

**Meeting Minutes Final EFL Meeting October 11<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) 9AM Start**  
**Maplewood Suites Extended Stay**  
**400 7<sup>th</sup> North Street**  
**Liverpool, NY 13088**

Attendees:

Alan Dole	EFL Deputy Commissioner
Jane Dole	EFL Assistant
Jeff Hodges	Glens Falls Greenjackets
George Ashcraft	Watertown Red & Black
Diane Ashcraft	Watertown Red & Black
Scott Aguglia	Plattsburgh North Stars
Gary Haase	Sussex Stags
Chris Gorman	Syracuse Strong
Leroy Collins	Syracuse Strong
Rick Sager	EFL Deputy Commissioner
Concetta Sager	EFL Treasure/Secretary
Dave Burch	EFL Commissioner

Agenda

- **Recognition of 2015 EFL Champions:** The league recognized the Syracuse Strong as EFL Champions for 2015; comments were made by Leroy Collins and Chris Gorman
- **Approve Minutes of Last Meeting (Officials & Coaches Meeting):** Approved via motion from Watertown/second by Plattsburgh
- **EFL Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve by Watertown/seconded by Plattsburgh
- **Playoff Game Financial Reports Per EFL Forms:** Discussion of playoff/championship financial reports due to the league. Syracuse requested that the commissioner e-mail forms to Syracuse
- **Glove Cities Status; Sussex Loss Claim:** Commissioner Burch mentioned that several attempts were made to contact the Capanos with no response via email, text and priority mail. They have been requested to submit their intentions for their franchise in writing to the league. At this moment they are not in good standing with the Empire Football League. Sussex filed a loss claim against Glove Cities for the forfeited games. This will be resolved at a later date when Glove Cities appears before the league.

- **Review EFL All Star Selections (Rick Sager):** Not all teams returned their ballots prior to the meeting, but were completed on site during the meeting. Rick will compile the results and will send out prior to noon on Monday (Oct 12<sup>th</sup>). It should be noted that Glove Cities did not submit any nominations for their team.

**New Business**

- **Discussion Process for EFL Potential New Member Team Candidates per Handout:** Unlike last year, all league fees will be due from new teams at the annual meeting in January 2016. Because of the abuse of the agreed to process last year, Commissioner Burch stated that teams will be invited to the Annual Meeting based on meeting application criteria. Fees will be collected at this time per our previous precedent and the By Laws. Teams need to inform their board regarding the EFL’s process in this regard. All teams present reinforced that they were committed to the EFL for 2016.

**EFL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE PRE SCREEN**

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Syracuse Strong	Watertown Red & Black	Glove Cities Colonials	Glens Falls Greenjackets	Plattsburgh	New Jersey Stags	Mohawk Valley Titans	Seaway Valley Venom				

*Per EFL By Laws: Minimum qualifications for admission of a team currently in operation shall be evidence of financial stability, operational stability, ability to be competitive and evidence of ownership of the necessary equipment and the availability of adequate playing facilities as defined in Conduct/Regulation*

- Dues and fees are due at Annual Meeting per previous precedent/By Laws
  - If you have teams that are interested in the EFL, they are to contact the EFL Commissioner, Dave Burch for application/invitation to the annual meeting.
  - Please advise your organizations accordingly; this is being done to short circuit the misrepresentations that occur each year around this time. (see attachment below from 2015).
  - Information regarding who is invited to the annual meeting and potential teams per the chart above will be formally communicated to all EFL members simultaneously; there is no longer any need for phone calls to league management to see who has paid their dues or who is being invited to the annual meeting.
  - If the new teams do not materialize and the EFL ends up with only 4 teams for 2016, the league is prepared to take a leave of absence for the 2016 season, just as we were prepared to do at the 2015 Annual Meeting and just as we have done previously.
- **The EFL Annual Meeting/Location January 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>:** Annual Meeting will be held January 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 in Binghamton, NY at same location as last year (Doubletree).
- **Miscellaneous:** Because of the blatant misrepresentations that continue to take place regarding the EFL and its management, Commissioner Burch stated that he plans to use Social Media postings/Press Releases to get the facts in front of the public as required, to allow them to be better informed. EFL members are advised to inform their boards and team management regarding this policy, and also share the EFL’s meeting minutes with their organizations since they are publically available on the website. It’s our collective responsibility to ensure the structure/integrity to protect the league.
- Any by law changes must be submitted to Commissioner Burch in writing, no later than January 1, 2016, for discussion at the annual meeting. One topic for discussion will be the tie breakers.

## REASON FOR NOT REPEATING LAST YEAR'S (2015) PROCESS !!!!!

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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

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**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

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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