**Minutes for OEDL Board of Directors Meeting 12/12/22 at SouthHouse**

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

**Present:** Keith Jameson, Casey Hare, Paul Kuhn, Bill Moriarty, Jim Coughlin, Alan Cahill, Paul Lichorobiec, Spoonie Rand, Greg Stoffa, Mike Aird

**Absences:**

* None

**Call to order:** 7:08pm

**October Minutes Approved:** 7:12pm, Motion to Approve Casey/Seconded by Paul K, Approved 10-0

**Officer Reports:**

* **President** – Paul has nothing to report. Defers to new and old business.
* **Chairman** – Keith Jameson discussed the Emeritus status of Don Copeland. Keith spoke with Don who agreed to resign as Emeritus due to his inability to attend meetings because of work. Formal resignation letter forthcoming.
* **Treasurer** – Bill Moriarty presented this month’s Treasury Report. Motion to approve Jim/Seconded by Casey. Approved 10-0.
* **League Recorder** – Bill Moriarty has nothing to report.
	+ Casey asked Bill about recording of match results. What systems work best; text, phone calls or emails? Bill stated most of the League text in their results which makes the updating of the standings very easy. Call in results are the most tedious, but are only done by a few teams. Stoffa and Casey discussed alternate ways scoring could be inputted.
* **League Director** – Casey Hare discussed a playoff eligibility issue with a player from D8 Black Taxi. One of their players had a death in the family and had to travel to Ireland to handle funeral arrangements. This trip caused said player to miss 2 weeks and ultimately fall 1 week short of playoff eligibility. Board decided that we would not object to him playing in playoffs, but we would not ultimately make the determination. This issue would need to be discussed and approved/disapproved at the Captain level of D8.
* **Vice President** – Alan Cahill has nothing to report.
* **Secretary** – Jim Coughlin has nothing to report. Defers to Awards Committee business.

**Committees:**

* **Rules & Regulations/By-Laws Committees** – Alan Cahill has nothing new to report.
* **Equipment Committee** – Mike Aird discussed an issue with Black Cat. Black Cat contacted Paul Kuhn stating that their League dartboard was stolen from the bar and requested a new Board for dart night (same day). Issue was that this request was not made in a timely manner and Paul and Mike Aird had to retrieve a dartboard from Storage and hand deliver to Black Cat. Mike and Paul had to change their plans and interrupt their schedules to hand deliver the dartboard to the bar. Had this been addressed in a timely manner a new dartboard could have been stored in a location near Black Cat and could have been picked up. Mike stated he will not hand deliver boards again.
* **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 forming an Events Committee after the New Year to start working on OEDL hosted events. Specifically, working on the OEDL/Flyers/Ben Herman Shoot and possible memorial shoots for recently lost members, Dave Barksdale and Che Brnich.
* **Awards Committee** – Jim Coughlin discussed issuing awards for T71+, T80, Round of 9s, Dead Eyes and T70 Outshots. OEDL hasn’t issues patches or other awards for these accomplishments in many years (at least 8+ years). It is the most common complaint the Awards Committee receives, especially from newer players or players that hit their first ever T71+. Jim proposed issuing metal coin awards (in the vein of a Challenge Coin, minus the Challenge Coin traditions). These awards would be title the “OEDL Sharpshooter Award”. Jim presented some examples and design ideas that would be nice, different and cost effective as an award. Motion to approve Mike Aird/Seconded Paul Kuhn. Approved 9-0 (Alan abstained). Jim will contact a Coin Company and have a proof made. This should cost around $50. Once the proof is approved, each coin will cost $4 going forward for any order over 100 coins. Will present the proof at a future Board of Directors Meeting for approval and consideration on how many to order.
* **Hall of Fame Committee** – Spoonie provided initial suggestions for the Hall of Fame, but is unable to Chair the Hall of Fame Committee. Requests that we continue discussing the topic and move to name another Chair sometime after the New Year.
	+ Paul Kuhn had conversations with Ron Marks and John Hunsberger regarding who founded the OEDL. Both longtime OEDL members cannot recall who initially founded the League, but both expressed interest in assisting whomever takes over as Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee.

**Old Business:**

* **All Star Shoot Recap:** Board discussed the All Star Shoots that were played Monday, December 5, 2022 (and Thursday, December 8, 2022).
	+ Average turnout for All Star Shoots was 11 shooters. This is significantly lower than a normal All Star Shoot attendance. This was due to the reschedule of the Shoots due to the Phillies World Series match rescheduling. Board determined that in the event of a future rescheduling, we must keep the All Star Shoots on a Tuesday dart night, either after the season or with the season pushed back. Changing the shoot to a non-dart Monday led to a much smaller attendance.
	+ Discussed the issue with Riverfront only having one dartboard for the All Star Shoot. Prior to being awarded an All Star Shoot, Riverfront assured the Board of Directors that they would have 2 dartboards set up for the Shoot. This did not happen causing a long shoot with many delays. The Board of Directors received several complaints about the setup at Riverfront. When Kathy Dio was contacted about the 1 dartboard setup and delays, her response was that she wasn’t there and a stand up board was supposed to be set up. No arrangements were made with the Board of Directors for a stand up board to be loaned for the event.
		- Going forward, bars/clubs wishing to host an All Star Shoot must have a 2 dartboard setup during the regular season. We cannot trust that a venue will make adjustments to their normal setup just in advance of the All Star Shoot.
			* Add this as a Talking Point during Captain’s Meeting prior to next season.
* **Regular Season Recap:** Board had a discussion regarding the overall success/deficiencies of the regular season. There were no major issues reported.
	+ No penalty points were assessed this season.
	+ Dobbs have still not paid their player’s fees (Sponsor Fee was paid). They owe for all 9 players. They did not qualify for the playoffs so assessing penalty points at this time is moot. Discussed placing Dobbs lineup on a Blacklist until all dues are collected in full.
* **Ray Fisher Cup:** Discussed the Fall 2022 Fisher Cup Shoot.
	+ Bill and Spoonie questioned some of the shooters that were not selected and ask for a rationale:
		- Mark Francks – ineligible due to not shooting in OEDL this season.
		- Bill Power – ineligible due to not shooting in OEDL this season.
		- Adam Gingery – signed on with the ASL team. Was on the cancelled 2020 OEDL Fisher Cup roster.
		- Ed Volmer – ineligible due to not shooting in OEDL this season.
		- Colin Rath – unavailable, personal
		- Brian Zeigler – unavailable, personal
		- Brent Snyder – unavailable, personal
		- Mike Aird – declined, knees
		- Donnie Zepp – missed deadline to reply
		- Rich Dantine/John Newsome – Paul takes this one on the chin. Did not know Rich was an original OEDL Fisher Cup team member. Was looking for shooters with more time in OEDL (longevity) and didn’t realize Rich and John came back after previous layoffs.
		- Gregg Francis – Some members of the Board are not aware that Gregg Francis was on Paul’s team for several years in Summer Mummers and Paul is very familiar with him. He was not excluded. He was unavailable for personal reasons.
		- John Smith – missed deadline to reply. Was next in line.
	+ Paul discussed how he, Ron Reed and Lauren talked about all of these players in-depth and wanted to make sure the team reflected the entire OEDL and not just D1. Discussed how we wanted to field a team of longtime OEDL members and represent all Divisions. He also discussed how he was happy that OEDL was going to have women’s representation with Brittany Jasinski on the team. She doesn’t have the OEDL longevity (1st OEDL season) that they were looking for, but has more than earned her spot on the team with her gameplay. There has historically not been a lot of females included on Fisher Cup teams…to our knowledge.
	+ Paul ordered Polo Shirt Jerseys for the Fisher Cup team. He passed around his phone with images of the apparel.
	+ Bill and Keith discussed who should fund the Fisher Cup team. Should OEDL keep funding a team that never cashes out? Is this more of an OEDL donation to the other Leagues that keep winning? OEDL feels like the league that shooters start out in, get better and move on from. Some of the best shooters playing for other teams made their bones in OEDL.
	+ Paul Kuhn discussed creating a Committee for the Fisher Cup going forward.
	+ Alan and Stoffa proposed creating a mechanism for Captains to submit names of potential Fisher Cup shooters from their teams that the Committee may not be familiar with. This would be a way for all Divisions to get representation or at least consideration.

**New Business:**

* Casey – Match Start Times. Casey discussed the possibility of moving the start times of darts from 8pm to either 7 or 7:30pm. This is a topic a lot of Board members have been asked.
	+ Keith – this is a Rules and Regulations issue. Because start time and forfeit times are defined in the rules it would require a Rules and Regulations Committee recommendation and proposal prior to a vote by the Board.
	+ Could it happen by the Spring 2023 season? Probably not.
	+ Could we make this a Division or Captain’s decision? Would work if all Captains were in agreement. What if there was 1 or 2 dissenting Captains?
	+ Paul Kuhn will ask Pickles to post a comment on Facebook asking for league-wide feedback.
	+ Casey can poll the Captains through email and get a general consensus.
* Paul Kuhn – Philly Open. Should OEDL do a sponsorship for the Philly Open? If so, how much? Board voted 10-0 to buy a $100 sponsorship for the Philly Open. This includes a dartboard sponsorship and a digital sponsorship during the livestream.
* Alan Cahill – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Jim Coughlin – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Paul Lichorobiec – Nothing to add for the good of the meeting.
* Greg Stoffa – Discussed creating a system where one Captain per Division is responsible for ensuring all host bars in that Division are in compliance with set ups, dartboard conditions, board heights, distances, etc. It would take a lot of time for the Board of Directors to go out to every bar and make sure they are in compliance. A trusted Captain in each Division could alleviate the burden by ensuring compliance.
* Mike Aird – 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.
* Spoonie – Asked about the OEDL/QCEDL combined shoot. Is this something we plan to try and do again? Discussed starting an OEDL Thursday Night League. Maybe a Singles League supported by several of the OEDL sponsor bars.

**January Board of Directors Meeting:**

* Next Board Meeting scheduled for January 17, 2023 at 7pm at O’Neals. Approved 10-0

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:08pm – Approved 10-0**