**OEDL Board Meeting**

O’Neals Pub

Monday 12/9/24 @ 7 PM

**1. Meeting opening & roll call**

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

**Excused Absence:** Jim Miller

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM.

**2. Prior meeting’s minutes**

The Board voted to approve the prior minutes 9-0.

**3. Officers’ and Committee reports**

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

The Board kicked the meeting off by bringing up two questions from the previous meeting that weren’t answered due to President Kuhn’s absence: 1) How the Fischer Cup jerseys get ordered and paid for and 2) A refresher on the selection process for all-star venues.

**Fischer Cup:** On the Fischer Cup, Paul shared players named to the team put in $20 for jerseys and the league covers the rest. We discussed the idea of creating an order for people not on the roster to get their own jerseys if there was enough interest to justify an order and agreed to put feelers out about it.

Paul went on to share details of the Fischer Cup, which this year was won by Quaker City. Paul credited John DiSpaldo for doing a deep dive into the statistics after the event—John concluded that the lower part of the roster shot better than in 2024 when they won and that the top shooters performed about equal to last year. Paul called out Bill Power’s shooting, saying how got better as the day went on, and that Anthony Greco was “huge” and proved he belonged on the roster. Logistically, the team credited having extra bodies on-hand to score and experienced captains in helping both the flow of the day and keeping people focused. In the end, the team credited Quaker City’s top players for playing well enough to win, although Paul cracked that the real reason the OEDL lost is because BillMo left early.

**All-Star Venues:** On All-Star venues, we shared with Paul that at the last meeting there were some questions as to why some venues received multiple All-Star shoots, noting two fall 2024 shoots at both O’Neal’s and Cav’s Headhouse. We learned O’Neal’s usually requests hosting a second shoot since they have the room and multiple teams and that “willingness to host counts.” Other venues sometimes want to do it and sometimes don’t, and with some venues it’s year-to-year. BillMo, who broached the topic in the last meeting, wanted to insure there weren’t places who wanted to host and were getting denied.

**Lower Division Length of Match Complaint**: Paul brought up a complaint put forth by the Division 11 Cherry Street II team about matches ending too late, sometimes after 12 AM and sometimes as late as 2 AM. He said the team is made up of married 9-to-5ers who may not return if there isn’t something done to fix the situation.

The Board agreed to look through recaps to see how late the matches were going and to try and determine if it’s because teams are taking too long between games or if it comes down to missing out shots. Paul L. mentioned DartConnect has a sudden death option that could be put into play for the lower divisions, where shooters can attempt multiple shots at the out even if they bust and both captains would have to agree to put it into play. We didn’t love that as a solution since it takes away from the true skill of the game but conceded it’s worth considering if we’re in danger of losing a team. If a rule change were brought into effect, it would apply only to the bottom division.

Chairman Stoffa chimed in to say the format has been consistent “forever” and we haven’t run into this problem too often, and expressed worry that making a change like that would impact the competitiveness of the match. He also said we could remind captains that they’re free to suggest earlier start times to their matches to their opponents as a possible solution.

Another idea brought forward was to treat the bottom division as a “feeder” division and use it mostly for new teams so they can understand the format and how the league works. We did not decide on a course of action and moved on.

**Chairman + Hall of Fame**

Chairman Stoffa focused his time on the Hall of Fame. He brought up the previous discussion about a plaque with the Hall of Fame inductees listed, although wasn’t sure where it would be housed. He kicked that conversation over to Casey Hare, chair of the Awards Committee. It was suggested that Cav’s Headhouse, the venue inducted into the first class, could house it, but tabled the discussion for a future conversation.

Secretary Richman agreed to post another call for submissions via the Facebook page before the end of the fall seasons, when nominations are set to close. We agreed to stress how people can’t complain if people don’t get in if no one nominates them.

Stoffa also implored the Board to work with more urgency to complete the tasks we’re assigned, pointing to the quick turnaround the Quaker City league had to issue a suspension in a recent case (discussed later).

**Treasurer + Budget Committee**

BillMo shared details on two small transactions made since the last meeting. He also confirmed that Curran’s made their sponsorship payment, and just Cav’s HeadHouse still has a remaining fee of $5 still on the books. Director Pickles said he’ll take care of it and make sure they know they’ll have to pay an extra $5 in the spring since they missed the discount for paying for both seasons at the same time. President Kuhn that the OEDL logo was shown during the Fischer Cup livestream after paying for a sponsorship.

**DartConnect Administrator**

DartConnect Admin Paul L. confirmed that everything was set up within the OEDL DartConnect pages for the playoffs coming up for Tuesday and Thursday nights.

We took some time to discuss the stats, noting that some divisions were not balanced well, including both the Pirates I and Pirates II teams dominating their respected divisions. BillMo also shared how divisions 6 and 7 have better points per round averages than the teams in division 5, which could in part be explained by the different formats requiring more double-in games, which can lead to lowered team stats.

We agreed to factor in much more than just PPR when looking at seeding for the spring, and that we’ll factor in other statistics including first 9, outs hit per opportunity, and marks per round. We also agreed to keep a running list of the stats people are specifically asking to be tracked.

**League Director + Events**

Director Pickles had nothing to share on events.

He wanted to confirm that Brooks Urban was still in good standing after he got into an altercation at a previous banquet and had to be dragged out. There was a reference to someone stealing Paul Kuhn’s “really cool sunglasses” that went over the League Secretary’s head (insert short joke there).

Pickles also pointed to forfeits by Ten Stone and Cherry Street that occurred in Division 11 during Thanksgiving week. In normal cases, teams forfeiting during the final two weeks face a stiff penalty, but Pickles instead wanted to issue a warning since the teams are both new, they may have been unaware of the policy, and Thanksgiving week can be a difficult time due to people traveling for the holiday. He said he’d strongly remind them of the rules so it would not happen again.

On that same front, Brian Padgett, captain of the Division 11 Taproom on 19th team, complained that the forfeit netted his team only 7 points when he felt his team would have collected more points if they’d played. He thought there could be a solution where the result of a first match is averaged in the points given to a team that wins in forfeit. Jeff Baxter shared that there was previously a formula involving taking average weekly wins, but it led to teams strategically deciding whether to accept forfeits and some gamesmanship and was dropped. We agreed to discuss in the future.

Pickles turned his attention to registration for the Spring 2025 season opening up next week, and joked about how “people will still screw up and sign up late.” Pickles said when he sends out registration he’ll also include a spot for venues to indicate whether they’d be interested in hosting All-Star shoots, and that he needs to “relearn how to reuse gmail” like he’s 80 years old.

**Vice-president + Rules and Reg**

VP Cahill confirmed we won’t have a rules and regulations meeting before Christmas and that all potential changes will happen before the Fall 2025 season for approval by the new Board.

He said he will be tidying up the Your League Stats documents and look to move those documents from being housed on YLS to a Google Drive, with no help from Pickles, who presumably is confounded by all Google services.

**Secretary + Social Media**

Secretary Richman confirmed he’d do one last push for Hall of Fame nominations on the Facebook page and put out registration info as soon as it became available. He said he’d create a post to share the Fischer Cup shirts and a form so people can express interest in purchasing them. He also acknowledged Chairman’s Stoffa’s call for more urgency and personally vowed to be quicker finishing the minutes from each meeting.

**Equipment**

Nothing to share on the equipment front.

**Awards Director + Website Committee**

Awards Director Hare brought forth the topic of awards for the Board to discuss. Because of the switch from player points on the old Your League Stats page to the DartConnect record-keeping, we wanted to discuss what awards will remain and what may be going away. We did a quick round-up of all the current awards, from first place apparel and plaques down to sharpshooter coins for accomplishments like 171+ rounds or rounds of 9. We agreed all-star awards will go away since we have not been tracking them, and we’ll likely add new things tied to points per round and other accomplishments. We agreed to table the discussion for now since we still have the full spring season to figure it out.

Casey said she’s still open to additional vendors for producing apparel, trophies, and plaques, and that she needs to speak with John Venner to get things moving on the website front.

Chairman Stoffa stressed that we need to reach out to Jim Coughlan, who was handling last year’s awards, to get things closed out for the previous season, including invoices, which are holding up closing out the previous fiscal year and the establishment of a new budget committee. President Kuhn agreed to handle reaching out to Jimmy.

**4. Old Business**

We brought up the remaining need to send a suspension notice to Tom Rose and to inform Tim McCafferty that he cannot serve as a team captain until further notice. Casey Hare read a letter she wrote to Tim McCafferty and the board signed off on having Secretary Richman send it along with a suspension notice to Tom Rose, which Richman agreed to do so that evening.

**5. New Business**

Pickles had previously shared a suspension letter for Quaker City shooter Maggie Schaeffer, who has been suspended for two years. Because of our agreement with QCEDL, Ms. Schaeffer will also not be allowed to shoot in OEDL during that time.

**6. Business Not on the Agenda**

We briefly discussed a conflict for Brauhaus if their D7 team makes the final—the venue is already booked for a huge party on December 17th, and if Brauhaus makes the final, they’ll have to work out a venue with their potential opponents. We suggested the Brauhaus captain Alex reach out to the other possible teams before the first round is played to discuss.

We also agreed to do seeding and packet pickup for both the Tuesday and Thursday nights on same evening in early January.

**7. Next meeting location and date**

The board voted to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, January 7th at Avenuer’s.

**8. Adjourn**

Voted unanimously to adjourn.