

ESSL Board of Directors Meeting  
January 3rd, 2023

In Person: Elsie Quirk Public Library, 100 West Dearborn St., Englewood, FL

Vertical Zoom: Join Zoom Meeting

A quorum having been established; the meeting was called to order at 2:00PM.

BOD Attending: Mark Johnson, Peter Salvatori, Ed Wilson, John Anjos, Hans Picinich (Zoom).

Others Attending: Scott Maresh, Bill White, Mike Geddes, Dennis Seeley, Bill Ward, Bob Dika, Dale Mason, Bob Yarnell, Stan Chviek, Eric Nelson, Neil Meneghini, Bill Ernst, S. Magnas (sic), Pete Alceves, Rick, Serus, John Raymond, Tom Hetzel, Jeff Clark, Mark Higgins, Nick Katzalas, Mickey Muzevich, Steve Stanley, Mike Vaught

Minutes of the Board Directors meeting of November 16th were approved.

#### FIELDS:

Mark Johnson there is a problem with the field's availability because of field maintenance and suggested that teams reschedule their practice times.

#### GOLD DRAFT:

23 Players needed.

23 players Gold and Gold/silver draftees are registered for the draft.

Because of a potential shortage of players Mark Johnson was able to recruit 2 players from the Venice Tuesday League that were not drafted in that league. The 2 players are Bill Herron and Larry Vitaile.

A discussion followed whether these 2 players should be allowed in the draft because they did not meet the December 31, 2022, registration requirement.

Bill White advised that Keith Rone had been advised on Jan. 2 that he was not eligible for the draft because of the registration date requirement.

Motion was made and seconded to allow these 3 players to be drafted.

Motion passed with a 3 to 2 vote.

#### SILVER DRAFT:

John Anjos advised that there should be enough draftees for each team to have a minimum roster of 14 players.

Bob Yarnell PP manager requested that Jeff Killian, a 2022 roster player, who had been removed from his roster be added on. BOD voted 5 to 0 to allow the player back on the roster.

Discussion held about players, who state that they only want to play for a specific team. Three players who made this request were Ron Foster, Gregg Grams, and Dennis Girard. Motion made and seconded that if a player is drafted by a specific team and the player refuses to play for that team, that player cannot play for another team for the balance of the calendar year and the manager that drafted player would be able to redraft another player.

#### SCHEDULES:

Mark Johnson presented the schedules for the 3 Divisions.

#### DESIGNATED SUB RULES:

Mark Johnson presented the DS guidelines for the Gold and Silver Divisions. Questions made about why DS have to play specific positions and bat last.

Motion made and seconded to adopt the DS Guidelines that were presented.

Motion passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

#### BANQUET LOCATION:

Carmen Rivera advised the Elks Hall was available for the Banquet on March 29th at 1PM. However the building might still be under repair. Carmen was authorized to finalize the arrangement with the Elks.

#### SCOTT MARESH:

Motion was made and seconded to appoint Scott Maresh as the Assistant Treasurer.

Motion passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mark Johnson reported that the financial report given at the Nov. 16 BOD meeting was not correct. Mark Johnson, Ed Wilson, and Scott Maresh have reviewed the financials and Scott has prepared a financial report that was presented. Current cash balance for the League is approximately \$3900. Mark, Ed and Scott will continue to meet and finalize the financial report. Mike Gedes financial questions were answered by Scott Maresh.

#### TEAM FEES:

Based on the financial report presented the 2023 team division fees are  
Gold \$400.43  
Silver \$685  
Bronze 664.  
Mark Johnson made a motion that was seconded to give each division team a \$100. credit on their fee. Motion passed 5 to 0.

#### UMPIRE TRAINING DATE:

January 9th Divisions.  
Scott Maresh requested that the umpires be made aware that the Divisions have some different rules.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT:

Date, January 30th.

#### PROPOSED SPRING LEAGUE SCHEDULE:

16-week schedule starting April 5th and ending mid-May.  
Registered 2022 Fall Players will be transferred to Spring league and will receive a credit for their paid registration fee.

#### T Shirt Sales:

League will conduct a fundraiser by selling T-Shirts. Orders will be taken over the internet and the fee must be prepaid.

#### STANDING TIE BREAKERS:

Motion made and seconded that there would be 3 methods:

1. winning percentage
2. head-to-head competition
3. actual run differential

Motion passed 5 to 0

#### APPROPRIATE DIVISION PLAYER ASSIGNMENT:

Mark Johnson presented "Guidelines for ESSL player Ratings"  
Purpose of Guidelines is for proper player division placement.

#### DON BLINN ESTATE:

Attorneys for the Estate have not finalized the distribution of the assets.

#### GOLD MANAGERS ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

1. Gold Coordinator has not communicated effectively with them
2. Need a more responsive Coordinator
3. Division Coordinator doesn't have to be a BOD member
4. Will make a formal request that the current Coordinator be replaced, Gold Coordinator disputed these allegations.
5. BOD is dictatorial and should be making decisions based on the majority vote of managers. Mark Johnson responded that the BOD makes decisions based on what is best for the overall benefit of the League.

Submitted by  
John Anjos  
League Secretary