**Minutes for OEDL Board of Directors Meeting 9/5/23 at Cavanaugh’s Rittenhouse**

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

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

* Also auditing this meeting is Chris Richman, the new Social Media Director for OEDL.

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

**Call to order:** 7:13pm

**August’s Minutes Reviewed and Approved:** Motion to approve Casey, seconded by Stoffa. Minutes approved 9-0.

**Officer Reports:**

* **President** –
  + Paul Kuhn discussed announcements for the Pickup Meeting. Topics include; Dart Connect trial (which Divisions) and tutorial, scorekeeper etiquette (10 Commandments of Scorekeeping), Food at dart night, Player/Captain courtesy, correct names in YLS. Paul also asked if any Board Member had anything additional they wanted discussed.
  + Paul discussed the Dartboard order, the prices we found online, and unless some other deal comes through, the Board of Directors agreed to place the order within the next 24-48 hours.
    - Recording Secretary update (9/11) – Bullseye contacted Paul Kuhn with an offer of $70 each for Blade 6 dartboards. The Board decided to purchase these from Bullseye in lieu of online ordering.
  + Paul discussed the new team from Pennsport Pub and any possible ramifications to having a cabaret bar in the league. This led to an in-depth conversation with the following be discussed:
    - Casey expressed some safety concerns.
    - Stoffa discussed if we are even allowed to have a cabaret bar in the league. Does this tarnish the league’s reputation? Stoffa was the most vocal with concerns.
    - Is there any precedent to a cabaret bar in the league? There has been, and 2 examples were sited. During one of the previous sited examples, dancers were accused of using their assets to distract shooters. This is not allowed.
    - Paul discussed the Board doing as much due diligence as possible, including speaking directly with Team Captains within the Pennsport’s Division, as well as getting the opinions of a large contingent of OEDL shooters (specifically female shooters). Almost all conversations that Paul had were positive in their responses.
    - Jim discussed the set up at the Pennsport Pub including the dart area, bar area, dancer’s dressing room, and stage.
    - Without 100% Board support, the Board mostly agreed that expansion is a good thing and if things don’t work out with the Pennsport Pub for the Fall season, we could make an executive decision mid-season or for Spring.
* **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 Paul L. Board approved 9-0.
  + Bill further discussed a possible need to increase League fees. The cost of everything is increasing, especially dartboards. While the Treasury Report looks like we are flush with money at the moment, numerous costly expenses from the 2022-23 season are still outstanding (apparel, dartboards, etc.). This gives the impression that we have more money in the OEDL account than we actually do, until those bills are settled.
* **League Director** – John (Pickles) Bouillon discussed registration status. No issues at this time.
  + Pickles further related that he sent emails to all delinquent players/teams, specifically the Angelo Rullo Dobbs team. Casey Hare stated she has a conversation with Angelo Rullo regarding the Dobbs’ delinquency. The Dobbs’ players contend that they paid their dues to Angelo in good faith and he is the delinquent one. Conversations are ongoing. Additionally, Pickles communicated with Kevin Wilkison (ASL) and Rick Archangel (QCEDL) regarding our delinquent players requesting that they being disallowed from participating in their ASL/QCEDL leagues and events as they are “not in good standing” with OEDL. Both agreed to uphold our ban until they have made amends to OEDL.
* **Vice President** – Alan Cahill thanked Jim Coughlin for handling the Rules and Regulations discussion at the August Meeting in his absence. Alan further discussed needing additional storage space on YLS for updated Rules and Regs. Alan wants to set up another R&R meeting in October to discuss cleaning up the Rules and Regulations and Bylaws. At the previous R&R Meeting Justin Williams and Jim Coughlin both expressed an interest in cleaning them up a little and making sure information is in the proper documents.
* **Secretary** – Jim Coughlin has nothing to report.

**Committees/Directors:**

* **Seeding and Scheduling Committee** – S&S Committee Meeting scheduled upon conclusion of the Board of Directors Meeting. Paul invited any Board Member to stick around and attend.
* **Events Committee**: Nothing at this time.
* **Equipment Committee** – Mike Aird excused absence.
* **Awards Director** – Jim Coughlin discussed current status of awards. Apparel Awards were submitted to the embroiderer on August 8, 2023. Since that time a $12k estimate was sent from the embroiderer to Jim. Jim found this price to be astronomical. Jim has been having a long correspondence with the company trying to decrease the price. Jim discussed options if the company refused to come down from their price. Options include:
  + Going to another company. This isn’t really feasible as awards would be further delayed by months.
  + Greg suggested playing *Good Cop, Bad Cop* with the company (wouldn’t work as their CEO is a retired cop).
  + Doing away with embroidery and going to all Direct to Film (a high end type of screen-printing) that would dramatically decrease the cost.
  + Bypassing the salesperson and trying to go directly to the owner.
  + Giving them an ultimatum that we cannot exceed the $10k estimate.
    - Recording Secretary update (9/11) – Jim expressed that we cannot, as a non-profit, exceed our budget. Company stated they will sharpen their pencils and get us under budget. Jim will do whatever is necessary to make this happen even if it means he does all the deliveries himself.
* **Rules & Regulations/By-Laws Committees** – Discussed during Vice President’s report.
* **Hall of Fame Committee** – Greg Stoffa updated the Board regarding the status of the OEDL Hall of Fame. Stoffa stated that John Hunsberger has been a homerun (maybe a Double Bull would have been a better metaphor) addition to the Committee. Stoffa relates that the Submission Form has been completed and emailed each Board Member an example. Stoffa asked about the defunct OEDL.org domain and if it would be viable to make this the OEDL Hall of Fame page. Chris Richman, who works in the IT field, stated that there would be fees involved in buying and maintaining a new domain. Using the OEDL.org domain would save us money initially and long term, and make use of a wasted resource. Board voted 9-0 to reuse the old domain.

**Old Business:**

* **Dart Board Orders:** 
  + Discussed during President’s report.
* **DartConnect Status:**
  + Paul L discussed the status of DartConnect. He stated that he has already uploaded all the OEDL host bars into the system and will upload all the player’s names following the Seeding and Scheduling Committee meeting once DartConnect Divisions have been determined. Alan suggested that it should be the top 3 Divisions assigned to DartConnect. This will be decided by the Seeding and Scheduling Committee.
  + Paul L also stated that he has had several conversations with Ron Reed regarding some of the minor issues that Ron incurred when he conducted a DartConnect trial during his Summer Mummers Dart League.
  + Paul L. and Casey discussed OEDL tablets. Should we purchase tablets that would be owned by OEDL and available to DartConnect Divisions? Paul L suggested that OEDL should purchase 9 tablets. These could utilized by DartConnect division bars, but also be available for the OEDL Banquet, Player’s Championship, or for other OEDL shoots. Board voted unanimously to order 9 tablets, utilizing remuneration funds donated back by Board Members.

**New Business:**

* Keith Jameson – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Paul Kuhn – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Greg Stoffa – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Paul Lichorobiec – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* John Bouillon – Pickles discussed that there is no way for OEDL shooters to communicate with each other online and to connect with the OEDL. Since the OEDL Facebook page is set up as a Community Page, people can only comment on an OEDL post, but cannot start their own discussion or post new questions/comments. This often leads to new comments getting lost in old threads. Pickles and Chris Richman discussed creating an OEDL Forum page on Facebook that would allow for people to chat, set up matches or practice sessions, and post general discussions (similar to the Darts of Philly Facebook page, but for OEDL topics). The problem with this idea is that not everyone in the league uses Facebook. Chris discussed creating a Google Group as a chat forum. Google Groups only require that someone has an email address to participate. A couple of Board Members have used Google Groups in the past and found it useful and easy. Chris Richman is taking lead on this as the Social Media Director with input and assistance from Pickles.
* Jim Coughlin – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Casey Hare – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Alan Cahill – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Bill Moriarty – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Jeff Baxter – Jeff asked who would be doing the schedule with him this year since we had a changing of the guard as League Director. Casey stated she would still do the schedule with Jeff’s assistance and his program, and Pickles will shadow for future reference.

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

* Next Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 30, 2023 at 7pm at O’Neals Pub. Approved 9-0

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:13pm**