**Minutes for OEDL Board of Directors Meeting 2/20/23 at Lucky 13 Pub**

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

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

**Absences:**

* Casey Hare **–** excused (work)

**Call to order:** 7:24pm

**January Minutes Approved:** 7:27pm, Motion to Approve Paul K./Seconded by Paul L., Approved 9-0

**Officer Reports:**

* **President** – Paul has nothing to report. Defers to new and old business.
* **Chairman** – Keith Jameson has nothing to report.
* **Treasurer** – Bill Moriarty presented this month’s Treasury Report. Motion to approve Jim / Seconded by Paul L. Approved 9-0.
* **League Recorder** – Bill Moriarty has nothing to report.
* **League Director** – Casey Hare absent.
* **Vice President** – Alan Cahill updated the Rules and Regulations previously discussed and approved by the Rules and Regs Committee and the Board of Directors. Alan was unable to upload the updated changes to the website. Keith and Bill have access and will upload the updates. Bill will grant Alan access to the site for future use.
  + Need to correct a discrepancy between the Rules and Regs and the scoresheet regarding who calls lineups first. Scoresheet lists different process than Rules and Regs. Easiest fix is to update the scoresheet going forward.
  + Bill asked Alan if Slack Messaging App is still active as all previous Slack conversations are no longer showing. Alan explained that the free version of the app that we have been using only saves messages for 90 days. Board may look at alternative apps for Board discussions (i.e. WhatsApp, Group Texting, etc.).
* **Secretary** – Jim Coughlin has nothing to report.

**Committees/Directors:**

* **Rules & Regulations/By-Laws Committees** – Alan Cahill previously discussed in Vice President’s Report.
* **Events Committee**:
  + Paul discussed the All-Star Shoot at Lucky 13 Pub. They only have 1 dartboard on their second floor, but arrangements have been made for a temporary dartboard / hanging stand to be loaned to Lucky 13 from Eddie Drumstas (Saturnalians).
  + Paul discussed the Ben Herman Shoot coordinated with the Flyers. Best date for this shoot would be April 1, 2023. It’s a 7pm game. We would need to have the LOD portion of the shoot at 1pm and travel to the game after. Discussed location for the shoot (Sats), shirts, dart flights and military non-profit to donate the proceeds to.
* **Equipment Committee** – Mike Aird proposed getting rid of the wooden stand-up dart boards we have in storage and replacing with collapsible tri-pod dart stands. Mike brought images that he downloading showing the tri-pod, lights and carrying case.
  + **Pro**: Would no longer need the storage unit if we no longer had the large wooden stand-up boards. They take up the majority of the storage space.
  + **Pro**: Tri-pod dart stands are small and easy to store and maneuver. Could easily be stored in a board members house or shed.
  + **Con**: Initial cost would be around ~$150 for each tri-pod stand and light. Would be made up in just a few months without a storage unit rental fee.
    - Note: Due to the costs, if we were to loan out tri-pod stands for events, we would need to require a reasonable deposit (~$100-200). Enough to replace them is they are broken or stolen.
  + Greg Stoffa proposed ordering one complete tri-pod stand and light setup to be presented at the March Board of Director’s Meeting so each member could see them and shoot on one to test sturdiness and convenience. Jim seconded. Board agreed 9-0. Mike Aird will order and be reimbursed by the League.
* **Scheduling and Seeding Committee** – Paul Kuhn has nothing at this time.
* **Awards Director** – Jim Coughlin presented each Board Member with a Sharpshooter Award coin. He felt that each Board member should have one to show around their division.
  + Jeff Baxter relayed that we need to order another round of Big and Small Award Plates from our supplier for 1st Place / Championship Teams. Almost out since our last order.
* **Hall of Fame Committee** – Paul stated that he spoke to Ron Marks about heading the Hall of Fame Committee to replace Spoonie who requested to step down. Ron wanted to think it over but would give a definitive answer soon.

**Old Business:**

* **Teams Missing Fees –** Saturnalians owes for 2 teams. Eddie Drumstas is aware and offered to pay via Venmo to make them right.
  + Jeff Baxter asked if Saturnalians fees should be waived as they were originally a Riverfront team that paid for both seasons. If OEDL was at fault for the move (poor behavior), Board would be understanding in paying the original venue a refund. But no refund if a team decides to move at their own volition. Bill responded that OEDL always went with the process of if we are giving you new dartboards, we need to collect a new fee. Nothing in the By-laws or Rules and Regs regarding teams switching venues.

**New Business:**

* **Jim McErlean Incident (Hilltown vs New Wave)**
  + Paul K. shared texts from Blair Wisner, Ron Reed, Jim Wilbur and Casey Hare regarding an incident that occurred on February 14, 2023. Included in texts were accusations of threats of violence against New Wave Café, its players and the Seeding Committee. Casey included conversations she had with both Captains regarding the incident. Overall, the incident was ugly and in no way represents the core values of the OEDL.
    - Board discussed if Blair technically filed a grievance or was just venting to the Board. Alan suggests that any correspondence to the Board has to be considered a notification that we cannot ignore. Board agreed that we cannot allow threats to go unpunished. It’s clearly defined in the Rules and Regs that violence or threats of violence are prohibited.
    - Jeff Baxter asked if New Wave Café banned Jim McErlean. That would be up to the bar and should not be part of the Board’s decision. Should be handled similarly to any other bar that has a player flagged.
    - Board discussed a similar incident in QCEDL just 2 weeks prior to this. In response to the QCEDL incident, the OEDL Social Media Director has been posting weekly for everyone to “shoot well and be sportsmanlike.”
    - Board discussed how much of a hardship a suspension would be for Hilltown being as they only carry 8 players on their roster. Ultimately, the Board cannot be overly lenient just because Hilltown choose to only carry 8 players. That is on them.
    - Board discussed previous suspensions (i.e. Shaggy & Eddie Drumstas). Used institutional knowledge of prior suspensions to ensure that the suspension would be fair.
    - Board voted 9-0 that a suspension was warranted.
    - Paul L. suggested letting Hilltown pick which weeks Jim McErlean would be suspended so that the hardship of being 1 man short could be worked around. Board decided to suspend during the next match versus New Wave Café (week 8) to alleviate any possible animosity, but to let Hilltown pick the second game that Jim McErlean’s suspension would be served between week 7 and 9.
    - Board voted 8-1 (Alan dissented) for a 2-week suspension provided we enforce with the proviso of letting Hilltown pick the second suspension date.
    - As established in the OEDL By-Laws, the Recording Secretary will compose a Suspension Letter for Jim McErlean and the Hilltown Team Captain no later than February 22, 2023 and send to the Board of Directors for approval.
* **Dobbs Situation:** Dobbs D-6 dart team may have to move to another bar. Currently, there is a for sale sign on their building and rumors of an ongoing police investigation. O’Neals (Spoonie) and Cav’s Headhouse (Alan) both expressed that they could be options should the move be necessary. Dobb’s team captain will be contacted and made aware of available options.
* **YLS Issues:** Unable to generate stats. Bill and Jeff Baxter elaborated and discussed. Bill already contacted website host to inquire about resolution.
  + Jim asked if there has been any thought to upgrading our website. We have multiple OEDL members that do this for a living and could design a better website for the league (i.e. John Venner, John Hunsberger and Kevin Wilkison). Are all stats in YLS backed up? Is it possible to export to new site?
* **Dart Connect for Banquet**: Paul L. discussed using Dart Connect for the Banquet this year. Suggested looking into a free trial of Dart Connect to see if this would be financially beneficial and better overall for the league. Many other leagues use it and find it so much easier. Cost for running it in a team format league is $20 per team, per season. Spring and Fall would count as 2 seasons.
  + Paul Kuhn decided to form a Committee to look into Dart Connect and a possible New Website. Appointed Paul L. to head it with assistance from Alan.
* **Banquet Dates**: NOT ON FATHER’S DAY! Make sure we check all possible conflict dates. Mummer’s Weekend, Mummer’s Softball Tourney and especially Father’s Day. Need time to get awards ordered after season, before banquet. Kicked around some possible dates; 3rd week in June (Saturday), June 3 (Saturday). Bid dates for Banquet Host will be due by the April Board Meeting (TBD).
* **Venues that have already expressed interest in hosting the Banquet:**
  + Cav’s Riverdeck
  + Cav’s Headhouse
  + Columbia Social Club
  + Mummer’s Museum
  + Brahaus Schmidts
  + Saturnalians
  + Cav’s Rittenhouse
* **Board Elections**: The following Board Members terms are completed and will be up for re-election at this year’s Banquet:
  + Paul Kuhn
  + Paul Lichorobiec
  + Bill Moriarty
  + Alan Cahill
  + Spoonie Rand (retiring)
  + Nominations are now open. Nominee must nominate themselves to a current Board Member. No second party nominations will be accepted.
* Casey – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Paul Kuhn – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Alan Cahill – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Jim Coughlin – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Paul Lichorobiec – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Greg Stoffa – Will hold for next meeting, but wants to discuss starting the OEDL season earlier.
* Mike Aird – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Bill Moriarty – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Spoonie – Spoonie suggested that if Saturnalians are not paid in full by the time of their Player’s Championship Qualifier, that they forfeit their qualifier.
* Jeff Baxter – Dobbs players that failed to pay last season are on our Do Not Play List until which time they actually pay their delinquent dues. Jeff wanted to know if we should share their names with QCEDL and ensure that they don’t league hop. Board discussed keeping them on the Do Not Play List as we don’t know if they paid their Captain and he took the money, if they were aware that they owe money (did they think the bar paid the fee), etc. We just flag them and collect back dues if they try to join another team. Players are not welcome at the Banquet as they are not in good standing until their delinquent dues are paid.

**March Board of Directors Meeting:**

* Next Board Meeting scheduled for March 27, 2023 at 7pm at Cavanaugh’s Headhouse. Approved 10-0

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:25pm**