

MANDURAH LEGENDS DARTS ASSOCIATION INC. AGM 2023



Meeting opened at 10:05pm on 3RD December November 2023 at Halls Head Bowling & Recreation Club

Present: 42 (see attached)

Apologies: Rod Lang, Glenn Macdonald, Lorna Wilkins, John Trehwella, Geraldine Delamere-Maki, Mariana Delamere, Gerald Delamere, Anne Bullen, Peter Bullen

Welcome

The President opened the meeting welcoming all members with special acknowledgement of our Life Members.

Previous minutes

Read by Peter McArdle.

Business Arising from previous minutes:

We have stayed with Beyond Bank but have converted to internet banking. We trialed two different rubber mats early in the season but in the meantime MLDA had purchased new mats (same style as previous) and it was felt that they would suffice for the current season.

Previous minutes accepted as read. Approved by Laurie Parsons and seconded by Petar Gorvoko.

Correspondence

The Secretary advised that most correspondence was back and forwards with State Legends regarding arrangements for State Singles, nominations for State events, arrangement for nationals and player registrations.

Other notable correspondence related to the organization and ordering of club shirts from a new supplier, applications for sponsorship, providing information to Department of Consumer Protection as required under Associations Act and liaison with Mandurah Ladies Darts over use of stands and assisting with their electrical tagging.

Treasurer's Report (attached)

Kaylene Cameron tabled the financial report showing a financial year (30th November) closing balance of \$9,256.75 compared to the previous year's balance of \$9,769.41. She detailed the income and expenditure for the year with special note of income of \$2,403 relating to hosting the State Singles and generous donations received from Petar Gorvoko and Cec Hatchett for the mystery peg, Rotary Mandurah Districts for the new cupboard and David Templeman for State Event.

It was noted that as of the end of the financial year there was approximately \$3,250 of outstanding expenditure, relating to the wind-up, and therefore at the start of the 2024 season we would have a bank balance of approximately \$6,000. This would be slightly up on 2023 figures.

Trish Butcher raised a question on whether the club needed to hold such a large bank balance and if we should aim to look at ways to return monies to members (e.g. starting new season with balance of 2 to 3 thousand dollars). After some initial comments it was agreed to carry the discussion over to General Business.

Treasurer's report accepted as presented. Approved by Liz Patterson and seconded by David MacDonald.

President's Report

The President congratulated all of our State and National event winners and runner-up's as well as all who participated and represented the club.

She thanked all our helpers throughout the year especially with the increased numbers on kitchen clean-up duties and mentioned Lyn Streeter's continued help with setting up lunches. The President made comment on the different lunches we trialed during the year and acknowledged those who made those a success and commented that we would look to follow on with similar in 2024.

She also acknowledged the generosity of Lenny who supplies the meat raffle free of charge, Petar and Cec for the mystery peg sponsorship and Trish and Dave for their on-going support.

The President thanked the rest of the Committee for their efforts during the year.

Secretary's Report (attached)

The Secretary advised that we finished the year with 76 financial members, a significant increase on 2022 but it was noted that we only had a few "new to legends" registrations.

The committee recognised that the playing days overlaps with the South-West club in 2023 was far from ideal and with 30 plus members registered at both clubs this had been identified as key consideration in our 2024 scheduling. The Secretary advised that, with the

assistance and support of the South-West club, a schedule had been put together with no overlaps.

The Secretary also mentioned the new website and encouraged the members to use this as the first port of call when looking for any information on WHY, WHERE, WHAT, WHEN etcetera. If information was not available, then let the Secretary know so it can be rectified.

Election of Committee Members

The members were informed that there were two (2) nominations for the Vacant Vice-President position. Laurie Parsons and Kylie Cooper both confirmed that they accepted the nominations and the election proceeded under a secret ballot vote. After counting of ballots Laurie Parsons was elected as the new Vice President.

There was only one (1) nomination for Secretary and as such Peter McArdle was elected to continue in that role.

The Assistant Treasurer committee position was opened to the floor and Trish Butcher was nominated and accepted. There being no other nominations Trish Butcher was elected to continue in that position.

The Assistant Secretary committee position was opened to the floor. There were no accepted nominations. Trish Butcher offered to assist with Secretarial duties, if the need arose, which was accepted but the actual committee position remained open.

Notice of Motion – Chalking (attached)

The Secretary read out a proposed addition to the club by-laws regarding expectations around chalking at Club events. The members were asked to comment, and it was noted that the proposed wording was specifically structured to Club events only and that at State Events the requirements would be slightly different. On a show of hands, the members agreed for the new by-law to be included (requiring >50% approval).

Notice of Motion – Constitution (attached)

The Secretary read out and explained nine (9) proposed updates to the Constitution to remove some inconsistent or redundant clauses, include some “model rules” to provide greater clarity and changes to better reflect the circumstances of the club and ensure the needs of the members were fully addressed.

Upon reading through all the changes, the members were asked if there was any specific rule that they wanted further clarification on or felt should be treated separately from the other changes. As there were no exceptions raised the members were then asked to vote on the Notice as a whole. On show of hands the Notice was passed (requiring >75% approval).

Honorariums to Secretary and Treasurer

Members approved continuation of honorariums paid to the Secretary and Treasurer.

2024 Registration Fees

As per the constitution the matter of 2024 registration fees was presented to the members. It was noted that Australian and State Legends dees were staying at 2023 levels though nomination fees for state events would be increasing to \$10. As per previous discussion it was suggested that a reduction in registration fees would provide an opportunity to give back some of the money currently banked. However, it was agreed that for 2024 the fees would remain the same at \$15.

General Business

The question regarding the bank balance and the opportunity to return some funds to members was carried over to General Business. Amongst the suggestions put forward was to reduce registration fees, increase end-of-season bar tabs, reduce shirt costs etc. It was noted that despite starting 2024 with approximately \$6,000, we would not be hosting a State event which would reduce income by approximately \$2,500 and therefore result in a much lower opening balance at the beginning of the 2025 season. It was agreed that during the 2024 season the committee would continue to review the bank situation, including establishing an acceptable year end position, and come back on potential opportunities to give some funds back to the members.

Question from the floor about opportunities to share information with the members during the year. The committee noted that information was provided regularly via social media, the website, at club days and other means. Additionally, if members had any questions they could approach committee members at any time. However, it was accepted that we would formalise the process and schedule two meetings during the year. The meetings would be held at 9am on club days whilst the games coordinators were organising the day's events. Proposed by Liz Paterson and seconded Trish Butcher.

Question from the floor regarding the number of people on the committee. The committee responded that the addition of Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer roles bringing the committee to six (6) members had worked well this year and had proposed to continue with same in 2024. It was noted that with a quorum being at least two thirds in attendance that increasing this to 7 (quorum of 5) or 8 (quorum of 6) might be problematic. It was also noted that regardless of the named positions allowed for in the constitution, and proposed by the committee, the members had the right to request additional committee members should they desire. It was also stated that the Assistant Secretary was still a vacant position and that given the size and nature of the club it was not unreasonable to expect that anybody wanting to sit on the committee should be willing to take on the additional responsibilities that the vacant position may require. There being no formal request to nominate additional positions the committee remains as proposed with the Assistant Secretary role still vacant.

The role of games co-ordinator was raised and it was proposed that Jan McCaughan take on the role. After some discussion it was agreed that there would in effect be a games sub-committee that would include Jan with Allen Streeter and Lou Cherrington also proposed. Proposal approved by the members and the club committee to work with sub-committee on establishing how it would function.

The establishment of a social sub-committee was raised with a prime function being the running of club day lunches to build on the variety of different lunches trialed in 2023. Sue Tagliaferri and Loretta McNaught were proposed as two potential members of the sub-committee. Proposal approved by the members and the club committee to work with sub-committee on establishing how it would function.

Cec Hatchett asked what had happened to the stands the club owned whilst playing at Silver Sands. Petar Gorvoko advised they were sold when the club moved to Halls Head.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 11:17am.