

EFL ANNUAL MEETING 01/25 & 26

Holiday Inn
308 N Comrie Ave
Johnstown, NY 12095
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Saturday, 25th, 8:30am – 4pm; Sunday, 26th 9am til Noon

- Call to Order/Review Agenda

Introductions/Attendees:

Dave Burch	EFL Commissioner	Jesse Daniels	Plattsburg Northstars
Alvin Lollie	EFL Deputy Commissioner	Scott Aguglia	Plattsburg Northstars
Rick Sager	EFL Deputy Commissioner	Joe Friars	EFL Official
Concetta Sager	EFL Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Higgins	Commissioner of Officials
Jeff Hodges	Glens Falls GreenJackets	Matt Capano	Glove Cities Colonials
Hank Pelton	Glens Falls GreenJackets	Mark Capano	Glove Cities Colonials
Melissa Johnson	Syracuse Shock	Romell Ponder	Glove Cities Colonials
George Ashcraft	Watertown Red & Black	Tom Manny	Glove Cities Colonials
John Ramus	Watertown Red & Black		Glove Cities Colonials
		Steve Ruger	Vermont Ice Storm-Telephone

- Acceptance Of Minutes From October 2013 Meeting (see attached)
- Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Watertown, seconded by Glens Falls
- Bill Higgins EFL Commissioner of Officials: Officials meeting will be very important. Many mistakes/overtuns and rule changes this year in the NFL - must discuss with teams how they want the game called. Several younger officials now on crews.
 - Bill submitted a proposal to move to a 7 man crew-will increase fee by only \$15; he wants the league to mull it over for a few weeks
 - Also discussed to move Umpire to offensive back field
 - Officials meeting to be held June 1st, 10am Winner's Circle
- Individual Status of Teams in EFL – Discussion of 2013 Issues/Concerns
 - Plattsburg - back for now but needs at least 6 teams
 - Vermont - Dave working with them and they are committed
 - Watertown - is willing to have an 8 game schedule but would like at least 6 teams
 - Syracuse - if 6 teams are in
 - Glens Falls in

- All are committed to the EFL but concerned about Vermont fulfilling their obligation
- Other option is that the league could take a leave of absence as a league
- Watertown question - If we have 5 teams, are teams willing to play?
- Suggested doing an 8 and 10 game schedule
- Need commitment from VT by April 1st to define organization structure; need field and players
- Albany discussions - they would like back in; put stipulations on his return- currently in bad standings. Motion to consider reinstating Albany was a unanimous NO
- It was stated that the EFL has solid set of rules and that is why some teams are hesitant to join
- Membership Committee Report and New Team Presentations/Acceptance
 - Glove Cities Colonials – Mark & Matt Capano made a presentation to the league; they are aware that our league does not pay players. Jerseys-light at home/dark on the road - they have 4 sets of jerseys. Will be probationary period for 1 year. Vote: motion to accept-Syracuse/Watertown 2nd. Amsterdam will sell Colonials their franchise.
 - Call with Vermont - Steve Ruger: Plan-behind the 8 ball; Organization has fewer players than last year - have a core coming back-heavily recruiting. Struggling because ball was dropped into his lap. Reached out to AD South Burlington High school to confirm the field. Want to be part of EFL and feel confident that it will come together. Finances - still have money in the bank and sponsors. Some players are facilitating events. Have to get coaches. Question - Would you be prepared to play a 10 game schedule? Plan is yes. Dave to send him an email with timeline and forward progress to league
 - EFL is moving forward as 6 team league
 - Mark Capano contacted Utica but they are committed to another league
- By Law Change Proposals There were no bylaw changes

LUNCH

- Scheduling: compiled a 6 team, 10 game schedule
 - League start July 12th; end September 20th
 - First round play-off's (4 teams) September 27th; one vs. four and two vs. three
 - Championship Oct 4th

Old Business

- Collection of EFL Dues: Dues (\$450) and Insurance (\$350) due now
- Reviewed current set of by-laws key policies and procedures
- Wilson NFL Footballs: NFL Footballs available through the AFA for \$65 each plus \$20 shipping = \$410
- Approve 2014 Schedule: Motion to accept - Watertown/Glens Falls 2nd
- Collection of "Player Equipment Owed" Lists: Players that owe equipment to other teams are needed
- Review of Banned Players (this list was not covered but has been below)
 - Brian Williams (Watertown)
 - Mark Baker's Son (Oneonta)
 - Brian Gespart (BC Dragons)
 - Rod Passeri (Scranton)
 - Frank Rogers (Albany)
 - John Scheemaker (Albany)
 - CJ Tarver (Albany)
 - Scott Irons (Syracuse)
- EFL Statistics Program: STATS program remains same as last year. Dave to attempt capture historical data from previous program
- EFL team websites: no change; we link to whatever you have today
- General Liability Insurance (need to take care of NOW)
 - 100% Enrollment as league
 - Premium \$347 for \$2M General Liability Policy
- Election of EFL Officers: motion for same slate by Watertown, seconded by Glove Cities

New Business

- EFL Officials & Coaches Meeting (Time & Place) - **June 1**
- Team Contact Lists: Updated contact information for all
- EFL Contracts & Team Waivers: distributed to each team
- Official Press Release: developed and agreed to release immediately
- American Football Assn Review: Dave provided an overview of AFA-insurance, Hall of Fame nominations, auction fund raiser site as benefit for member teams
- Miscellaneous:

- Suggestion was made to have identification badges for League officials
- Rick to check Hank working on jackets/hoodies
- Champ vs. Champ other league looking for a game
- Dave to connect with their Commissioner Bernie Armstrong and will send monthly updates; Date TBD
- Dave will report on Vermont's progress to the teams regularly. Timeline defined of January – April 1st
- Motion to adjourn-Plattsburg/Syracuse 2nd

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Sager