**Minutes for OEDL Board of Directors Meeting 4/24/23 at O’Neals Pub**

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

**Present:** Keith Jameson, Paul Kuhn, Casey Hare, Jim Coughlin, Alan Cahill, Paul Lichorobiec, Spoonie Rand, Mike Aird, Greg Stoffa, Bill Moriarty, Jeff Baxter

**Absences:** N/A

**Call to order:** 7:07pm

**March’s Minutes Approved:** 7:12pm, Motion to Approve Casey/Seconded by Paul K., Approved 10-0.

**Officer Reports:**

* **President** – Paul Kuhn has nothing to report.
* **Chairman** – Keith Jameson has nothing to report.
* **Treasurer** – Bill Moriarty submitted this month’s Treasury Report via email to each Board Member. Motion to Approve Mike Aird/Seconded by Jim Coughlin. Board approved the report 10-0. Bill discussed the estimated expenses he included in his Treasurer’s Report email. He purposely estimated slightly high, but reasonable, with the idea of knowing where we stand with our current account balances going forward. With that estimate, we appear to be short between our balance and our expenses. We need to figure a way to cut expenditures. Numerous cost cutting options were suggested by Board members. We will need to monitor expenditures to ensure we do not go into the red.
* **League Recorder** – Bill Moriarty has nothing to report.
* **League Director** – Casey Hare has nothing to report.
* **Vice President** – Alan Cahill has nothing to report.
* **Secretary** – Jim Coughlin has nothing to report.

**Committees/Directors:**

* **Scheduling and Seeding Committee** – Paul Kuhn has nothing at this time.
* **Rules & Regulations/By-Laws Committees** – Alan Cahill reports that he will be scheduling a Rules and Regulations/By-Laws Committee Meeting in the near future to address possible changes for the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 season. Topics include; season start date, match start time, credited “games played” for present players when other team forfeits, duty of notifying Captains of missing dues/fees (League Director).
* **Events Committee**:
  + Paul K. discussed the Ben Herman Shoot. The Shoot was a success with approximately $2,000 being raised. Paul is still working on shirt order and proceeds may be even higher after all is said and done. All proceeds from the Shoot will be donated to the Veterans Multi-Service Center in Old City in Ben’s name. Paul took a hit in Flyers ticket sales as people stated they were interested, but actual attendees was less than expected. In the future, Paul is setting up a portal where attendees will purchase their own tickets to be part of the group. Paul hopes this event will continue to grow each year.
  + Paul K. discussed the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Shoot that Tim McCafferty ran on April 22 at Saturnalians. This Shoot was also a big success with 44 Shooters in the LOD. Board expressed interest in continuing to support Tim in this event going forward.
* **Equipment Committee** – Mike Aird ordered the collapsible tri-pod stands and light setup. They have all been delivered and are currently stored in Mike’s personal storage facility. With the purchase of these stands, we no longer need the large, wooden stands we currently own and store. Mike discussed what to do with them: Should we give them away? Sell them? Trash them? Board suggested selling them at a cheap cost (suggested ~$50) to anyone in the League who could store them themselves, but also get use out of them. Discussed selling one or two of them to Jason Macias who has borrowed or rented them from OEDL on previous occasions. Maybe, he would be interested in owning a couple for his brewery. Regardless, the goal is to get rid of them and clean out the OEDL storage unit. If we can clear out the storage unit by June and do away with the need, we could save the league $500 this year and $2,000 per year in perpetuity.
* **Awards Director** – Jim Coughlin deferred to Jeff Baxter to discuss Queen Anne and Banquet Plates for 1st Place and Championship Teams. Jeff relayed that the plates were ordered since last meeting and we are just waiting on delivery. Jeff further relates that he has 10 of 14 plates approved by Team Captains from the Fall 2022 season. Full Fall/Spring plate orders will be submitted to the engraver as soon as possible.
  + Jim Coughlin related that he is working on an order for Fall Awards, but will submit the full order once Spring season is completed. Jim fears that costs will rise this season, due to general inflation and change of vendor for apparel awards. Jim will do the best he can to mitigate any increased expenses.
  + Keith asked about the possibility of having the Players Championship Award ready for presentation at the banquet so soon after the event has concluded. This can be arranged by ordering the Acrylic in advance, but waiting on the engraving. Jim will attempt to address with Sandrose Trophies.
* **Hall of Fame Committee** – Greg Stoffa requested to be the Board Member representative for the Hall of Fame Committee. Paul Kuhn agreed and appointed Greg Stoffa as Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee. Paul will share Ron Marks’ phone number with Greg Stoffa and they will make contact and officially start working on things. Greg will add people to the committee as he sees fit and will keep the Board informed during future Committee Reports for the Hall of Fame going forward. Spoonie expressed disappointment that the Hall of Fame Committee has been talked about for years and never seems to get off the ground.

**Old Business:**

* **Teams Missing Dues/Fees –** Bill sent an updated list of delinquent fees to each Board member with the Treasury Report. Only $205 in delinquent fees league-wide at this time.Casey and Paul Kuhn both asked if the delinquent teams have been personally notified of the delinquent fees and/or giving a suspense date that the fees are due. Per Bill, they were not notified by him, just listed on the Treasury Report. Casey asked that this be added as a League Director responsibility and informed the Board that she would make the appropriate notifications. It was requested that Bill be CC’ed in these email communications as he is the Treasurer.
* **Banquet**: Last month we listed all the venues that expressed interest in hosting this year’s OEDL Banquet (see below). As of today, only 2 bars have officially submitted Banquet Bid Forms; Cavanaugh’s Riverdeck and Cavanaugh’s Rittenhouse. The Board agreed to a suspense date of Friday, April 28, 2023 for all banquet bid submissions. Paul Kuhn stated he would contact all venues (or contact persons) and give them a last chance to submit their bids. The Board will then host an online vote on or around Monday, May 1, 2023 to determine where this year’s banquet will be held. Online voting rules will be in effect. If a unanimous decision cannot be agreed upon, the Board may need to have an emergency meeting to make a decision.
* **Venues that have expressed interest in hosting the Banquet:**
  + Cavanaugh’s Riverdeck (Bid submitted)
  + Cavanaugh’s Headhouse
  + Columbia Social Club
  + Mummer’s Museum
  + Brahaus Schmidts
  + Saturnalians Mummers Club
  + Cavanaugh’s Rittenhouse (Bid submitted)
  + Tankies Tavern
* **Board Elections**: The following OEDL members have notified the Board of Director’s that they are interested in running for the Board of Director this year.
  + Paul Lichorobiec (incumbent)
  + Paul Kuhn (incumbent)
  + Alan Cahill (incumbent)
  + Bill Moriarty (incumbent)
  + John “Pickles” Bouillon
  + John Mullen
  + Kathy Dio
  + Jeff Belonger
  + Jim Wilbur
* **Delco Umbrella**: No further information at this time. Paul will attempt to contact Chris Friel about attending a future meeting with a presentation.

**New Business:**

* **Cavanaugh’s VI – Josh and Jason’s New Adventure** **Ineligible Player Question** – Team requested a hardship regarding a player’s playoff eligibility. Board discussed and did not agree with the hardship request. Player was added to team with the knowledge that he would miss significant time. They took the risk that he would be able to catch up later in the year. Board voted that it was not a hardship and he will not be eligible for playoffs.
* **Saturnalians “Zoom” Shorthanded Play Issue** – It was brought to the Board’s attention that Sat’s Zoom played short with 4 players and played heavy in the beginning and forfeited a bunch of games at the back end. There was also some issues with people playing more than their allotted games. The Board cannot tell a team how to play short. We suggest utilizing the Ghost Player option to get the most possible matches played, but it really is up to the team Captain. This discussion lead to a deeper conversation; if a team plays short and forfeits a bunch of games, this may affect playoff eligibility of players from the other team not getting into games. It was suggested that the Rules and Regulations Committee develop a rule where all players present from the opposing (non-forfeiting) team to be credited with 1 game played. This would ensure that a team with all players present isn’t penalized “games played” by a forfeiting team. Alan Cahill stated that this will be added to the Rules and Regulations Committee agenda.
* **Dobb’s Delinquent Players Shooting in QCEDL –** It was learned that Angelo Rullo and several players from the Dobbs 1 team that didn’t pay their dues last season are shooting in QCEDL. The question brought up today is, do we notify QCEDL of their delinquency status in OEDL? Do we ask the QCEDL to stand with us and declare them as a “Player Not in Good Standing” as we have always respected their suspensions, expulsions and player standings? The Board agreed we should notify QCEDL. We will let them make their own decision about how to treat the player status scenario. Paul Kuhn agreed to make the notification to the QCEDL Board.
* **Food on Dart Nights** – Once again the topic of food on dart nights needs to be addressed. There is no rule that *requires* a Host Bar to provide food. That being said, it has always been a precedent that the Host Bar provides food. A team cannot be penalized if a Host Bar doesn’t provide food. If a Host Bar chooses not to provide food, their team just has to decide if they want to shoot there and have that stigma against them. New Host Bars should be advised of the tradition of providing food prior to agreeing to be a sponsor as negative reactions will definitely be expressed by the visiting teams.
* Keith - Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Casey – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Paul Kuhn – The Board should look into creating a “Good Captain Checklist,” similar to the “Scorekeepers 10 Commandments.” Basically a guide of what is expected of a good team Captain. We could include tips, general guidelines, “how to” examples, etc. Paul blames himself because he has wanted to host a Captain’s Boot Camp for several years. Would be a good idea to work on in the offseason for inclusion in Pickup Packets.
* Alan Cahill – Requested a list of all things the Rules and Regulations Committee needs to address as discussed during this meeting.
* Jim Coughlin – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Paul Lichorobiec – Asked how many Divisions we want to pilot using Dart Connect. Board suggested 3 or 4 Divisions. Paul stated that Dart Connect will give us 1 pilot League for free.
* Mike Aird – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Spoonie – Wanted it on the record that he is available to assist with anything he can after elections are over and he is officially retired from the Board. He will still be in the area, will still have teams shooting out of O’Neals, and wants OEDL to thrive. Spoonie also suggested a possible Thursday OEDL Singles/Flex League. This is not an attempt to interfere with QCEDL, but to give the South Philly and Center City shooters that don’t shoot in the northeast a 2nd day to shoot and to improve the shooting of our members. This would also help Host Bars by bringing more people in to spend money. Another added benefit would be increased skill levels of our shooters possibly generating a better Fisher Cup Team or even Mr. Philly qualifiers.
* Jeff Baxter – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Greg Stoffa – Wanted to reiterate his desire to start the Spring Season earlier. Asked the Rules and Regulations Committee to get on this ASAP. Host Bars have expressed interest in having people at their establishments earlier in January when business is slow.
* Bill Moriarty – Has the regular season awards compiled on his spreadsheet. Asked Jim Coughlin if he wanted the awards now or should he wait until playoffs are completed. Jim Coughlin requested that he wait. Bill also asked the Board to approve a donation to the Cathy’s Cause Cancer Shoot scheduled for May 14 at Columbia Social Club. Board approved 10-0 to match last year’s sponsorship donation.

**May’s Board of Directors Meeting:**

* Next Board Meeting scheduled for May 16, 2023 at 7pm at Avenuers Mummer’s Club. Approved 10-0

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:19pm**