - Home team to put their player up to the oche first

The Abergeldie proposed an amendment to the rule change whereby the team with the throw puts their player up to the oche first.

The amendment was passed with a majority vote for this change and only 11 votes for the original proposal.

8: Rule Change - All available dates to be offered when arranging to play singles and pairs matches

This rule change was put forward but the committee and passed by a majority vote for with no objections or abstentions.

9: New Rule - Divisional formats to be voted on by teams in that division only

This was proposed by the Northern Bar and seconded by the Schooner

The proposal was defeated by a majority vote against with only 1 vote for and no abstentions

10: Rule Change – Premier Division to play best of 3 in singles and Best of 1 in the pairs

This rule change was proposed by the Rosemount and seconded by the Abergeldie

The proposal was defeated by a majority vote against, with 2 votes for and 3 abstentions

11: Rule Change – Super Premier Division league format to be played as 10 singles Best of 5 legs

This rule change was proposed by the Northern Bar. No one seconded the proposal; no vote could be taken so proposal not carried.

12: Rule Change - Premier Division to be renamed as the 1st division, the 1st division as the 2nd, the 2nd as the 3rd

etc

This was proposed by the committee in honour of the 75th anniversary of the ADA.

It was suggested by Lenny Mutch that instead of altering all the divisions which would also affect the history of cup trophies, there should be a one off trophy for the top division to celebrate the 75th Anniversary.

Committee removed their proposal and proposed instead that all division winners for this coming season to be awarded with a trophy to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the ADA.

This was seconded by the Brig Inn and the proposal was passed with a majority vote for, no votes against and one abstention.

(7) 11 new applications were received from Archibald Simpson's, Butchers Arms B, Devanha Lounge, Four Mile (Bucksburn), Grampian Bar, Holburn Bar, Mains of Scotstown, Riley's B, Saltoun Arms, Toby's Bar and Victoria Lounge. Representative from each new team was present except for the Four Mile and Saltoun Arms so a majority vote agreed that only teams with some one present would be voted in and the other two to be placed on a reserve list.

There were no objections to any of the teams so they were voted in as a block. The teams were allowed entry into the ADA with a majority for, one vote against and no abstentions.

(8) Proposed formation of leagues:

Super Premier Division – 8 Teams

Premier Division – 16 Teams

1st Division – 16 Teams

2nd Division – 16 Teams

3rd Division – 16 Teams

4th Division – 15 Teams

87 teams in total with the teams being accepted

League formation passed with a majority vote for, no votes against and no abstentions

(9) A.O.B. – Derek Weston (Abergeldie) made an appeal to the members of the ADA for help with funds for the Youth's within Grampian to travel to Scottish Competitions. At present there is no Aberdeen or Grampian Youth co-ordinator so Derek has been organising things for them. At present the Grampian Darts organisation have agreed to contribute towards travel expenses so if the ADA agreed the money would split in 3 ways and each would pay about £500.

This was put to the vote and passed with a majority for with no objections or abstentions.

It was suggested to help with the youths expenses that each team sell a sweeper and donate the £10 but this proved troublesome last year with teams not getting back in touch, so next season the team fees to go up £10 with the money going to the Youths.

John Smith thanked Dougal on behalf of everyone for his time on the committee and for all the hard work he put in during his time as president.

(10) Meeting closed at 8:45pm