**Minutes for OEDL Board of Directors Meeting 1/8/24 at Avenuers**

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

**Present:** Jim Coughlin, Paul Kuhn, John Bouillon, Paul Lichorobiec, Bill Moriarty, Mike Aird, Jeff Baxter, Greg Stoffa, Casey Hare

**Excused Absences:** Alan Cahill (Medical), Keith Jameson (COVID)\*

\*In the Chairman’s absence, President Paul Kuhn delegated Greg Stoffa to chair the meeting.

**Call to order:** 7:03pm

**December’s Minutes Reviewed and Approved:** Motion to approve Casey Hare, seconded by Mike Aird. Minutes approved 8-0.

**Officer Reports:**

* **President** – Paul Kuhn has nothing to report.
* **Chairman** – Keith Jameson excused absence.
* **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 Casey /Seconded by Paul Kuhn. Board approved 8-0.
	+ Bill Moriarty has nothing further to report.
* **League Director** –
	+ Pickles discussed the early start to the Spring season and asked if we are doing things too soon. This year we moved the beginning of the Spring season forward by 2 weeks. This means registrations are happening during the Christmas and New Year seasons. With a large percentage of Mummers involved in the league, we are trying to organize things during the busiest part of their year. Pickles also stated that we possibly lost 1-2 new teams to OEDL because they did not have the time to get their teams together in the quick turnaround through the holidays. This won’t be an issue until next year during Spring registrations for 2025, but it is definitely an issue we should consider. Options to alleviate this issue are:
		- Moving the Spring season back 1 week, this would still mean we are 1 week ahead of our normal start date, but 1 week behind this year’s. Greg Stoffa points out that this affects the bar owners that want/need customers in their bars during early January when their customer base is at their low point. Moving back a week counteracts the progress we made this year by moving ahead 2 weeks.
		- Open Spring registrations sooner. If we open registrations once Fall playoffs begin, we get an additional 2 weeks added to our registration period. This gives us more time to sign up new teams, work out roster issues, and get everything in order. Most of the Board seems to side with this option.
			* Both recommendations will help with this issue. We have to remember that we need to take care of our shooters and our sponsor bars, because we don’t have a league without either of them.
* **Vice President** – Alan Cahill excused absence.
* **Secretary** – Jim Coughlin has nothing to report.

**Committees/Directors:**

* **Seeding and Scheduling Committee** – Paul Kuhn stated that the Seeding and Scheduling Committee was meeting at the conclusion of the Board of Directors meeting. Paul pointed out that we lost 2 teams this season, but gained 5 new teams, creating a positive growth of +3. OEDL is up to 60 teams for the season. Positive growth, but still 13 teams from our peak number pre-COVID.
* **Events Committee** – Paul Kuhn and Pickles discussed some ideas that they have been kicking around, but want to wait until the OEDL Thursday League is up and running before organizing shoots. Also discussed comparing dates with the Darts of Philly events calendar Brittany Jasinski recently shared between leagues/posted online.
* **Equipment Committee** – Pickles discussed the Storage Locker. It is fully cleaned out and the account is closed, essentially saving the OEDL upwards of ~$1,000-1,200 a year.
* **Hall of Fame Committee** – Greg Stoffa discussed the HoF and named the 5 OEDL members he is naming to the first Hall of Fame Selection Committee; Greg Stoffa (Chair), Paul Kuhn (OEDL President), Ruben Macias (Long-standing member), Ron Marks (Long-standing member), Jeff Baxter (Long-standing member/Emeritus). These 5 OEDL shooters (with over 70 years of OEDL knowledge) will discuss the nominees for the inaugural Hall of Fame class based off of the nominations collected during the Fall season. Greg foresees 2 in-person meetings of this committee to determine the inductees. Going forward, each year’s Hall of Fame class will be added to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee to determine future Hall of Fame inductees. Greg also wants to have a certificate created that can be given to inductees at the banquet, in addition to their on-line enshrinement, so that we can get photos of members with their OEDL Hall of Famers.
* **Rules & Regulations/By-Laws Committees** – Alan excused absence.
* **Awards Director** – Jim Coughlin has nothing to report.
* **Website Committee** – President Paul Kuhn created a Website Committee responsible for updating the OEDL website. Casey volunteered and was appointed. Casey will expand the Committee as necessary. Casey will reach out to John Venner as her first pick to assist. Other names pitched to Casey included; Tom Felder, John Hunsberger, Tom Sennett. Casey will keep the Board in the loop.

**Old Business:**

* **Spring Registration –** Discussed during League Director’s report.
* **Inter-League Agreement –** Paul Kuhn discussed the inter-league agreement between OEDL, ASL, QCEDL, et al. Anthony Marchei initially sent a rough draft outlining a rule each league would have ensuring mutual suspensions for violations of any of the 3 listed violations; theft, violence, and threats. Paul asked Justin Williams, Esq. to re-write the rule so that it covers all leagues…legally. Paul presented Justin Williams’ version of the rule to each Board member for review. Board unanimously approved of Justin’s version and Paul agreed to send the updated version to Anthony for review and post.
* **Fischer Cup Recap –** Paul discussed the first ever Fischer Cup WIN in OEDL history! He praised the incredible job Ron Marks did Captaining the team, BillMo on his impeccable statistician’s work, Chris Friel’s leadership and motivational speeches, the play of each and every shooter that stepped up their games to the highest level, and to the assistants who volunteered to work as scorekeepers for the event, relieving the shooters the burden of keeping score. It was an awesome day that everyone involved will never forget.
	+ Paul plans to organize an OEDL bar crawl with the Fischer Cup trophy and members of the Fischer Cup team.
* **Fischer Cup Recap continued –** Paul discussed that the monetary prize awarded to the winning team was collected and the OEDL was reimbursed for all registration moneys put forth for the event. Meaning the Fischer Cup was, in essence, free for the OEDL this year. Additional moneys collected were distributed evenly to the OEDL Fischer Cup shooters for expenses incurred and for celebratory drinks at the bar ($40 to each shooter). This left an additional $700 in the prize pool. Paul paid for the OEDL jerseys out of pocket this year. The final cost for the jerseys was $760. Board voted unanimously 8-0 to recuperate Paul Kuhn the jersey costs with the remaining Fischer Cup winnings. Paul volunteered to eat the last $60, essentially paying for his own jersey. OEDL will further discuss Paul’s reimbursement and into ordering Paul Lichorobiec an assistant’s jersey, as he was one of the volunteer scorekeepers for the entire day (est. an additional ~$110 for Paul K. and Paul L. jersey costs.)

**New Business:**

* **Bardot Situation -** Informal complaint (text message) regarding actions at the Druid’s Keep / Bardot Championship match. Allegations were made that a member of Bardot was recruiting players from the Druid’s Keep team during their championship match. Allegedly, statements from Bardot were made that the Druid’s Keep would be falling apart after the season due to their Captain’s health, and if players wanted to play they would need a new team, so they should jump to the Bardot team. The Druid’s Keep Captain was publicly fighting a battle with cancer that he unfortunately lost on New Year’s Eve. This was not a formalized complaint to the OEDL, but this behavior, if correct, is utterly callous. Paul requested that Jim Coughlin, Mike Aird, and Pickles pull the individual aside after the Pick-up meeting and discuss this situation.
* **Anthony Viglianese Situation –** QCEDL recently suspended Anthony Viglianese for fighting. He was suspended for 1 year, followed by a 2 year probation. He does not shoot in OEDL, so suspending in accordance with the mutual agreement doesn’t work. Paul Kuhn discussed putting him on our “No-Fly” list so he is not welcome in OEDL until he is back in good standing with QCEDL. What makes this topic relevant is that he recently commented on a Facebook post regarding OEDL with a comment “anyone looking for a shooter?” Paul Kuhn quickly commented on the reply that he is not eligible for OEDL in his current situation. Being on our “No-Fly” list ensures that he is not welcome in OEDL during his QCEDL suspension.
* **Package Pickup –**
	+ Jeff Baxter pointed out that our Package Pickup date was the same night at the Eagles Wild Card Game. Eagles scheduled to play at 815pm. Board discussed options, ultimately deciding to keep pickups for the same date, just moving pickups to 630pm, to avoid crossing over the start of the game.
	+ Pickles discussed needing time at the pickup meeting to discuss rules violations, rescheduling of matches, and a harder line at discipline going forward.
	+ Casey and Stoffa volunteered to discuss Sheet Management and other basic rules to new teams coming into the league after the pickup meeting.
	+ Paul Lichorobiec will pull aside new teams using DartConnect this season for a tutorial after the pickup meeting.
* Paul Kuhn – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* John Bouillon – Discussed the Tim McCafferty situation. Is he his Team Captain or did we decide that we had a lack of confidence in his ability to run a team? Casey is willing to type up a letter to Tim letting him know that we accepted his team’s registration with him as the Captain, but his behavior last year leads the Board to have a lack of confidence in his ability to Captain a team and we require him to name somebody else from his team as Captain.
* Casey Hare – 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. Estimates that the total cost for DC for Divisions 1 through 5 is about $600 for the Spring season.
* Bill Moriarty – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Greg Stoffa – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.

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

* Next Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 19, 2024 at 7pm at Plough and the Stars. Approved 8-0.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:57pm**