**Minutes for OEDL Board of Directors Meeting 4/23/24 at the Kite and Key**

**(Minutes taken by Recording Secretary, James Coughlin)**

**Present:** Jim Coughlin, Paul Kuhn, John Bouillon, Keith Jameson, Paul Lichorobiec, Bill Moriarty, Greg Stoffa, Mike Aird, Jeff Baxter (emeritus), Invited Guest – Social Media Director, Chris Richman

**Excused Absences:** Casey Hare(work), Alan Cahill (No excuse, nary a leg to stand on, plus no virtual connection)

**Call to order:** 7:04pm

**March’s Minutes Reviewed and Approved:** Motion to approve Paul Kuhn, seconded by Mike Aird. Minutes approved 8-0.

**Officer Reports:**

* **President** – Paul Kuhn appoints Keith Jameson to chair the Elections Committee. Paul defers any further comments to later business.
* **Chairman** – Keith Jameson has nothing to report.
* **Treasurer** – Bill Moriarty submitted this month’s Treasury Report via email to each Board Member prior to the meeting. Motion to Approve Jim, Seconded by Paul L. Board approved 8-0.
	+ Bill Moriarty has nothing further to report.
* **League Recorder** – Bill Moriarty has nothing to report.
* **League Director** – Pickles discussed a gameplay violation that occurred during the Black Sheep versus Polonia II Championship match. Polonia played a player in 6 games, which is an automatic forfeit of the game. There was clearly a rule violation, but it didn’t come into play. There is no further action required from the Board, this is just a documentation the violation for the Board’s records.
* **Vice President** – Alan Cahill excused absence.
* **Secretary** – Jim Coughlin has nothing to report.

**Committees/Directors:**

* **Seeding and Scheduling Committee** – Paul Kuhn has nothing at this time.
* **Events Committee** – Paul Kuhn discussed the upcoming shoots relevant to OEDL and asked Social Media Director, Chris Richman to blast them on our social media page:
	+ **Dart for Dreams** – Reminder about Darts for Dreams 19 event on Saturday, April 27.
	+ **Eileen Mathers Memorial Shoot** – Reminder about the Eileen Mathers Memorial Shoot at O’Neals on May 5.
	+ **First Annual Mental Health Dart Classic** – Reminder about the Mental Health Dart Classic at Cavanaugh’s Rittenhouse on Saturday, May 11.
* **Equipment Committee** – Pickles discussed the missing pop-up board. No further awareness of its location. We are also short one dart board, as it was given to Brownies’ 2nd Team. Board will need to be replaced. Multiple Board members offered up dart boards to make up for the board shortage. Mike Aird agreed to store the pop-up boards in his storage locker after the Banquet.
* **Rules & Regulations/By-Laws Committees** – Alan excused absence.
* **Hall of Fame Committee** – Greg Stoffa stated that the HoF Committee met and made their selections for the inaugural OEDL Class of 2024. Greg would not tell the Board of Directors who the inductees were. He wants everyone to hear the names at the Banquet together. The only people with access to the names are the Hall of Fame Committee and the Awards Director.
* **Awards Director** – Jim Coughlin brought pictures of the trophies he intends to order for the Banquet. Examples were passed around to Board members for their input. Jim also discussed the apparel he wants to order, but is still awaiting a quote from John Hollinger’s mother’s company. Greg Stoffa suggested that Jim order a test trophy from the company as this is our first time using them. Time permitting, Jim agreed.
	+ Transcriber’s Note: There was not enough time to do a test run. In order to get the trophy order in and complete the turnaround, it just would have been too tight a window.
* **Website Committee** – Casey excused absence.

**Old Business:**

* **Board Nominations** – Board discussed which incumbent Board members would be running for re-election. Mike Aird stated that he would be running again. Greg Stoff and Casey have already submitted themselves for the election ticket. Jim Coughlin and Keith Jameson both reiterated that they will not seeking re-election.
* **Banquet Date** – Board voted 8-0 on June 2, 2024 as the Banquet date. Summer Mummers is scheduled for June 9, so that day doesn’t work. Father’s Day is on June 16, and we won’t make that mistake again. June 23 is just too late into the offseason. This leaves June 2 as the only viable option.
* **Banquet Bids** – There are currently only 2 bids for the Banquet; Cavanaugh’s River Deck and the Polonia Club. May 10 is the deadline to submit a bid for the Banquet. Chris Richman will flood the OEDL social media page with this notification until the deadline.

**New Business:**

* Paul Kuhn – Discussed possibly needing to increase League fees by $20 to pay for DartConnect. While we will eventually save money by no longer needing to pay Statisticians, it won’t offset the cost of DartConnect. Plus, we would still need a statistician or 2 to monitor the DartConnect information. What would we increase; Bar Fees or Players Fees?
* Keith Jameson – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Alan – Excused absence.
* John Bouillon –
	+ Wanted to discuss several Thursday League topics:
		- Pickles stated that he wants to step back from the Rules and Regulations of the Thursday League. He doesn’t think that as League Director he should be making decisions and basically writing the rules. He asks that the Rules and Regulations Committee run point on the rules. As League Director he can enforce the rules, but the Rules and Regulations Committee should set the rules and standards.
		- Pickles also wants to shut down the Thursday OEDL page and have it all run under the Main OEDL umbrella. Having a separate page makes it look like a different league, when the intention was it just being a part of OEDL.
		- Lastly, Pickles discussed the awards for the Thursday league. He only wants to award a plaque for the Division Champions and OEDL coins for shooters that hit T-71+.
	+ Pickles had several other topics that he wanted to discuss:
		- Player Complaint – A player that didn’t want to go on record made a complaint to Pickles regarding the away team coming to their bar to shoot and not tipping the bartender. Unfortunately, the Board cannot police manners and good etiquette. Board suggested making an announcement at the pickup meeting regarding etiquette.
		- Maleficence in Shoots. In light of several new *rumors* regarding theft or misappropriation of funds, Pickles questioned whether we should be posting all shoots on the OEDL social media page. By posting about these shoots, we are essentially sending our constituents, our shooters and clients, to events and basically giving our seal of approval of the event. While our core goal is promoting darts in the City of Philadelphia, we need to ensure that we aren’t sending our league members into a misrepresentation of charity while others are lining their pockets. Should we only post about well-established events where we know where the money is going? Should we only post about events we donate money to or assist in running? Should we discuss each charity shoot on an event-by-event basis? Who decides what to post? To be continued.
		- Brauhaus Schmitz wanted to discuss moving to a Match Win-Loss Record points system as opposed to the Individual Games Won record we currently utilize. This is based on a seeding position by another team who had a worse Match Win-Loss Record, but was seeded higher due to winning more individual games. This happens when teams handily defeat a team and gain 13 to 15 wins in a night as opposed to just getting the Match Won and 1 win. Makes the Overall Match worth more than Individual Games. Board can see some merit to what they are saying and may look into a reward for winning the match, while still maintaining the overall games match. Going to a full Match over Game format could make the games at the end of the night pointless. There may be some way to incorporate both. Needs further discussion.
		- YLS Accuracy – There have been complaints by several team Captains regarding the accuracy of Statisticians in tracking stats. A couple individual statisticians were called out by name, some multiple times. Hopefully, with the League going ALL DartConnect, Statisticians will not be needed anymore and everything will be tracked electronically. If statisticians continue making errors, we may have to look into removing or reassigning them to lesser divisions where stats aren’t as prevalent and complicated.
		- Lastly, is Thursday going DartConnect with the rest of OEDL?
* Casey Hare – Excused absence.
* Greg Stoffa – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Jim Coughlin – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Jeff Baxter – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Paul Lichorobiec – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Bill Moriarty – Discussed what contributions OEDL would be donating to the upcoming Charity Dart Shoots being hosted by OEDL members; the Eileen Mathers Shoot (raising money for METAvivor.org a Breast Cancer Charity) and the Mental Health Dart Classic (raising money for the Philly Vet Center and NAMI – The National Alliance on Mental Illness). Board voted 8-0 to donate $100 to each charity shoot.
* Th entire Board wanted to take a moment to thank Paul Lichorobiec for his incredible contribution to the OEDL especially with regards to the integration of DartConnect. Paul L. single-handedly oversaw the entire transition and did an incredible job. Paul Lichorobiec is a Superstar! Keep up the great work.

**May’s Board of Directors Meeting:**

* Next Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7pm at SouthHouse.

Approved 8-0.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:29pm**