**Minutes for OEDL Board of Directors Meeting 3/18/24 at the Pennsport Pub**

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

**Present:** Jim Coughlin, Paul Kuhn, John Bouillon, Keith Jameson, Paul Lichorobiec, Bill Moriarty, Casey Hare, Greg Stoffa, Alan Cahill (virtual), Jeff Baxter (emeritus)

**Excused Absences:** Mike Aird (work)

**Call to order:** 7:18pm

**February’s Minutes Reviewed and Approved:** Motion to approve Paul Kuhn, seconded by Greg Stoffa. Minutes approved 9-0.

**Officer Reports:**

* **President** – Paul Kuhn has nothing to report.
* **Chairman** – Keith Jameson 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 K. Board approved 8-0.
	+ Bill Moriarty states that all League Fees and Player’s Fees are collected, minus Brownies (Teams A & B) Player’s Fees for the Thursday Night League.
* **League Recorder** – Bill Moriarty has nothing to report.
* **League Director** – Pickles discussed:
	+ The Double Forfeit proviso. If two teams are shorthanded and they both play short, by rule, they have to stagger the games they play short to ensure that both teams are not playing short in the same game. We had 2 teams (Plough and the Star vs. Cav’s HH 2) play a match and both played short (2 on 2 in a 3 on 3 game). This match should then be a double forfeit. Pickles discussed that this rule really doesn’t make sense to him. The teams both playing short in the same game would make the match fairer and more equitable. It’s better than following the rule of play that would require one team to play the first 3-player game, 3 versus 2, and in the next 3-player game the opponent would play the game 2 versus 3. Jeff Baxter explained the initial reasoning for the rule. There was no malice in the decision for these two teams playing short against the rules. They were honestly trying to play honorably and were not aware that this rule existed. Whereas ignorance is no excuse for the law, the board determined that we have to do a better job of ensuring that everybody knows the rules. Multiple board members chimed in with their opinion on the matter and discussed kicking this to the Rules and Regulations Committee for a change of the rule. The short-term solution is to create a Cheat Sheet with basic rules of play, FAQs, and possibly a “How-To Guide for Playing Short,” to be put in each team’s pickup package. This would be an easy way for all teams to quickly review any questionable game play issues on dart night without having to go through the entire rules and regulations document.
	+ Board also discussed having a tutorial class for new teams and their Captains. Some new teams really could use a basic game play, scoring, scoresheet, rules, etc. training prior to starting the season. Board even discussed starting D10 a week earlier to allow for a free week where we can send an experienced Captain or Board Member to a team’s 1st match.
	+ Discussed the Brownies situation. Brownies signed up with the best intentions. They had 10 interested shooters, an ideal location, and a bar that wanted involvement. This was perfect for the new Thursday League, where 5 shooters per team was ideal. Unfortunately, most of the 10 players quickly lost interest. This led to teams falling apart, not enough shooters showing up, and forfeits. The 2 teams were eventually merged into 1 team and the 2nd team was replaced by a team from the Pennsport Pub. This wasn’t ideal, but it kept the number of teams even and allowed for playoffs to happen. Overall, not a major problem, that was quickly adjusted, for the first year of a new league.
		- Several board members expressed how new teams can always be hit or miss. Having an experienced player on the new team helps exponentially, but that doesn’t always happen. Sometimes bars force in teams to try and boost business and this can be a crapshoot. We have to roll with the punches and do our best to navigate with new teams, especially if league growth is going to be a priority.
* **Vice President** – Alan Cahill notified the board that the Rules and Regulation changes discussed during February’s Meeting have been updated on YLS. Casey wants to include the current edition of Rules and Regulations and Bylaws on the OEDL Google Drive.
* **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:
	+ Gave kudos to Lauren Anne for organizing a Memorial Dart Shoot in honor of Eileen “Dart Spice” Mathers. Shoot is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, 2024 at O’Neals Pub. Paul stated he would reach out to Chris Richman to push this event hard in his social media posts especially as the date approached.
	+ Hosting a second Ben Herman Memorial shoot.
	+ The upcoming Mental Health Dart Classic being hosted by Jeff Belonger at Cav’s Rittenhouse on May 11, 2024. Pickles discussed a conversation he had with Jeff, where Jeff was upset that he couldn’t post his event directly to the OEDL Facebook page. Pickles explained that the OEDL page is set up as a business page and not as a forum.
* **Equipment Committee** – Pickles discussed that the League is missing one of our pop-up boards. No further developments.
* **Hall of Fame Committee** – Greg Stoffa stated that he scheduled a HoF Committee meeting for March 27, 2024. He hopes that the inaugural committee can get their votes completed during that meeting. Hall of Fame Committee members do not have the website building experience that Greg hoped. Website design kicked to Website Committee Chair, Casey Hare. Board agreed that Hall of Fame should just be a link on the OEDL site and not its own separate entity.
* **Rules & Regulations/By-Laws Committees** – Alan has nothing further to add besides what was discussed during the VP report.
* **Awards Director** – Jim Coughlin discussed a conversation he had with John Hollinger. John’s mom has a company that does apparel. She does not have a website, but if we tell her what items we are thinking, she can get us a quote. This would mean being very limited on the selection of items for apparel awards. Jim also has another company based in Bridesburg he can reach out to for an idea. We will need Banquet Shirts as well so a local shirt company may be ideal. Jim also needs a new Trophy company since the closing of Sandrose Trophies. Jim will speak to Spike’s Awards, who bought out Sandrose for a quote, but honestly believes that they will be way too expensive and thinks an online trophy company may be the solution.
* **Website Committee** – Casey stated that she is meeting with John Venner on Wednesday, March 18, 2024 to discuss a new website.

**Old Business:**

* None at this time.

**New Business:**

* **Banquet Bids** – Should we open Banquet bids now? General consensus is the sooner the better. Even without a firm date, we can let teams/sponsors start preparing their bids.
* **Board Nominations** – Agreed to open now. Chris Richman will add this to weekly FB posts. Current members up for re-election; Keith Jameson, Mike Aird, Jim Coughlin, Greg Stoffa, Casey Hare. Keith and Jim both expressed that they may not seek re-election.
* Paul Kuhn – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Keith Jameson – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Alan – Asked that we have a couple people review the current rules and look for any things that need updating or clarification. Jim Coughlin and Justin Williams both expressed interest in doing this a several months back during one of the Rules and Regulations meetings.
* John Bouillon – Pickles stated that we need to codify the Thursday League Rules and Regulations. Pickles stated he would type up the rules and email them to the board. If he gets them completed prior to the next Board of Directors meeting, he would call for an email vote of the rules. Pickles asked that any board members that have input, especially those that shoot in the Thursday League, please make the suggestions. Keith stated he would work on the Thursday scoresheet to clean it up.
* Casey Hare – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Jim Coughlin – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Jeff Baxter – Discussed YLS issues. Seems like YLS doesn’t want our business. They are not returning our emails and calls. The stats have been down for several weeks and YLS is not being helpful.
* Paul Lichorobiec – Discussed going Dart Connect for the full league next season. Are we going to get more tablets? Could that be an option for every team?
* Bill Moriarty –
	+ Bill discussed the possibility of getting another Fischer Cup jersey for Lauren. Pickles and Paul Kuhn expressed that the Fischer Cup Committee were pretty adamant about not getting any additional jerseys made. Pickles will approach Brittany, but isn’t optimistic.
	+ Bill discussed the Clarkville Tavern (43rd and Market) possibly wanting to put a team into the league. This would expand OEDL into West Philadelphia.

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

* Next Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7pm at the Kite and Key. Approved 9-0.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:24pm**