**Draft Minutes for OEDL Board Meeting**

Black Sheep

Monday 3/10/25 @ 7 PM

**Meeting opening & roll call**

Bill M.| Alan C.| Paul K.| Casey H.| Greg S.| Paul L.| Pickles| Chris R.| Jim M.

**Excused Absences: Mike Aird**, family commitment.

Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM.

**Prior month’s minutes**

The February minutes were approved 9-0.

**Officers’ and Committee reports**

**President + Scheduling/Seeding + Fischer Cup Committee**

President Kuhn apologized for missing the last meeting and kicked things off by discussing some recent ideas and discussions we’ve had with league members. Further discussion of the All-Star shoots is later in the agenda, but we brought up two new ideas floating for All-Star shoots: having shooters play in groups based on their point per round (PPR) averages rather than their division, and possibly doing a more traditional “all-star” event where the OEDL would field a team to shoot against another league, more like what the Fischer Cup ends up being. The PPR idea came from Anthony Greco, a top shooter currently playing in D2 who would match up better against D1 talent. No decisions were made in regards to either idea.

The next topic was a complaint from a member of a Division 8 team about the four versus four 1001 game in their format. The complaint was a familiar one about the game taking too long and clogging up the night. As a Board we discussed the pros and cons of the game (along with the double in/double out 4 v 4 701 game in the higher divisions), stressing how it allows captains flexibility in getting players into more games. If we were to eliminate the game and replace it with a 3 v 3 or 2 v 2 game, then that would mean there were fewer games to go around. If we replaced it with two 2 v 2 games, that would not solve the issue with people thinking it takes too long.

Casey Hare advised that we take a positive approach when explaining the reasons for keeping it—it’s use as a tiebreaker, how it allows for more people to get games, how shooters can use it to warm up for playing in the second half of the night—and advised her fellow board members to read *The Obstacle is the Way* for further inspiration, which honestly none of us is going to do.

President Kuhn said he addressed the game at packet pickup but it must not have resonated. He pointed out that the person who lodged the complaint is a 28 PPR average, which may explain the aversion to the format since at that level the game will certainly last longer. Chairman Stoffa suggested it’s worth further discussion and could be part of a ballot question for members to vote on at the banquet, but that if we were to eliminate the game, we’d need one or multiple replacement options ready to consider. We concluded the discussion on the topic with Kuhn offering to write something up officially to put the matter up for a formal debate.

**Chairman + Hall of Fame**

Chairman Stoffa invited shame upon himself for failing to call together a Hall of Fame committee to begin discussing a second class of OEDL Hall of Fame inductees. He said he’d get it together for the next meeting in April.

**Treasurer + Budget Committee**

Treasurer Billmo sent out a draft budget workbook for the Board’s consideration based on a meeting of the Budget Committee, consisting of BillMo, Greg Stoffa, and Jim Miller, who devised a budget that should lead to cash flow for the league in the future. The workbook also featured a mock-up of a new page to add to the treasurer’s report once the budget is approved. He explained some of the changes to the budget and where things have been adjusted, including adjusting the notations of some items that were paid after the previous fiscal year closed so that they were in the proper year’s accounting. He brought up how the delay on paying for trophies and apparel from the previous year led to delays in getting the budget done this year, and Casey, who is now the Awards Director, will do a better job this year. Billmo shared that the league is in good standing other than being $165 short in venue and player dues, which we’ll work to recoup soon.

Billmo had the following items he wanted to share that came out of the Budget Committee meeting:

* Blank championship plates: We previously spent $8,000 on blank championship plates that were meant to last for three years. He explained that a budget doesn’t lend itself to having things paid on a three-year cycle and this will be addressed.
* Income: Billmo explained that the OEDL income is split into four categories: sponsor fees, team dues, 50/50 ticket sales, and banquet ticket sales to non-OEDL members. For these numbers, we budgeted: $14k a year for sponsor fees; $39k a year for team dues; $1,000 a year for 50/50 sales; and $500 for banquet ticket sales, for a total of $54,000 in projected income. Billmo said we’re already close to hitting that total number due to collecting team and sponsor fees for the fall and spring seasons.
* Expenses: Expenses had a dozen categories with the following lines: Awards and trophies: $22,500; charitable donations (checks for shoots): $1,100 annually; Dart boards: $5,000; DartConnect: $3,000; Dart stand materials (non annualized): $200 (in case we decide to buy a new one to replace missing one); League banquet: $12,500; Board compensation: $2,805; League meetings (budget meetings, seeding, board, general meetings): $2,000; Recorder phone: $111 annually; Supplies (printed items): $200; tournament fees (participating in Fischer Cup): $500 (includes part of shirt cost) with $80 set aside so people aren’t “bare ass naked;” Website: $1,000 (not annualized, several payments of $23 annual fees, one big one happens every 3 years for blue host fees for OEDL net and OEDL org).
* The total for expenses was $50,916, leaving us $3,584 clear.

Billmo answered a few questions explaining that: 1) the phone serves as the official phone number for the league which is required for tax purposes but could be replaced with a Google voice number, and that the need for a phone and the Recorder position were both made obsolete with the adoption of DartConnect 2) When asked by Alan about the budget for the banquet and how that compares to previous years, Billmo explained that the $12,500 is typically around what we pay aside from earlier years where we moved to locations that didn’t quite know us or cut us a deal, instead charging us based on our projected attendance rather than the actual number of banquet attendees 3) Stoffa asked about the $2,000 for league meetings and stressed that the Board should be

fiscally responsible for the amount budgeted versus what we actually pay, and suggested that if we exceed that amount in a given year that the Board should consider paying for the overage ourselves.

Billmo concluded that our charge is to use the budget in a responsible way that is determined by the board. Right now serves as s a guide that can influence decisions, but can also be used as a hammer if necessary.

Chairman Stoffa asked that everyone review the budget thoroughly before the next meeting so we can vote to approve.

**DartConnect Administrator**

Paul L. vowed to download all the available stats and information at the end of the season to send to the rest of the Board. He said that the issue of overplaying players has improved as the season has progressed. He addressed a question about whether teams can see results live and confirmed DartConnect can do that as long as the scoring tablet is connected to the internet.

**League Director + Events**

League Director Pickles began his portion of the meeting by bringing up the upcoming Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 banquet. He committed to sending out a meeting to captains to inquire about venues who may be interested in hosting, and then would follow up with the formal bid form. He mentioned that Doug from BrauHaus may be interested in hosting, but noted that some players in the league may complain if there aren’t simpler options like Miller Lite available to drink. When asked if BrauHaus was big enough, Pickles explained that they would close the entire building and allow access to the upstairs and the roof deck area.

Pickles brought up a request for a donation for an upcoming ALS Autism shoot, noting a deadline of March 13th to reply (three days away). After reviewing earmarked donations to other charitable shoots ($100 to Philly Open, $200 to Darts for Dreams, $200 for Cathy’s Cause, $301 for Philly Kicking Cancer, and $200 for WPPL), BillMo reminded us that the ALS did not cash the check the OEDL provided for the last ASL shoot, and noting the tight deadline, we opted to forego a sponsorship this year. Pickles said he would inform the organizers.

Alan brought up the $1,100 budget allocation for giving to charitable shoots that BillMo had previously outlined in his budget to ask what’s a given and what is flexible. BillMo shared that we typically donate to the Darts for Dreams tournament and to a cancer shoot each year, and try to send representatives in cases where we can’t send funds. Chairman Stoffa recommended we establish a calendar of sponsorship opportunities so we don’t miss out on giving to worthy causes in the future even if we’re not asked directly.

We then switched to briefly discuss the recent All-star shoots, starting with the just-completed Thursday night shoot with was held for the first time. We opted to hold one tournament for shooters from both the A and B divisions, and that a B shooter (Dylan Cottone) won. Pickles noted too that the Thursday night league seems to be boosting business at local bars during the slower winter months.

For the Tuesday All-star shoots, we felt things went smoothly although some of the winners did not indicate what they wanted for a prize. Casey said she’d take care of it.

Finally, Pickles noted that there was still the lingering question of what to do about the snow day for Division 10 on Tuesday nights since they play an extra week, saying the simplest fix would be to push the season back one week. He also brought up a possible issue with Thursday night reschedules due to the start of March Madness.

**Vice-president + Rules and Reg**

VP Alan Cahill confirmed that all of our legacy documents that had been housed on the Your League Stats page had been successfully catalogued onto the Google Drive under a master folder called “Archives.” The YLS page right now has things available for download now, but Google doesn’t currently allow people to download. When the new website goes up, members will be able to access previous archives. He noted that if YLS goes before the website goes live we won’t have a way to have people to access.

Stoffa says we can let people download things of the Google Drive as an option, and also said we can send monthly minutes via email through DartConnect if requested. The Rules and Regs and League Bylaws can be sent before the start of each season so the entire league has access.

**Secretary + Social Media**

Secretary Richman vowed to get into a more consistent schedule of posting to the Facebook page—he said posts had somewhat slowed due to work commitments and being out of the country on vacation.

Richman also recounted his visit to the Penns Port Pub during a Thursday night match to view their setup. He had never been there before and wanted to see how the dart room was set up and whether visiting shooters could use the facilities without interacting with the live entertainment portion of the business. In his estimation, Penns Port is holding up the agreement they made at the beginning of the season to try and make a welcoming experience for opposing shooters with an under-renovation dart room with its own bar and separate entrance. He said, however, that anyone wanting to get a drink or use the restrooms does run the risk of running into semi or fully naked dancers.

Pickles shared that the D10 Taproom on 19th team who had previously complained about shooting at a gentleman’s club did opt to reschedule their match, and he heard that D10 shooters didn’t want to go there for the All Star shoot, and some who did attend were unhappy with the conditions. Pickles vowed to speak with Tommy the owner to find a solution, including possibly throwing some matches on Monday.

**Equipment**

Mike Aird wasn’t present to report on equipment needs. Pickles reiterated he needs to drop off dart stands to Avenuers.

**Awards Director + Website Committee**

Awards Director Casey Hare has started putting together forms to track team and player information. She’s a week behind on awards stuff, but still feels on track. Stoffa reminded her that we’d agreed to order a large plaque for Hall of Fame inductees, and that the Players Championship winner will need an award with a nameplate on it, which Paul L. said he’d handle.

Casey noted she needs information on our current web hosting domain to keep progress moving on developing a new website. She vowed to send a timeline to the project team so that a new website can launch by the time of the banquet.

**Old Business**

We addressed old business during different segments of the meeting.

**New Business**

We discussed a complaint from Sam Lynagh of the New Wave team about a match at Black Sheep. Sam drew attention to sub-standard food offerings, saying his team were given only baskets of popcorn. More importantly, he said his team arrived at 7 PM to begin warming up for their match and the room was not set up and a dart board had not been hung. We agreed that the Rules and Regs committee should consider adding a requirement that bars have their dart areas accessible and ready for pre-match warm-ups thirty minutes prior to the start of a match

**Next Meeting**

The Board agreed to hold the next meeting at Cavanaugh’s Headhouse on Monday, April 7th.

**Adjournment**

The Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:16 PM.