



## Commonwealth Dart League, Inc.

“Founded by dart players, for dart players”

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To All CDL Members:

***The Commonwealth Dart League has merged with the Minute Man Dart League effective Nov. 12, 2008.*** This is an exciting development and the CDL board wanted to take this opportunity to explain to you why we have made this decision. This is a bitter/sweet moment for those of us in the CDL. We have accomplished our goal of forcing change. Without the formation of the CDL, change may not have been so apparent and possible.

First, we made this decision with the best intentions for all of you. Second, the CDL was formed to force change within the Boston Area Darting Community. The entire CDL Board of Directors were originally MMDL players who were not happy with how the MMDL was run and wanted to do something to make a difference. We took a stand, and stepped into the unknown by starting a league that was to be an alternative to the MMDL. We felt it was necessary to show that a league can prosper when it focuses on customer service, accountability and our customers – all of you. The sheer fact that the CDL has grown to 86 teams is not a complement to us but to all of you who stood with us to force change and form the CDL. We thank you for all of your support throughout years

The MMDL board has been completely revamped with Augusts' elections and the longest standing member of the MMDL has only 4 years on the Board of Directors. As most of you may know, the CDL and the Patriot Dart League (PDL) have worked together quite well to provide the Great Wide Open Tournament. Those same individuals who have and still do run the PDL singles league are now Board Members of the MMDL. They, along with the existing MMDL B.O.D., have new purpose and focus to provide a transparent league that understands the benefits of transparency and focus. They are working on new initiatives that are in line with the CDL vision, which is to provide better services, open dialog and player feedback. We felt that the merge was the overall best option for all Dart Players in Massachusetts, including the Boston Area. Here is why we believe this to be the case:

- a. Three MMDL Board Positions will be filled by existing CDL Board members.
- b. The MMDL Board of Directors is new, fresh and invigorated. They are motivated and focused and all of us will work together to improve customer service, transparency, player services, tournaments, marketing and sponsorships. These initiatives will bring in new teams.
- c. By working together, we pool our talents and resources which can be focused toward a common goal. Without the merger, we felt that too many resources, talents and energy would be wasted competing against each other in Boston. The merge allows us to now streamline focus on improving Darts as a whole throughout Massachusetts.
- d. The MMDL (which now includes us) will work on the possibility of providing Dart Boards to all teams.
- e. Part of our responsibilities will be on customer focus and sponsorships.
- f. The MMDL will provide the level of transparency required to hold ourselves accountable.



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- g. For the first time in many years the MMDL's financial records are in order and accountability has been established (thanks to the MMDL's new Treasurer).
- h. The CDL will still exist as a summer league and will concentrate its efforts on providing an enhanced summer league within Massachusetts with the assistance of the MMDL. We will unite the teams in the summer and provide a great darting experience for all those who enjoy playing in the summer.

Here is what you can expect from the CDL for the remained of the fall 2008 season.

- a. We will complete the season as scheduled through the playoffs.
- b. Cash payouts and plaques will still be provided and honored for the fall 2008 season.
- c. We will facilitate the incorporation of the Boston Area back into the MMDL Spring 2009 season. This will include working with the Area Director to keep teams as local as possible and in competitive divisions.
- d. We will develop a Summer Dart League that encompasses all of Massachusetts and we have some great ideas on how to do this. Our vision will be shared at a later time.

We welcome your comments and suggestions and we will make the integration as seamless and transparent as possible. We will continue to support and represent all of you and the entire Massachusetts Darting community with the same tenacity, focus and representation that most of you have come to know.

We realize that some of you may question this merger, but we promise you that we will continue to do the best we can. We are part of a bigger team that will work together to bring change throughouy Massachusetts.

### ***Best to all and play well!... The CDL Board of Directors***

Below is the list of members of the new MMDL Board of Directors

*John Kerins (CDL), David Hohler (CDL), David Brincheiro (CDL), Nicole Watson, Gregg Tong, Adam Sherlock, Dan Doherty, Ann Marie Hollis, Suzanne Flannery, Mark Millett, Becky Wainwright, Kim Burdulis.*