

Agenda Final EFL Meeting October 22nd (Sunday) 9AM Start
Maplewood Suites Extended Stay
400 7th North Street
Liverpool, NY 13088

Attendees:

George Ashcraft	Watertown
Jeff Hodge	Glens Falls
Gary Haase	Sussex
Steve Masotti	Sussex
Elijah Winfrey	Seaway Valley
Jeff Arquite	Seaway Valley
Tammy Arquite	Seaway Valley
Casondra Arquite	Seaway Valley
Sabrina Brown	Mohawk Valley Titans
Dave Burch	Commissioner
Rick Sager	Deputy Commissioner
Concetta Sager	Secretary/Treasurer
Khalid Bye	Syracuse Strong
Chris Gorman	Syracuse Strong

Agenda

Old Business

- Recognition of 2016 EFL Champions: Acknowledged the Syracuse Strong as EFL Champions for the second year in a row. Khalid Bey and Chris Gorman made statements.
- Approve Minutes of Last Meeting (Officials & Coaches Meeting): minutes of the Officials/Coaches Meeting were accepted; Watertown/motion, Sussex/second. It has been suggested that at the next Coaches & Officials meeting we incorporate video as examples
- EFL Treasurer's Report: Glens Falls' motion to accept was seconded by Watertown; motion carried unanimously. It was noted that Mohawk Valley's debts were paid out of the security bond they paid to join the league. As a result, they will not be receiving a refund

- Playoff Game Financial Reports per EFL Forms (Watertown, Glens Falls, Syracuse, Sussex): Received from Sussex and Glens Falls; Watertown and Syracuse are outstanding.
- [Review EFL All Star Selections](#); Rick Sager led discussion of process/issues:
 - All Stars-went smooth this year; Suggested explaining the process to the players and get them involved
 - Suggested delaying the release to the media until after the teams have the opportunity to announce to the individual winners
 - To come up with your nomination, suggested having a meeting with staff to make the selections and review yearly stats to vote
 - Rick to compile documentation on how the process currently works
 - Elijah requested use of the name Seaway Valley instead of Massena
 - Suggestion on Sportsmanship Category; suggested as doing it as an individual team award and have the players vote
 - George Ashcraft suggested that all the teams get together to discuss the All Star selections.
 - Another approach might be using stats leaders as automatic first team
 - Another team stated that they use stats and attitude to make their nominations
 - Examine decreasing the number of players per category
 - Suggested that nomination goes out as before and then discuss at a face to face meeting
 - Rules need to be clarified
 - Watertown made a motion to discuss further at the annual meeting in January
 - Commissioner Burch requested that each owner go back and review with their players; explain process and solicit suggestions. *Attached is a listing of social media posting from Facebook regarding this subject.....*

New Business

- Reviewed team status:
 - Watertown - will be back
 - Syracuse - will be back
 - Glens Falls - will be back
 - Mohawk Valley requested if they could move the team to Chittenango. Syracuse does not want the team 20 minutes away. Mohawk Valley will be looking at another league. Syracuse stated that they will discuss further and Dave will contact them by November 7th for their final position.
 - Sussex-good shape - will be back
 - Seaway Valley - will be back

- Plattsburg - will be back (Russell Humphrey was excused from attending this meeting)
- Discussion Process for EFL Potential New Member Team Candidates per Handout:
 - Schenectady, Buffalo, New Jersey (Newark)
 - Khalid mentioned that he would pursue discussion with Rochester and Buffalo city governments relative to potential teams
 - Discussed the potential of the Binghamton Stallions (formerly Oneonta), Troy Fighting Irish, Somerset Bears, Scranton Eagles, Hudson Valley Bucs (Leonard Byrd), Western Conn Militia, Newark New Jersey. Sussex mentioned that a Newark New Jersey team would violate their 50 mile radius.
 - Dave will send out the list of all potential candidate teams in the November timeframe, once there are vetted
 - All dues and fees are due at Annual Meeting per previous precedent/by laws
 - It was reiterated that if you have teams that are interested in the EFL, they are to contact the EFL Commissioner, Dave Burch. This is being done to prevent miscommunication and confusion regarding candidate teams.

**EFL MEMBERSHIP
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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

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Syracuse Strong	Watertown Red & Black	Mohawk Valley Titans	Glens Falls Greenjackets	Plattsburgh	New Jersey Stags	Seaway Valley Venom	Schenectady (New)	Buffalo (New)	New Jersey (Newark)		

- EFL Annual Meeting Location: January 28th - 29th in Binghamton, NY (same location as last year Doubletree)

- Potential By Law Changes: Teams were requested to be prepared to present any new changes to the bylaws they might have

Motion to adjourn by Watertown was seconded by Seaway Valley

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Sager