**Olde English Dart League Board Meeting**

At Murph’s on Monday 8/19/24

Meeting Open and Roll Call

**Present:** Paul Kuhn, John Bouillon, Casey Hare, Alan Cahill, Paul Lichorobiec, Mike Aird, Greg Stoffa, Bill Moriarty, Chris Richman, Jim Miller, Jeff Baxter (emeritus).

**Excused Absences:** N/A

**Call to order:** 8:26 pm

Prior minutes approved 8:26 PM

**OFFICERS’ AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**~~President + Scheduling/Seeding** **–** President Paul Kuhn requested the social media director beat the drum online to get registration up. He noted that scheduling and seeding have to wait until after registration is complete. We again discussed a need to form a Fischer Cup Committee to make choices for the team. President Kuhn suggested the committee be made up of Ed Vollmer, Ron Marks, Adam Gingery, Paul Kuhn, John Pickles, Paul Lichorobiec, and BilMo.

The board briefly discussed whether the upcoming presidential debate, occurring in Philadelphia the same evening as the start of the season, would be a conflict being a conflict. We agreed there could be some conflicts and we discussed making sure that bars within the general area of Olde City as the debate should be ready to ask for leniency at package pickup, or else we should work to schedule away matches for the bars that could be impacted.

**~~Chairman + Hall of Fame –** The Chairman requested a similar approach to last year’s first Hall of Fame class. We will open polls after the season starts, keep them open all season, and consult last year’s notes for specifics. In year one, the focus was more on highlighting the first wave of important people and bars, and now we can extend a little deeper. We discussed a discovery of formation documents pointing to a VFW in University City possible being where the OEDL originally formed. Secretary Chris Richman agreed to investigate because his office is nearby.

**~~Treasurer –** Treasurer BillMo had nothing to add other than what he sent in budget report prior to the meeting. On the topic of dartboard purchases, we learned that Bullseye reached out with the same deal as last year to purchase Blade 6 boards, and we we felt we should go for it. Last year we spent $4500 on boards, and we felt we should do the same purchase this year and store any extras we may accrue. Counting in Thursday night dart needs, we decided we should order 70 to have some extras. We voted and it was approved 10-0 to purchase 70.

The board again said there was a need to create a budget committee meeting, and said it would be formed by the start of the fall season.

**~~DartConnect Administrator –** The DartConnect admin explained his plan for a forthcoming Luck of the Draw event at O’Neals. The purpose is to both allow shooters to sharpen their skills and also allow shooters who are not familiar with DartConnect an opportunity to interact with the new technoldy. He named that shooter Lyn Dwyer was interested in helping out and learning more about DartConnect, and said that it would be an opportunity to collect email addresses at luck of the draw.

**~~League Director + Events –**

* We started talking about registration, giving Chairman Stoffa a chance to make several amusing quips comparing things people said to making an adult film with the same name. Pickles discussed connecting with captains and possibly pushing back the Thursday registration to the 25th at the OEDL kickoff event. Seeding for Thursday nights will be a smaller committee.
* We decided not to hold an all-star shoot for the Thursday night league this season, citing a lack of interest. We will discuss doing it in the future, possibly as a combined event with Thursday night league.
* We confirmed changes in sponsor prices, which will be $250 for Tuesday teams, $225 for the year for a Thursday team if it’s a sponsor bar’s first team. We discussed having discounts for more teams, discounts for multiple teams across Tuesday and Thursday night, and stressed a need for clarification for the by-laws added by VP Alan Cahill.
* The board decided that due to the difficulty of printing and losing our go-to printing option, we will work to deemphasize printing materials to bring to the General Membership Meeting, instead pushing people online to find rules and regulations and other important information. We agreed we should print out the newly developed grids for teams so they can keep track of games during the changeover to DartConnect.
* The Board approved giving $200 to the Women’s Philly Players League as a sponsorship as we’ve done in the past.

**~~Vice-president + Rules and Reg –** Vice president Cahill verified that he sent **updates from a recent Rules and Regs meeting to the full Board.** RULES AND REG MEETING, sent a copy to everyone that was agreed. We discussed the need to formalize Thursday night rules. The Board voted 10-0 to approve new language around Paul L’s role of DartConnect administrator replacing the previous role of League Recorder.

* The Board moved to discussing changing the deeper tiebreakers for making the playoffs. Currently, the third tiebreaker (following overall wins and then head-to-head) is teams’ records in four-man games. The DartConnect admin noted that that was not available as an easy option within DartConnect. The Board discussed different options and eventually concluded that the new third tiebreaker should be the three dart average for the entire team for the season, and that it should be spelled out at the next general membership meeting.
* Pickles approved the submitted rules for Thursday nights.
* The Board discussed making further changes, including getting rid of the `0 points for players who close out cricket games, and ultimately tabled that decision and a question about changing corking rules until another meeting.

**~~Secretary + Social Media –** Discussing social media posts, everyone agreed new team registration and finding homes for players were the most important issues. We discussed advertising general areas for bars that need shooters instead of naming specific bars to even the playing field for teams seeking new shooters. We agreed we’d try and place players in appropriate homes based on location preference and skill.

Richman repeated a desire to reach out to different audiences via Google Groups and explained his rationale around it. He promised to experiment with it and include unique footers in each message so people can have easy access to important information.

**~~Equipment –** Nothing to add other than the topic of dart boards.

~~**Awards Director + Website Committee –** Casey Hare updated us about a new OEDL website that will mirror the Boston Minutemen website, who are like the OEDL but much bigger. Casey is using their website as inspiration. She updated that the website committee has not met yet, but that a WIX page has been set up and Google Workspace emails have gone out. We said we are interested in getting email addresses at the end to give the OEDL emails more formality and so we can create unique email addresses using the domain.

**Old Business**

We recapped that we’re ordering 70 dartboards from Bullseye. On the topic of tablets, we said that Jason L. has tablets he may be able to access, and we will talk about it soon. We are leaning toward a system of lend/lease for any teams that don’t have a tablet, using a deposit for a season. We proposed a $30 refundable deposit for being loaned a tablet, which was approved 10-0.

**5. New Business**

We briefly discussed shooter JP Kurtz not being in good standing with the Mummers league and how they asked us to consider JP the same. We said we wanted a formal request in writing before making a decision.

**6. Business Not on the Agenda**

* We discussed whether Tim McCafferty can return as captain after having prior issues collecting league fees. We agreed because there was never a reprimand in writing that we should send an advisory to Tim in writing about a zero tolerance policy.

**7. Next meeting location and date**

We agreed that the next meeting and seeding committee would be the first Tuesday of September (9/3) followed by a seeding committee meeting at Cav’s Rittenhouse. We voted to adjourn at 9:19 by a vote of 10-0.