**OEDL Board Meeting Minutes**

Ten Stone

Tuesday 2/3/25 @ 7 PM

**Meeting opening & roll call**

Mike A.| Treasurer Bill M.| Vice President Alan C.| Casey H.| Chairman Greg S.| DartConnect Admin Paul L.| League Director Pickles | Secretary Chris R.| Jim M.

**Approved absences:** Mike Aird (sick), Paul Kuhn (family emergency)

**Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM.**

**Prior Month’s Minutes**

The prior meeting’s minutes were approved 7-0 with Alan abstaining since he missed the last meeting.

**Officers’ and Committee reports**

**President + Scheduling/Seeding**

In President Kuhn’s absence the Board, led by Chairman Stoffa, discussed the current league standings to weigh against the new seeding system. The Board generally agreed that the standings seemed pretty even up to this point in the season with so far no notable outliers. Jeff Baxter brought up the idea of everyone getting access to the complete stats available for download with admin access so that multiple board members could develop our own systems for ranking players to compare against each other. Secretary Richman offered to share stats with anyone interested.

**Chairman + Hall of Fame**

Chairman Stoffa confirmed that he’d be putting together a Hall of Fame committee within the next month to review this year’s nominations and to decide what people and venues should be considered for the second class of the OEDL Hall of Fame. Stoffa also stressed the need for a Hall of Fame form to exist on a new OEDL website and to move ownership of the form from John Hunsberger, who has generously volunteered free time to work on it, and into the hands of the Board. He also reminded Casey, who leads the Awards committee, to order a plaque with blank spaces for future Hall of Fame inductees.

**Treasurer + Budget Committee**

Treasurer BillMo began his report with the good news that this year’s budget includes an extra $10,000 in player’s fees due to the expansion of the Thursday night league and the slight increase in fees for this year, saying $10,000 is roughly where we hoped to be to cover some pre-existing shortfalls. He said we now have the data needed to hold a budget meeting before the next board meeting, explaining a meeting would be roughly an hour to review where everything stands. He confirmed that Fiscal 2023 was finally closed out after we received all of the reporting for the previous year’s awards and said he’s hopeful that this meeting will set things up to be carried over into the future. The Board members who expressed interest in participating were: Stoffa, Alan C., Jeff B., Paul L., and Casey. BillMo also shared that a previous fee owed by Cav’s Headhouse has been resolved.

The Board voted 8-0 to approve Treasurer BillMo’s treasury report.

**DartConnect Administrator**

DartConnect Admin Paul L. shared that we’ve seen a minor issue of a few teams overplaying some of their players, leading to game forfeits in some cases. The Board wondered if some teams are having trouble keeping track if they’re not using the scratch sheets we provided.

In our prior meeting we agreed to pilot the use of the DartConnect “segments” feature in Division 1. The “segments” feature allows captains to group different formats in DartConnect and then gray out players once they’ve played a format already. He said so far it’s been going well, although longtime captain and League Director Pickles said he messed up by playing the wrong person in a format. Casey wondered if that, too was the result of not having a scoresheet, and Pickles clarified it was his own error that led to it. Pickles said what he’d most like would be the ability to see a live match summary as a match is being played, but we were unsure if DartConnect can allow for that.

Pickles also said he’s received a few (3-4) questions as to why teams can’t use scoresheets to keep track of the action, and clarified that any team certainly can use the old scoresheet or the new scratch sheets we provided, leading BillMo to quip that people can “chisel in stone if they need to.”

**League Director**

Pickles offered an update on a team out of Taproom on 19th expressing an issue with playing against the Penns Port Pub at their venue, which is a gentleman’s club. Pickles said he spoke with the captain of Taproom and that it’s “no longer an issue.” Secretary Richman said he was planning to see the setup at Penns Port himself at an upcoming Thursday night match so he could better understand the layout and not because there would be a chance to see dancers in case his wife ever reads these minutes. Pickles said for anyone having an issue, a separator between the middle room, with bathrooms and a pool table, and the room where the dancing happens would solve the issue completely, but Richman still wanted to evaluate for himself.

We also discussed a few other lingering issues:

* A team from Nickel’s requested to add a player after the deadline had technically passed due to not being aware of the deadline. Since the request was received within 24 hours, and given the early start to the season and the hardship it would cause both Nickel’s and their opponents to be shorthanded, we voted over email to allow them to add a new shooter if they paid immediately, which they did.
* At the time of the meeting we were still waiting on sponsor fees from Brownie’s for their Thursday night team. Pickles said he needed to verify amounts owed and provide BillMo’s address and Venmo information, and BillMo requested a follow-up to clearly spell out what they owe.
* Pickles shared that the teams from Tankie’s/Cookie’s will be moving this season to the 2nd Street Shooter location. He vowed to send an email about the location change to the other teams in their division.

**Vice-president + Rules and Reg**

VP Alan shared that he cleared out a lot of space out of our previous league page on YourLeagueStats and moved information to the Google Drive. BillMo confirmed he’d already grabbed historical stats. Alan kept a year of minutes, treasurer’s reports, banquet form, and other things that the membership needs on the YLS page and archived everything else. Chairman Stoffa asked if there’s anything on YLS that isn’t on the Google Drive, and made sure to stress that everything on the YLS should be backed up in the case we completely lose it when our contract is up in March.

We revisited the idea that longtime captain Bonnie C. put forward that would limit how many games players could shoot in the playoffs based on how many games they shot in the regular season to avoid players showing up for one game a night to obtain playoff eligibility. As a board we agreed this was too complicated to track for something that as far as we’ve seen hasn’t been a major issue, and we declined the option to move it forward to a discussion by the Rules and Regulations committee in the summer.

On the general topic of changes to Rules and Regs, we discussed how we should honor every concern put forth and decide if it’s worth discussing in an upcoming meeting. Stoffa shared he’s of the belief that one person raising an issue isn’t necessarily enough to get it on our agenda, but should be a more case-by-case basis, or brought forward when multiple people have raised the same concern. He floated the idea of sharing some proposals at the annual banquet, similar to how voting referendums and ballot questions appear on election days. We could put some things to a vote by the general membership so it’s not just the board making every decision.

**Secretary + Social Media**

Secretary Richman had nothing pressing to share at the moment other than to say he’d continue with the flow of social media posts.

**Equipment**

Mike A. was absent and Pickles shared he has four big tripods he’d like to drop off to store at Avenuers.

**Awards Director + Website Committee**

Awards Director Casey shared that a new OEDL website is still in development. She sent an email to the Minute Man dart league to try and connect and Pickles did the same with a New York league, too, and has also been speaking with the Quaker City league about possibly joining up to set up league pages on DartConnect and perhaps even combine awards season collateral. Pickles also said he’d love for DartConnect to provide a platform that handles team registration and could eliminate some of the work associated with launching each season, and wondered if there could be a custom widget added to our new website.

Richman inquired if there as an existing budget and shared that his wife works in web design and could potentially be hired at a discounted hourly rate. Casey also listed league members John Venner and Ed Vollmer as people with experience. We agreed to use the upcoming banquet in the summer as a deadline for figuring out a new website. Alan mentioned we could divide and conquer in terms of content for a new site.

**Old Business**

The old business we addressed was recounting the decision to vote via email to approve Nickel’s adding a player, which passed unanimously.

**New Business**

As a Board we agreed it was time to begin planning for the Fall 24/Spring 25 banquet. We agreed we should send out our annual RFP in the near future to try and get the planning started earlier, especially since the number of venues who are interested in/capable of hosting it is shrinking. Pickles stressed that Thursday night venues should be considered as possible hosts in addition to the regular spots we consider.

Alan shared that we received an email from the Philly Open organizers asking why the OEDL wasn’t a sponsor this year, saying we were “noticeable in our absence.” We chalked it up to not being directly asked to be a sponsor which we felt wasn’t a great excuse and was probably due to the organizers forgetting. It was discussed how this was not a purposeful situation but rather something that fell through the cracks, and that we should be more proactive in the future. Stoffa said we should look at previous sponsorships to consider what is on the horizon.

**Business Not on the Agenda**

Paul L. reminded everyone that the Player’s Championship matches were starting the next Monday at O’Neals and the final was scheduled for May 5th.

Stoffa shared that President Kuhn texted to ask the Board’s forgiveness for missing the meeting, and we took a quick vote that ended 6-2 in favor of accepting his apology, with Richman and Stoffa the two board members who declined.

**Next Meeting Location and Date**

We set the next meeting for March 10th, 2025, at a TBD location. We said we’d try for Cherry Street.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was put forward at 8 PM on the nose and approved 8-0.