

**EFL 2015 ANNUAL MEETING 01/24 & 25**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Binghamton**

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Binghamton, NY 13901

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Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM - 5PM; Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> 9AM till Noon

**EFL ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 01/24 & 25**

***9am Call to Order***

**Attendees**

Dave Burch - Commissioner  
Al Lollie - Deputy Commissioner  
Rick Sager - Deputy Commissioner  
Concetta Sager - Secretary/Treasurer  
Hank Pelton - Glens Falls Greenjacket  
Jeff Hodges - Glens Falls Greenjacket  
George Ashcraft - Watertown Red & Black  
Diana Ashcraft - Watertown Red & Black  
Scott Aguglia - Plattsburg Northstars  
Greg Haas - Sussex Stags  
Steve Masotti - Sussex Stags

- Call to Order/Review Agenda Introductions
- Acceptance Of Minutes From October 2014 Meeting: Reviewed minutes of October meeting Accept Glens Falls/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Watertown
- Treasurer's Report: Accept Watertown/2<sup>nd</sup> Glens Falls
- Team Membership Report: reviewed status of eight potential teams per attachment. After reviewing the 3 options presented, the league decided to



2015 Team  
Membership Report

move forward with the 5 teams for 2015

- New Team Presentations/Formal Acceptance: Sussex County Stags: Gary Haas and Steve Masotti; Accepted into league unanimously
  - Northwest section of NJ-Augusta, NJ

- [Skylands Stadium](#) - minor league baseball field
  - Have established players; Do not pay or house players
  - \$80K budget and fund raising activities - golf outing and steak dinner
  - Dance and promotion team; 10 coaches
  - 123 Fundraisers-players fill in names on 10 letters and he sends them out- percentage benefits Cancer Research-whoever sends the donation, can write it off. (501C3)
  - Navy pants-Gold & White Jerseys
  - If need overnight accommodation, can stay at Holiday Inn Express
  - Applebee's after game
- By Law Change Proposals .... Players that play with your team during the season, and then go to another team during the season, cannot come back. Rewritten as follows: *Players may not leave an EFL team during the season to play for any other team and then return to the original team within the same season. Said player will be considered illegible upon return of original team.*
- Motion to accept-Watertown/2nd Glens Falls
  - Dave to send out copies of the updated by-laws

## LUNCH

- Scheduling
  - Start Date-July 11, 2015; End Date-September 19, 2015
  - Playoffs-September 26, 2014; Championship-October 3, 2014
  - 8 Game Schedule-teams to fill in open dates on their own
  - Motion Watertown/2<sup>nd</sup> Plattsburg – Approved unanimously

## Old Business

- Collection of EFL Dues (\$450)
- Wilson NFL Footballs
- Approve 2015 Schedule
- EFL Statistics Program
- EFL team websites
- General Liability Insurance
  - 100% Enrollment As League
  - Premium \$347 for \$2M General Liability Policy
- Election of EFL Officers: slate will remain the same for 2015

## New Business

- EFL Fund Raisers: Auction site, 123 Fundraising, Cow Chip Bingo

- EFL Officials & Coaches Meeting (Time & Place): May 3<sup>rd</sup>; place TBD
- Team Contact Lists: Reviewed and modified contact lists
- EFL Contracts & Team Waivers: distributed to each team
- Official Press Release: Reviewed press release
- Date & Site Of Next Meetings: End of season meeting is September 20, 2015; Final league meeting is October 4, 2015 at the site of the championship game
- Fund raising: Discussed AFA Auction site, 123 Fundraising, Cow Chip Bingo
- Official EFL Schedule to be released on February 7, 2015
- Discussed Team ID book process
- August 15, 2015 is cut off for adding players unless a team falls below 24 players.
  
- All Star Game potential dates October 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Players pay only \$40 for banquet
  - Wear their own jerseys, dark and light pants to come from Glens Falls and Watertown
  - Practice Saturday PM, banquet at night, Game Sunday at 1PM
  - Teams to poll the players to determine interest
  - Will need 60 players
  - Glens Falls will send a proposal to Dave with the details in 2 weeks

Respectfully submitted,

*Concetta Sager*

(Attachment)

## **EFL 2015 Team Membership Report**

1. Sussex County Stags
2. Monroe County Sting
3. Syracuse Strong
4. New Vermont Team (Russell Humphries)
5. Tri State Bulldogs
6. Southern Vermont Storm
7. Connecticut Giants
8. Middlesex County Warlords

1. Sussex County Stags

They are all set to play in the EFL and have met all membership criteria.

2. Monroe County Sting

From: wbrockmansr@gmail.com

To: DavidB6783@aol.com

Sent: 11/25/2014 6:47:24 P.M. Eastern Standard Time

Subj: Re: Empire Football League Membership Outreach

Dave

Here is the paperwork you wanted. We are very interested in coming back to The Empire Football League. As everybody knows we were a member and the Champion of this league 3 years ago. I was about to have a major part of my team split off and start another team in the spf league. Therefore to hold my team together at that time I reluctantly had to leave the EFL. I am asking the league not to charge our team again with the franchise fee and would like to discuss this matter.

Wayne Brockman Sr.

Brockman Tree & Lawn Care

**Update 1/22/15:** I received a call from Wayne Brockman stating that his team has decided to play in the NFA due to travel concerns to Plattsburgh, Vermont and New Jersey. Wayne stated that he would be sending a formal email stating his decision. His franchise fee check was returned to him.

**Update 1/24/15:**

From: wbrockmansr@gmail.com

To: DavidB6783@aol.com

Sent: 1/24/2015 11:07:33 A.M. Eastern Standard Time

Subj: Re: EFL ANNUAL MEETING 01/31 & 02/01 Agenda to follow

Dave

As we have talked about the Monroe county sting will not be coming to the empire football league. One of the reasons is most of the teams are long travel trips. One other reason is we are not sure about the league either. You have trouble with in your league. There are good people here and then You have hank from glen falls trying to rip the league apart. He told me I had to have money in up front or don't even come. You and I worked that out. Then he tells us glen falls and Plattsburgh are both quitting and joining the nfa or they are going independent. I am not sure what's going on and don,t care to know but I have had enough problems I don't need more. Things like this is what I don't need. So with that said we will be going to the nfa meeting. I hope things work out for the your league and you guys can bring back what the empire league use to be

3. New Syracuse Team – Syracuse Strong

This team was initially being put together by Peter Waack and Leroy Collins. Peter Waack stated that he wanted to turn around the image of Semipro Football in Syracuse and was very concerned regarding Leroy's approach to doing

business as usual. Apparently there was a FB recruiting posting by Chris Gorman that went up without Peter's approval. Peter stated that having previously been the GM of an EFL Syracuse team a few years ago, there was a business structure and chain of command that he was looking to establish. Leroy stated that because he and Peter could not see eye to eye, he did not want to damage their friendship so he decided to pull out creating a new team. *Peter stated that he did not want to deal with the potential of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Syracuse franchise, so he decided to throw in the towel completely.* His franchise fee was returned to him. When I requested of Chris Gorman what his plans were regarding leagues, he stated that he would be playing in the NFA because of the travel issue. *"there is no way I could make away games to Plattsburgh, Glens Falls, Vermont or New Jersey because I coach high school football and we play home games Saturday afternoons."*

How are you? I was really thinking of putting the Syracuse team back together. If there was another group that has contacted you about this I would be interested in working with them to make this happen.

September 28, 2014 4:23 pm

Okay; I will put them in touch with you shortly

October 7, 2014 5:46 pm

Please call Leroy Collins at 315-254-4799 regarding your interest when you get a chance. I talked with him today and he welcomes your assistance !



Ok, thank you

5 hours ago

Chris, I see that the Syracuse Strong is moving forward. Any plans on what league you're going to play in? I know there are a lot of rumors out there but I figured I would go directly to you...  
Feel free to call to discuss

2 hours ago



We will be playing in the NFA. Its a travel issue. I coach High school football and we play our home games on Saturday afternoons. There is no way I could make away games in Plattsburgh, Glens Falls, Vermont or New Jersey

a few seconds ago

#### 4. New Vermont Team

Good Morning,

Now that we have officially finished our 2014 season with a EFL

Championship and a successful trip to the USA Bowl National Championship in Daytona Beach, Florida, I can finally turn my attention to 2015.

With regards to a potential new Vermont franchise.

I have in place the organization, funds and playing field, what I do not have is a solid commitment from a enough real football players to commit the required resources on a chance that players will show up later. We have seen that unsuccessful approach before from other teams, and I believe it would be irresponsible to the other member teams to take that gamble.

As such, I have notified my current organization, the Plattsburgh Northstars, that I will be remaining with the organization for the upcoming 2015 EFL season.

Thank you for the faith and belief you showed in me to field a quality new Vermont organization.

Good luck to all member teams in the upcoming 2015 EFL season.

Respectfully,

Russell Humphrey  
Defensive Coordinator  
Special Teams Coordinator  
Plattsburgh Northstars

5. Tri State Bulldogs

Frank Williams stated that due to illness of his mother he could not commit. He really need to have a guarantee regarding limited travel.

6. Southern Vermont Storm

Under new ownership; undecided

7. Connecticut Giants

From: chiefsfootball5@aol.com

To: DavidB6783@aol.com

Sent: 12/2/2014 8:26:58 P.M. Eastern Standard Time

Subj: Re: EFL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Hi Dave,

I had a great experience playing in the EFL. Unfortunately there is no way my board will approve moving leagues. This past season, 4 of our 5





## Alternatives:

1. Empire Football League Leave of Absence for year 2015
  - Teams play independent schedule/join another league
  - All current member teams on leave of absence
  - Close down league operations and protect assets
  - Publish formal press release to ensure consistent message (misinformation)
  - Re-evaluate if additional membership requests come forward
  
2. Continue to try to find more teams to create a greater than 5 team league
  
3. Schedule with 5 teams that are present

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Sent: 12/1/2014 7:43:00 A.M. Eastern Standard Time  
Subj: Re: Current Status of Empire Football League Teams (Updated)

The following teams have committed to the EFL for the 2015 season and have been invited to the Annual Meeting. More details to follow.....

1. **Syracuse Strong**
2. **Watertown Red & Black**
3. **Glove Cities Colonials**
4. **Glens Falls Greenjackets**
5. **Plattsburgh North Stars**
6. **Vermont Vortex**
7. **Sussex Stags Football**
8. **Monroe County Sting**

Dave Burch  
EFL Commissioner

-----Original Message-----

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Cc: DavidB6783 <DavidB6783@aol.com>  
Sent: Sun, Nov 16, 2014 11:23 pm  
Subject: Current Status of Empire Football League Teams

EFL Members:

Unfortunately, the annual ritual/pattern of lying behavior continues and I once again find it necessary to reiterate the facts regarding the EFL.

Per our last meeting, potential EFL teams that were requested to pay their registration fees by November 30 remains unchanged. I have received affirmations that they are still committed to the EFL and plan to pay registration fees as committed. If/when that changes you will be alerted accordingly.

What's really sad is that our rumor mongers continue to attempt to discredit the EFL for no apparent reason but yet are involved in all types of unethical behavior in their own communities; just check the local news! What's even sadder is that we have folks that actually listen to and feed into this nonsense, with no basis what so ever!

Worse yet, I see this as an attack upon my credibility, veracity and character with no basis. For the record, I don't lie, have never stolen from anyone nor do I deliberately misrepresent facts. To that end, to ensure that the facts continue to get reported properly regarding who has applied to the EFL for membership, any/all interested teams not on our candidate listing are to be directed to contact me via directly phone @ 607-743-6013, NOT email, NOT hearsay. I will then formally communicate their disposition to members of the EFL.

- 1. Syracuse Strong**
- 2. Watertown**
- 3. Glove Cities Colonials**
- 4. Glens Falls Greenjackets**
- 5. Plattsburgh**
- 6. Vermont Team via Russell Humphries**
- 7. New Jersey Stags - Near Poconos**
- 8. Monroe County Sting**
- 9. Tri State Bulldogs**

Dave Burch  
EFL Commissioner