**Minutes for OEDL Board of Directors Meeting 12/11/23 at 2nd Street Irish Society**

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

**Present:** Keith Jameson, Jim Coughlin, Paul Kuhn, John Bouillon, Paul Lichorobiec, Bill Moriarty, Mike Aird, Jeff Baxter, Greg Stoffa, Casey Hare, Guest: Chris Richman, Social Media Director

**Excused Absences:** Alan Cahill (Medical)

**Call to order:** 7:09pm

**November’s Minutes Reviewed and Approved:** Motion to approve Casey Hare, seconded by Bill Moriarty. Minutes approved 9-0.

**Officer Reports:**

* **President** –
  + Paul discussed the conversation he had with Anthony Marchei regarding the mutual agreement between leagues for any player that violates one of the three listed offenses; violence, threats and theft. Paul and Anthony had a very productive conversation. Anthony wrote up a basic rule that could be included in each leagues bylaws and rules and regulations. Paul requested that Justin Williams, Esq. rewrite the rule to provide better legal coverage for all leagues.
  + Paul discussed the Facebook post by Kay Brookes regarding QCEDL being a year-long commitment and QCEDL players not being allowed to play on other teams or in other leagues for a Spring season if they decide to leave QCEDL. How will this affect anyone who wishes to leave QCEDL and play in OEDL, especially once we announce the OEDL Thursday league? We don’t foresee many QCEDL shooters playing in the OEDL Thursday league, but them putting a moratorium on their players could cause drama between the leagues. This is not our intention, as our player pool would mostly be South Philly and Center City shooters and QCEDL are mostly in the northeast. One player definitely effected by this would be Pickles, who is our League Director and will be running and shooting in the Thursday league.
* **Chairman** – Keith Jameson has nothing to report.
* **League Recorder** – Bill Moriarty 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 Pickles. Board approved 9-0.
  + Bill Moriarty has nothing further to report.
* **League Director** –
  + Pickles discussed the match cancellations that were not completed before the playoffs. Pickles explained that there were extenuating circumstances that lead to both. One where the original postponing team, was available for a reschedule match, but now the other team couldn’t accommodate (who gets penalized). The second being a team that lost numerous players to work reassignments causing them to be unable to staff a roster. Pickles looked at multiple scenarios and made it work without affecting playoff eligible teams or playoff seeding being changed. One downside to these cancellations meant that one hosting venue would lose out on a home match and this could affect their income. Team Captains stated that their venues would not make an issue of this. Pickles pledged to do a better job going forward at monitoring postponements and reschedules.
* **League Director continued…**
  + Pickles discussed an incident at the match between Black Sheep and Graham’s Pub. Black Sheep accused Graham’s Pub player Cole Wiggins of causing an altercation between the teams when he accused a Black Sheep player of spitting in his face when calling out his score. The spit in question was described by Graham’s Pub as a heavy sigh in response to a bad set of thrown darts that causing a misting in the scorekeeper’s face. Cole’s response was to jump up and swipe at the shooter, knocking his glasses from his face. Both team Captains and players broke up the altercation before anything serious followed. Casey reached out to Graham’s Captain for further clarity. He did not see the initial incident, but sided with his player. Pickles and Paul both spoke with the Black Sheep Captain who sided with his player as well. We are not going to get a non-biased opinion of the facts. Discussed whether both teams should receive warnings or how we should handle. If we learn more information we can decide if punishment is needed and vote in the future. If Graham’s Pub and Black Sheep end up playing each other in the championship, Pickles and Paulk Kuhn volunteered to attend the match and ensure cooler heads prevailed.

(Transcribers note dated 1/3/24): These teams did end up playing each other in the championship. Pickles and Kuhn attended and the night went off without incident.

* **Vice President** – Alan Cahill excused absence.
* **Secretary** – Jim Coughlin has nothing to report.

**Committees/Directors:**

* **Seeding and Scheduling Committee** – Paul Kuhn/ had a minor discussion regarding how seeding is completed and who would be involved for the Spring season seeding session.
* **Events Committee** – Paul Kuhn discussed a potential benefit shoot he would like us to organize. Very early, needs more discussions.
* **Equipment Committee** – Mike Aird discussed the storage locker clean-out. He and Pickles did not make it on Saturday as they discussed last month. Everything has been removed at this time except for 3 standup boards. Pickles, Mike, Casey, Keith, and Jim all volunteered to finish the clean-out before another payment would be required.

(Transcribers note dated 1/3/24): On December 16, 2023 Pickles and Jim Coughlin finished the cleanout of the Storage Locker and closed out the account with the vendor. All remaining items were dropped off at Cavanaugh’s Riverdeck and will either be stored on their premises or thrown away with their trash collection, depending on condition.

* **Hall of Fame Committee** – Greg Stoffa discussed the HoF and reminded the Board that nominations for this year’s class end after the Fall payoffs. Chris Richman was asked to make an additional social media post reminding active OEDL members that time was running out to get their last nominations entered. Stoffa will continue working with John Hunsberger and Chris Richman regarding the website and social media notifications.
* **Rules & Regulations/By-Laws Committees** – Alan excused absence.
* **Awards Director** – Jim Coughlin has nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

* **Google Group setup** – Chris Richman, Social Media Director, discussed that he actually created the Google Group, but needs to learn the system better before it can go league-wide. Chris stated that his wife is very fluent in its operation and he will ask her for some advice and tutoring.

**New Business:**

* **Spring Registration –** Casey stated that she can update the Google Form if Pickles needs assistance and Pickles will start getting the emails out as soon as possible. Pickles and Chris Richman will post numerous reminders on social media about the upcoming season.
  + Keith volunteered to do the in-person registrations at O’Neals on deadline day, January 2, 2024.
  + Pickles stated that McCrossen’s Tavern expressed interest in hosting a team for the Spring season. Pickles will follow up.
* Paul Kuhn – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Casey Hare – Casey discussed updating of the OEDL website. The YourLeagueStats website is outdated and doesn’t do anything by way of bringing in new players to our league. Casey located another league, the “Minutemen Dart League of Massachusetts” who have an excellent webpage and 2,500 shooters. Casey spoke to someone from their league to inquire about what it takes to run a league of that size, their staggered growth, their website management, non-profit status, and other general topics. They are very similar in nature to OEDL, just much larger. Casey stated that OEDL league member, John Venner is interested in revamping or more accurately, creating a new OEDL website. How much information would be lost?
* Keith Jameson – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* John Bouillon – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Jim Coughlin – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Mike Aird – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Jeff Baxter – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Paul Lichorobiec – Discussed expansion of DartConnect. Do we go league-wide or just expand to the top 5 Divisions? Consensus was to include D1 & D2 to the already DartConnect running D3-D5, getting more than half the OEDL using DartConnect.
  + Billmo asked about having DartConnect run the OEDL Banquet Shoot. Paul L. stated that DartConnect charges $2 per person for events. We could easily manage this by incorporating a minor charge for the banquet for extra expenditures. To be discussed once banquet discussions begin.
* Bill Moriarty – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Greg Stoffa – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.

**January’s Board of Directors Meeting:**

* Next Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7pm at Cavanaugh’s Rittenhouse, backup location Avenuers. Approved 9-0

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:24pm**