**Minutes for OEDL Board of Directors Meeting 11/14/22 at Black Sheep**

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

**Present:** Keith Jameson, Casey Hare, Paul Kuhn, Bill Moriarty, Jim Coughlin, Alan Cahill, Paul Lichorobiec

**Absences:**

* Spoonie – excused (Eagles game), Greg Stoffa – excused (work), Mike Aird – excused (work)

**Call to order:** 7:21pm

**October Minutes Approved:** 7:27pm

**Officer Reports:**

* **President** – Paul has nothing to report.
* **Chairman** – Keith Jameson discussed the Emeritus status of Don Copeland. Work in Newark and Buffalo has left Don unable to attend any meetings since being appointed as Emeritus. Keith discussed possibly removing Don as Emeritus until such time as his services would be available. As much as his knowledge and experience would be valuable to the Board, his work just doesn’t allow his presence, voice and opinion to be shared. Bill Moriarty asked that if Don is removed, could we reappoint Jeff Baxter as Emeritus for the remainder of the season. To be discussed further after communication with Don Copeland.
* **Treasurer** – Bill Moriarty presented this month’s Treasury report. There were no outgoing payments or expenses since last meeting. There was one deposit of $300 for a bounced registration check that was reissued to the League. Report Approved 7-0.
  + Remaining expenses owed to League at the halfway point of the season:
    - Sponsorship Fees owed:
      * Black Cat
    - Player Fees owed:
      * Dobbs I (9 players plus 1 additional player)
      * Avenuers III (9 players, 8 have shot games - paid for 6)
      * Pirates II (10 players - paid for 8)
      * Riverfront (added 3 players)
      * Black Cat (added 1 player)
      * Brauhaus (added 1 player)
      * Graham's (added 1 player)
      * Hilltown (added 1 player)
      * South House II (added 1 player)
      * South House III (added 1 player)
  + Bill discussed Penalty Points for teams owing fees as defined in the League Constitution and Bylaws. Board discussed whether to charge Penalty Points or issue a warning to teams. Board agreed to issue warnings to each team at this time and hold off on Penalty Points.
* **League Recorder** – Bill Moriarty has nothing new to report.
* **League Director** – Casey Hare will defer to new business.
* **Vice President** – Alan Cahill will defer to the Rules and Regulations Committee portion.
* **Secretary** – Jim Coughlin has nothing new to report.

**Committees:**

* **Rules & Regulations/By-Laws Committees** – Alan Cahill discussed the Rules and Regulations Committee suggestions from the meeting from August 31, 2022. There were 3 suggested changes brought to the Board to be discussed and/or voted on.
  + Player Additions after Registration Deadline – Amending the rules to provide stiffer penalties for those teams adding extra players to their rosters after the registration deadline has passed. This can not only affect seeding, but adds complications for the Treasurer when it comes to collecting team dues. The proposal is to not allow players added to rosters after the deadline to play until week 4.
    - Rules and Regulations Committee suggests changing this rule to ***“Teams will not be permitted to add new players to a roster after Season Registration absent a Hardship Exception proposed to the Board. Refer to subsection VIII-E.”*** This eliminates any players from being added to a roster exigent a Board approval.
    - Board discussed this and suggested incorporating:
      * To limit player adds to 2 maximum per team after registration, minus a legitimate hardship exception.
      * To accept Bill’s suggestion to make player ineligible until week 4 (or possible week 3). Current rule is 1 week after player was added.
    - Board ultimately kicked it back to the Rules and Regulations/By-Laws Committees for further discussion.
  + League-wide Postponement of Play – If the League Director is unable to connect with members of the Board of Directors, the League Director would have the unilateral power to postpone a week of play. While this was previously agreed upon in principle, nothing was added to the Rules and Regulations.
    - The most effective and proper way to institute this change is to amend the Constitution and Bylaws under Article IV, Paragraph 9 “Duties of the League Director” by adding a Subsection J. Subsection J to read; “***The League Director, after making reasonable efforts to connect with the Board of Directors, has the authority to postpone a week of play when circumstances are such that playing darts, or travelling to dart venues, would pose a risk to the well-being of the members. Such acts may include inclement weather, acts of God, public safety activity, etc.***”
    - Board approved this change 7-0.
  + Suspensions; when do they take effect? Can a player under suspension shoot league matches while the appeals process is ongoing or are we finding somebody guilty prior to their due process?
    - The general opinion of the Committee is that the suspension should be active immediately upon decision of the Board and an appeal should not affect the suspension. This can be tightened up by including verbiage to read something similar to; “***The Board of Directors shall have the discretion to make any suspension take effect immediately upon their decision regardless of an active appeals process.”***
    - Board approved this change 7-0.
* **Equipment Committee** – Mike Aird excused absence.
  + Alan discussed Dart Boards and Stand-Up Boards previously loaned to Jason Macias for his bar opening. Apparently, 2 “unopened” dart boards that were loaned to Jason were used by his friends without his knowledge. He contacted Alan and wants to compensate the League for the dart boards that he wasn’t supposed to damage. Board discussed the cost of the dart boards to ensure the League does not take a loss on the cost of the boards. Bill checked previous invoices and determined that League previously paid ~$60 for each board. Alan will contact Jason and arrange recompense.
  + Alan asked the Board if any member was hearing feedback regarding the Alien Dart Boards purchased this season. Alan heard a couple of negative grumblings. Paul L. had one Avenuers’ board break prior to the season even starting. Several members have been told that teams aren’t even using them due to their alternate mounting system. Board agreed that going forward we will stick with known commodity boards (Nodors, Blades, etc.) or at least try before we buy any other brand.
  + Casey discussed Outshot Sheets. Several teams have expressed interest in Outshot Sheets for their sponsor bars. Paul Kuhn stated that we will start working on Outshot Sheets for Spring Season. There has also been some dissonance over which Outshot Sheet to use, the one designed by Bill Moriarty and Lauren that OEDL has been distributing for several years or the more common Outshot Sheet most people recognize.
* **Scheduling and Seeding Committee** – Paul Kuhn has nothing to add at this time.
* **Events Committee** – Jim Coughlin and Paul Lichorobiec have nothing to add at this time.
  + Paul Kuhn discussed an OEDL/Flyers Shoot in honor of Ben Herman. Would be a shoot at a bar/club followed by a Flyers game (or vice versa). Paul has a contact with the Flyers who is very interested in the event. Flyers will even contribute funding to get commemorative Dart Flights for the event. Discussion ongoing.
* **Awards Committee** – Jim Coughlin has nothing to add at this time.
* **Hall of Fame Committee** – Spoonie excused absence.
  + Alan Cahill discussed identifying the original founder of OEDL and making him the 1st entry into the Hall of Fame. Board discussed who amongst the League may have insight into the founder’s identity. It was suggested that Ron Marks may have some knowledge. Paul Kuhn will talk to Ron on November 15, 2022.
  + Hall of Fame will be an online entity only. Physical plaques would be purchased and distributed to Hall of Fame inductees, but League will not have plaques on display anywhere.

**Old Business:**

* **Penalty Points**
  + Riverfront rescheduled their match with Black Taxi 2 times, eventually playing with only 3 players. OEDL Rules of Play require 4 players to play a night. This match is in turn a forfeit and standings will be adjusted to reflect the forfeit. The Board discussed another provision listed in Rules and Regulations regarding a $100 penalty for a forfeited match. This Rule is unclear and discussion was in depth. Does the $100 go to the sponsor bar effected by the forfeit? Does it go OEDL? General consensus is that the fine should go to the sponsor bar. Being that Riverfront actually shot the entire night, regardless that it should have been a forfeit, the Board voted 6-1 to not impose the $100 fine and kicked this Rule provision to the Rules and Regulations for better clarification.

**New Business:**

* Casey – Relates that she sent out a survey to team Captains requesting their opinion on when to reschedule the All Star Shoots (after their cancellation due to World Series). Options included on the survey were; to reschedule on a Tuesday after the season; or to reschedule during the season but on a non-dart night of Monday or Wednesday. She received 40 responses to the survey with 52% requesting to reschedule during the remainder of the season on a Monday. Board discussed possible dates for All Star Shoots and decided that Monday, December 5, 2022 would be the best date. Casey will send a League-wide email regarding this decision to Captains and All Star Host Bars (hopefully) on November 15, 2022.
* Paul Kuhn – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Alan Cahill – Asked that Board members utilize the Slack page to input any suggestions for next year’s banquet. Topics may include; Hosting locations, Voting procedures, ideas, comments, complaints, criticisms, etc.
* Jim Coughlin – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Paul Lichorobiec – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Bill Moriarty – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Keith – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.

**December Board of Directors Meeting:**

* Next Board Meeting scheduled for December 12, 2022 at 7pm at South House. Approved 7-0

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:24pm – Approved 7-0**