

EFL 2016 ANNUAL MEETING 01/30 & 31

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Saturday, 30th, 9:00AM - 5PM; Sunday, 31st 9AM till Noon

EFL ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 01/30 & 31

9am Call to Order

Attendees

Chris Gorman-Syracuse

Scott Irons-Syracuse

Leroy Collins-Syracuse

John Ramus-Watertown

George Ashcraft-Watertown

Russ Humphrey-Plattsburg

Bryan Belisle-Plattsburgh

Roger Masotti-Sussex

Steve Masotti-Sussex

Hank Pelton-Glens Falls

Jeff Hodges-Glens Falls

Joe Buonviaggio-Glens Falls

Joe Casiano-Mohawk Valley

Elijah Winfrey-Seaway Valley

Joe McDonald-Seaway Valley

Al Lollie-Deputy Commissioner

Dave Burch-Commissioner

Concetta Sager-Treasurer/Secretary

Rick Sager-Deputy Commissioner

- Call to Order/Review Agenda Introductions
- Acceptance Of Minutes From October 2015 Meeting: Reviewed minutes of October meeting motion to accept Watertown/second Syracuse
- Treasurer's Report: motion to accept Watertown/second Glens Falls
- Status of teams:
 - Syracuse-all set
 - Sussex-good shape/ready to go.
 - Watertown doing well - FXCapara's brothers purchased team; status is no longer not for profit
 - Glens Falls - good
 - Plattsburgh - good to go
 - Glove Cities - attempted to contact them with no response. Not in good standing and need to reapply. Sussex mentioned that they are speaking with lawyer regarding claim against Glove Cities.
- Team Membership Report: reviewed status of potential teams as follows:
 - Seaway Valley Venom & Mohawk Valley Titans ready to present today.
 - Tristate Bulldogs - not sure will have a team
 - Troy Fighting Irish - one of their players is banned from EFL and they will not move without him
 - Middlesex County Warlords - still reviewing
 - Southern Vermont Storm - received no response
 - Orange County Region - not interested in smaller market
 - New Burlington team - looking at 2017



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- New Team Presentations/Formal Acceptance:
 - **Seaway Valley Venom**: Elijah Winfrey-President; Joe Mc Donald-Owner
Establish March 2014. Were in NFA-went 0-3. Previous organization was disorganized and had no structure. New Organization-Great support staff.
Home games played at Mike Nicholas field/turf, locker rooms, press box, and concession stand; Conducting interviews for their extended staff positions; Currently have 26 players-70% participation at practice one night per week; Structured better than the previous team/owners; North

Country Sports net will broadcast their home games and some near away games. Will have section of their websites for EFL and team; One set of jerseys but will be ordering another set. Financially-looking at between \$25-30K for the first year. Doing OK but are not getting complacent. Fund raisers-50/50, raffles for dinner and a movie, season tickets and sponsorships. Specialty fundraisers-pool and golf tournaments, pancake breakfast. Hotel-Quality Inn- 3 minutes from field; Recruiting-St. Lawrence area-looking to go to colleges-perhaps Clarkson and SUNY. Committed players that will travel-no rules against female players. Experience with running a franchise-grew up with semi pro football in family. Have experienced advisors for the team.

- Vote: Seaway Valley - motion Glens Falls/ second Watertown
Dave and Al to assist team
3-2 accept - Syracuse and Plattsburgh no
After further discussion, Syracuse is OK based on Dave and Al's assistance

- **Mohawk Valley Titans:** Joseph Casiano
Want to be in EFL due to structure of the league; Yard Dogs in area-concern of who is getting the players- have 36 players signed on now, potential of 30 more.
Financials- \$46K budget. Prepared to pay league fees today; Ability to make trips to travel. Hotels near them; No issues with officials;
Whitesboro High School-new turf field; two sets of jerseys-need number on the front larger-white helmet; League will review jersey colors prior to purchase
- Vote: Mohawk Valley Titans - motion Syracuse/second Glens Falls
5-0 accept

- By Law change: Tie Breaker-points scored against
Issue with some teams that end up not playing the same amount of games.
Watertown feels should be a winning percentage
Plattsburgh - if get beat head to head, that should take precedent
Watertown proposal - replace #7 "*Points scored against*" with "*Team with best winning percentage against common league opponents of games actually played.*"
Motion to accept - Watertown/second Sussex
For clarification forfeit win counts for lowest possible score, which is 2 points (safety) per NFL rules.

- Review of By-Laws: Clarification and modification of Article 3 Membership-Section 3-5th bullet. Motion to accept-Glens Falls/second Watertown

Players may not leave ~~an~~ the EFL ~~team~~ during the season to play for any other ~~team~~ league and then return to the EFL ~~original-league~~ ~~team~~ within the same season. Said player would be considered illegal upon return to the EFL ~~original~~ ~~team~~. (revised 1/24/15) (1/30/16)

- Scheduling
 - 10 games each team
 - Regular season start/ stop dates- July 9th-October 1st
 - Syracuse makes motion for 4 team playoff-Watertown second; Yes-2-5 motion denied
 - Playoff will be top 6 teams
 - Playoffs-October 8 & 15th
 - Championship-October 22nd
 - Schedule completed – each team has 10 games - 5 home/5 away
- Wilson NFL Footballs: Wilson Footballs available from Dave. \$390 per case
- Player Equipment Owed: list reviewed and will be revisited at next meeting
- Stats Program: Home Teams Online - easy to follow; Rick to provide teams with link and password. Each team puts in their own roster
- EFL Website: Each team is to provide Dave with team website links so he can add to EFL site
- General Liability Insurance: 100% Enrollment as League; Premium \$312 for \$2M General Liability Policy per team
- Media Lists: requested local media contact list from teams - will add to distribution of press release
- Contracts & Waivers: Contract and team waivers were distributed; Contract is tri-ply/league, player & team each get copy. Reviewed what is required for ID book
- Officials/Coaches Meeting: tentative May 15th- place TBD
Possible locations Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Johnstown

Discussion on position mechanics of the officials.

They don't show up to the officials meeting to discuss rules/changes.

For next meeting, teams are to come prepared with point of emphasis of issues.

Meeting should be mandatory for any official that will officiate EFL games.

Officials offered to do games with a 7 man crew last year. Would only be a minimal increase of fee if implemented. The league will vote on this and will need to confirm pricing with Bill. Requesting experienced officials that are physically able to officiate.

- Concussion policy: no real policy for league other than medical personnel required on field. Free training on line to be certified to be able to recognize a possible concussion.
League protocol is if an official notices a player with a suspected concussion, they are to inform the head coach and medical personnel should examine the player and clear him to be able to go back into the game.
- Approve 2016 Schedule: Schedule changes - Watertown home and away dates with Seaway Valley are switching
Motion to accept schedule - Watertown/second Plattsburgh
- Election of EFL Officers: slate will remain the same for 2016
Motion to accept Watertown/Second Glens Falls
- Press Release: Press Release with schedule will be sent out Feb 1, 2016
- EFL Fund Raisers: Discussed Auction Site, Cow Chip Bingo discussed
- Miscellaneous: Discussed perhaps cutting annual meeting back to one day next year.
Final EFL meeting for the season will be held at the site of the Championship Game. If an end of regular season meeting is needed, conference call will be held.

Motion to adjourn.....

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Sager

