

Notes taken from the informal meeting between officials of the Pafos Darts League committee and representatives of the Paphos Darts Federation held at the Ambassador Restaurant, Paphos on Sunday November 30, starting at 10.30 am.

Those present were: - (Pafos Darts League) – Bernard Dangerfield (chairman), Paul Bennett (general secretary), Lyn Prosser (treasurer), Syd Blow (fixture secretary), Chris Mills (press officer), Lorraine McCormack (minutes secretary), Wendy & Alfie Ashby (fund-raising). Also in attendance – Don Gladdon ('A' team captain), Dave Firman ('B' team captain), Dave Jones 'B' (team vice-captain). (Paphos Darts Federation) – Tony Newbon, Steve Claxton, Mick Saggs. Absent – Tony Croxford.

Chairman Bernard Dangerfield opened the meeting by welcoming the representatives of the Federation and thanking them for attending the meeting that he felt was necessary to review some of the issues that had cropped up recently and to help clear the air over any misunderstandings.

He hoped that the meeting would be on an even keel and at the end everyone would have a clear picture where we were going – hopefully all in the same direction.

He then asked Tony Newbon what it was that the Federation wanted.

In reply, Tony Newbon said that it seemed two factions were building up and that lots of 'things (unspecified)' had been said to the Federation members. He referred to the recent statement that – 'all were welcome to play in the Pafos Darts League' but then pointed out that the Federation had been in place before the Friendly League of Pafos started.

Don Gladdon explained how he felt regarding the players who had played in the match against the Larnaca Friendly League. "If they did well, how can I drop them for the next match because certain players, who may be better, had become available. Do I say – "Sorry but you are not playing this time"? He asked that an arrangement be made for future matches that the Federation and Friendly League do not clash.

Steve Claxton said that he felt a distinction had now been made between who was a 'Federation' player and who was a 'Friendly League' player. There seemed to be a message going out that we (Federation players) might not be welcome to play for the Pafos Darts League having played for the Federation.

Lyn Prosser said that in view of what appeared to be a clash of dates for the next Federation and Friendly League games she had spoken to Tony Croxford (Bandanas 180 Bar) and asked if he could possibly change his date. She pointed out that it doesn't affect the Division One & Two Friendly League players but it does the Invitation League players. She added that he had agreed.

Tony Newbon, in reply to a question from Bernard Dangerfield, said that the Paphos Federation does now have a Committee but they cannot release names at the moment as they are waiting for ratification (from the Cyprus Federation).

Bernard Dangerfield then asked Tony Newbon if it was the intention of the new committee to run its own league to which TN replied in the affirmative.

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Tony Newbon said that it was not the intention of the Federation to in any way –‘step on the toes’ of the Pafos Darts League. (

Bernard Dangerfield asked Tony Newbon if they intended to run their league on a different night to which he replied in the affirmative.

Paul Bennett said it was essential that they avoided the pitfalls that darts leagues in Limassol and Larnaca had got themselves into with ‘Friendly’ Leagues and the Federation seemingly working against each other.

Syd Blow said that he would welcome the assistance of a Federation committeeman (secretary?) to help in supporting the Paphos Darts League ‘Open’ scheduled for January next year.

Bernard Dangerfield explained that it had been revealed in his UK meeting with representatives of the WINMAU darts company that they supported 20 tournaments in Japan all of which gave points towards a ranking list and suggested that something akin to this could be run in Cyprus. WINMAU were looking to provide sponsorship for the future

Tony Newbon pointed out that only the Cyprus Open could give ranking-points to players.

Bernard Dangerfield said that the meeting had been very progressive and, perhaps, some remarks had been misunderstood. The Pafos Darts League was very happy to cooperate with the Federation as this opened more doors for darts in Cyprus. He hoped that in future both organisations could cooperate fully to avoid any date clashes.

He added that we could only go forward from now on and in future form a league structure that was to everyone’s benefit.

The Federation Cup, which includes Nicosia (Federation only), Larnaca, Limassol and Paphos, was to be encouraged.

He did, however, hope that there would be no more ‘Chinese whispers’ as these tended to do a lot of harm and the Federation and Pafos Darts League should work as one body to answer any that cropped up.

Paul Bennett said that it was a case of ‘Joint Communications’.

Tony Newbon said that the Federation would welcome any teams that wanted to play in the new league(s).

Bernard Dangerfield closed the meeting by saying that it was a successful ‘get-together’ - in which everyone appeared to be going in the same direction.

Meeting closed at 11.15 am.

OFFICIALS from both the Pafos Darts League and the Paphos Darts Federation met to discuss ways and means of future cooperation in order to avoid any misunderstandings. Both parties agreed to keep a close liaison between the two bodies for the future.