



CVDA MEETING MINUTES

Basic Information

Meeting Name: CVDA Board of Directors Meeting
Date of Meeting: February 10, 2024 **Time of Meeting:** 12:23 PM - 1:40 PM
Location: Murphy's Law Billiards & Sports Pub (6411 Chesterfield Meadows Dr, Chesterfield, VA 23832)
Meeting Chair: Chris Fullerton

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

2 Roll Call

OFFICERS

Title	Name	Present	Excused Absence	Unexcused Absence	Remarks
President:	Chris Fullerton	X			
Vice President:	Chris Wicks	X			
Secretary:	Paul Martin	X			
Treasurer:	Jennifer Wicks	X			
League Director:	Bobby White	X			

Also in attendance were several CVDA members (Attendance roll call was not taken)

(NOTE: An agenda for the meeting was not prepared.)

3 Report of League Director

Bobby White gave a League Director Update. Dart Connect just minor issues but things are pretty good. All divisions in league are pretty tight. All teams are paid up. Bobby could show division standings if anyone wanted to see them. No questions asked.

(NOTE: At his point there was a delay in the meeting as Jenn Wicks repaired the MS Teams online connection.)

4 Report of Treasurer

Jennifer Wicks stated that she had nothing to report as she was unaware that she was expected to give a report. She did confirm that all members had paid their dues.

5 Report of Secretary

Paul Martin stated that the law requires that all board members are required to sign a consent to be a director and passed out consent forms to all of the other directors. Parliamentarian Amy Gartrell asked where that law was found. Paul responded that he believed it was in the Nonstock Corporation act. Amy replied that she didn't know what he was talking about. Chris Fullerton stated that the oral oath was good enough.

Paul then introduced 4 Action of Unanimous Consent forms for the board members to sign to formalize votes previously taken after the last general membership meeting and at the tournament of Champions planning session. The President declined to consider signing the document as a vote had been taken. The parliamentarian stated that we will have 8 million decisions made in this league by the board without having an official board meeting and there is no time to have a written record for every single decision that gets made. This is an organization moreso than a corporation even though it went not filed. Theoretically we could probably do all of the things you are trying to do but it doesn't need to be done. This organization has existed for 40 years without doing all of this stuff. Paul just needs to let it go. Audience member and former secretary Amber Cole offered that we could just acknowledge by a vote that we had previously approved those things. Vice President Chris Wicks stated that he believed that we ought to sign the consent if it involved money approvals. Paul stated that based on his reading of the law, actions taken outside of a board meeting can be considered as official with a written consent. Chris Fullerton stated that we will instead take a vote in this meeting to confirm those items.

The Chair requests a motion

MOTION

A motion was proposed by Vice President Chris Wicks to:

Approve of paying \$150 to the Tournament Director for the Tournament of Champions; Approve of paying \$300 for the repair of the CVDA Trailer; Approve of Shooters Bar for holding Sunday night LODs; Approve of CVDA Classic Committee Chair Sandra Martin to start selling raffle tickets.

League Director Bobby White seconded the motion.

Recorded Vote

Title	Name		Yay	No	Abstain	Conflict of Interest?
President:	Chris Fullerton				X	
Vice President:	Chris Wicks		X			
Secretary:	Paul Martin		X			
Treasurer:	Jennifer Wicks		X			
League Director:	Bobby White		X			

Motion is Approved

Motion is not approved

6 Report of Secretary - Continued

Paul asked Chris Fullerton if he wanted him to go through the complete list of proposals that he had emailed to the Board. Chris stated not to do that at this meeting as he has not had a chance to read them all. Paul stated that an items he would like to have addressed today is the approval of the membership applications. President Chris Fullerton stated that when the applications are turned in with dues paid that is considered as approval. Paul reminded Chris that the Bylaws state that all memberships are subject to approval by the board. Paul stated that in the applications received, several did not complete the oath fully or did not provide a mailing address and that the law requires that we have a mailing address for all of our members. Paul suggested that we give full approval now to all members that provided all of the information and that we keep as pending full approval for those members that did not supply all needed information while the board seeks that additional information. Treasurer Jennifer Wicks said that some people do not want to provide their personal information. Bobby White added that we need the addresses because if there is a disciplinary action taken we have no way of sending that out.

7 Comments of Audience Members

The Chair recognized audience member and former president Susan Linkous. She asked why some members received membership letters and others did not. Paul Martin replied that he had ceased sending out the membership notifications upon receiving a request to do so by the President. Parliamentarian Amy Gartrell asked Paul what gave him the right to send out notification emails and letters in the first place. Paul responded that it was his duty to do so in the bylaws. Susan then complained that a notification was sent to her work email address and asked how that was obtained. Paul explained that it had been previously obtained in past CVDA records. Audience member Amber Cole stated that she would have helped Paul out with his CVDA duties if he had reached out to her. She said in her opinion that the Secretary could not perform official acts without prior notification to the CVDA Board plus any costs incurred performing those duties were all on Paul. She also stated that it was nice that Paul looked up the rules under the State Corporation Commission but that is not how this league operates. She stated that the intent of the bylaw was just to use it to oust members who were listed on an ineligible list. Paul stated that regardless of the intent it was not written that way. Chris Wicks and Bobby White stated that under their interpretation once you submitted a membership application and paid dues you were a member. Parliamentarian Amy Gartrell stated that regardless how it reads in the bylaws Amber's interpretation was 100% correct. She further stated that the Secretary does not have the right to send official business on behalf of the Board without the consent of the full board. Paul stated that the bylaws state he is to notify members of their membership. Chris Wicks stated that anything sent to members has to be approved by the full board. Paul disputed that he does not need the approval of the full board. Chris and Jenn Wicks were upset that Paul included a list of Board Members found on the website in the notifications sent to board members. Sergeant of Arms Sandra Martin pointed out that the same information from the notifications is on the website. She said everyone needs to be on the same page and calm down a bit.

The Chair requests a motion

MOTION

A motion was proposed by League Director Bobby White to:

Approve all of the CVDA membership applications that have been received and then to seek out missing information at a later time.

Vice President Chris Wicks seconded the motion.

Recorded Vote

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>		<u>Yay</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Conflict of Interest?</u>
President:	Chris Fullerton				X	
Vice President:	Chris Wicks		X			
Secretary:	Paul Martin		X			
Treasurer:	Jennifer Wicks		X			
League Director:	Bobby White		X			

X Motion is Approved

_____ Motion is not approved

8 Comments of Audience Members

The Chair recognized audience member and former Secretary Amber Cole. She made the suggestion that at the next General Membership meeting the board tell the membership that if all information on the application is not provided then they reserve the right not to accept the membership. She said that the board could rework the membership application if they chose to, but some people do not want to provide any contact information. She said if people do not want to supply any information, so be it. Parliamentarian Any Gartrell stated that we need some type of contact information, at minimum a phone number. Chris Fullerton stated that we will need some type of contact information from all members, but not necessarily a physical address. Paul reminded him that the law requires addresses. Chris Fullerton stated that that was not what we voted for. Chris Wicks stated that the bylaws were written some time ago and noted that many people do not check their emails. Bobby White reiterated that we need to be able to contact members, but that some place on their applications that they do not wish to be contacted. Chris Wicks stated that the application and the bylaws need to be updated to modern times.

9 Report of Secretary - Continued

Paul asked that the board approve a motion to dispose of the old CVDA Secretary's computer. It has a broken screen and cannot be updated. All old files have been retrieved from the machine.

The Chair requests a motion

MOTION

A motion was proposed by Secretary Paul Martin to:

Dispose of all of the old CVDA Secretary's computer and physically destroy the old hard drive

League Director Bobby White seconded the motion.

Recorded Vote

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>		<u>Yay</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Conflict of Interest?</u>
President:	Chris Fullerton				X	
Vice President:	Chris Wicks		X			
Secretary:	Paul Martin		X			
Treasurer:	Jennifer Wicks		X			
League Director:	Bobby White		X			

Motion is Approved

Motion is not approved

10 Report of Secretary - Continued

Paul stated that until the Board has read and understood all of the rest of the proposals that he emailed out we can delay discussion of them until another time.

11 Report of Vice President

Chris Wicks stated that we are looking to everyone for input and we want to make this a players league. We do not want to overrule everyone. We want to make this a happy functional place where we can escape the 9 to 5, come out and have fun. There is not always going to be happy times at meetings. There is not always going to be smiles and joy. We have business to deal with that is not always pleasant, but this is not our league as the board. This is your league as the members. We are in agreement that we want your input to tell us what you want but also to be patient that there are a lot of different opinions that we are trying to get to a consensus. Please work with us and continue giving us your ideas.

12 President's Items - Grants

Chris Fullerton reminded Paul that at Chillin in the Well he asked him to look into what kind of grants we may be able to receive to help with the costs of the Dart Classic. Paul reported that he found there are at least 3 different types of grants we could pursue. One is the Richmond Region Tourism Sports Grant. Unfortunately the last cycle for that ended in November but there should be another cycle coming up at some point in 2024. That could be up to \$2500. There is a Sports Virginia, Virginia is for Lovers state tourism grant program and the current cycle opened for applications yesterday and goes through nearly the end of March. There are different levels for different types of organizations that can apply for that. The lowest level, which seems to apply to us, did not state a specific amount of grant that you could receive. The other one is that there is a Henrico County Sports and Entertainment Authority and they have grant programs for funding sporting events and they also provide other services but Paul did not see any specific information about grants currently being open for applications. Chris stated that the reason he asked Paul to look into this is that there are grants available to possibly help pay for the Classic to grow it a little bit and possibly get it back into a hotel sooner. Chris Wicks thanked Paul for looking into it.

13 President's Items - Chamber of Commerce & Omega Boards

Chris Fullerton reminded Chris Wicks that he asked him to look into help we could receive from the Chambers of Commerce for Richmond, Chesterfield, and Henrico. Chris Wicks reported that he is not getting a lot back from them yet but he is a persistent guy and is using what he has learned from his connections to get with them so he will get information and have a report for everyone. Chris Fullerton suggested looking into Mechanicsville as well. Bobby White suggested also checking with Colonial Heights. Chris Wicks explained that we are looking into these to try and find a location with a good shooting area with very close hotel and amenities. We want to grow the dart classic so we can invite in a lot of people from other areas. There is no reason we can't have something bigger and better as time goes on. Paul Martin added that he had reached out to a group called 288 Travel out of Richmond and they provide travel services for events like ours. They are willing to work with us if we choose to. Chris Wicks stated that he would like to work with Paul to explore that group. Chris Fullerton also stated that Omegas was getting new boards and toe lines. Bobby White said they would do an early review to certify them tomorrow. Chris Fullerton stated that he had no more items and opened the floor to the members for comments.

14 Member Questions and Comments - Dart Classic Flyer

Amber Cole asked about the flyer for the Dart Classic. Chris Fullerton stated that it is coming. He is working on the hotels. He is working with Susan Linkous on this. They have a price from the Holiday Inn but have not yet talked with the Hampton Inn. He said that the price had increased \$30 per night since last year and he hoped to get them to lower it. Amber suggested putting something on the website announcing the tournament but saying that hotel information is coming later. Chris Fullerton said we can do that. Chris Wicks added that this is why we are working with the Chambers of Commerce and looking at grants to make it more affordable for people from out of town. Chris Fullerton stated that we want to get the tournament back in a hotel so that people will not be drinking and driving. Amber added that we just need to put out a save the date notice with full details to come by the end of February. Chris Fullerton stated that we can get that done.

15 Member Questions and Comments - New Tax ID Number

Susan Linkous asked why the CVDA obtained a new Tax ID number instead of filing the taxes using the old Tax ID number. To her that was tax evasion. She wanted to know who was the person that suggested getting a new tax id number. Jennifer Wicks stated that she did it because we didn't have a business to file the taxes under. Susan said we did have a business and that the tax id number wasn't supposed to be for the Central Virginia Dart Association. She said it looks like the board trying to hide something. Susan said all they had to do was to go back and file the last 3 years of taxes like she asked. Jennifer said that she hadn't found the old Tax ID number. Susan stated that it should be with the old treasurer of secretary stuff. Paul Martin stated that he had the old tax id number. Jennifer stated that she will look again. Susan stated that this should never have been done. Jennifer stated that there can be multiple EIN numbers and this one is associated with the license. Paul Martin added that the new corporation filled with the State Corporation Commission by Susan last September needs its own EIN. Susan said no. Paul added that the last corporation had passed the point where it could be reinstated so it was auto-terminated.

16 Member Questions and Comments - Rules for blind draws and tournaments

Peg McFarland asked about the standardization of rules. She cited an example that at Chester Junction if you walk out on a teammate at a blind draw you don't get to come back and play for 2 weeks. How come those rules aren't standardized across all host locations. Bobby White added that Partners has that same rule. Peg wants to know if a standard rule can be added to the CVDA Bylaws so they apply to all bars. Bobby White replied that those are bar rules and we have no control over what each bar does. Amber Cole stated that these are bar events and that their tournament directors have the discretion to handle disciplinary issues. It would be up to bar owners to agree. For a CVDA sanctioned blind draw, you are only paying that money to get points. The CVDA is not running that blind draw. The only things that the CVDA runs are the Tuesday and Wednesday leagues, tournament of champions, and dart classic. Peg asked what the reason would be for not allowing a replacement player. Amy responded that when they use brackelope once the names are published if they were to try and change things they would be accused of cheating. It used to be easier to replace players in the past. Brackelope is also why they do not recycle ladies in mixed doubles events. Peg asked if a substitute could just be made without changing Brackelope. Amy responded that she could discuss it with Bill Baker regarding Rock Falls. Rock Falls has taken the position in recent times that a player would need to play ironman. Amber added that it would be subjective for the tournament director, and they would need to consider the caliber of the player that withdraws and the potential replacement. The bars need to set their own rules and make it known in advance. Chris Fullerton suggested that bars could allow it if a unanimous vote approve a substitution. Tommy Harrell added that regardless of the actions taken someone will be pissed off. Chris Fullerton suggested getting all bar owners and tournament directors together to agree upon standardized rules. This would be voluntary and may not apply to all rules. Terri Hackworth added that it needed to be easy and simple.

17 Member Questions and Comments - Dart Classic Committee

Sandra Martin gave an update on the Dart Classic Committee schedule. Some people working with the youth league can't make meetings. She proposed holding the next meeting on Saturday the 24th. She will propose a time that is not too early. That weekend is the Crystal Coast so some people may not be here.

18 Member Questions and Comments - Amber Cole Advice to Board

Amber Cole offered to the Board that they need to work together as one unit. Rouge stuff won't cut it with the membership. You have to inform each other and work together.

19 Meeting Adjourned

Chris Fullerton adjourned the meeting at 1:40 PM

Meeting minutes prepared by Paul Martin, CVDA Secretary