Board of Directors meeting minutes

November 16, 2022, 12(Noon)

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 12(Noon).

BOD Attending: Mark Johnson, Peter Salvatori, Ed Wison, John Anjs, Hans Picinich.

Others Attending: Randy Harrold, Ray Murphy, Mike Geddes, Dale Mason, Tom Herzel, Rudy Davis, Bill White, Bob Dika, Dave Keefer, Bob Yarnell, Mark Higgins, Eric Radcliffe, Dave Tacy, Rick Silva Joe Gasparino.

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of June 23 were approved.

Mark Johnson presented the ESSL 2023 Calendar:

ELECTIONS:

Feb. 7, call for Election of Board

March 3, Candidates Declaration due

March 9, Notice of Election date

March 24, Election of 2 Board Members

PLAYER EVALUATION DATES: December 24, 26 & January 2.

PRELIMINARY ROSTERS DUE: December 26

DRAFT DATES: Gold Jan 4, Silver Jan. 6, Bronze Jan. 9.

SEASON START DATES: Silver Jan 10, Gold Jan 11, Bronze TBD

SUPPLEMENTARY DRAFT: January 30.

TOURNAMENT DATES: March 23, 24, 27 &28

BANQUET DATE; March 24. J Anjos advised that date would be a conflict with the Venice 70 Leagues last season game and annual meeting.

DRAFT ORDER:

Mark Johnson made a motion that the Silver Player Draft be the same as the Gold Player draft. Motion was seconded. Silver Mangers voiced their opposition to the motion. Board members voted 2 for and 2 against the motion. One Board member abstained. Motion was made and approved to table the original motion.

PLAYER REGISTRATION.

Rudy Davis was appointed as the Draft organizer and coordinator for both divisions. Mark Johnson introduced a new draft registration form to be used for new draftees and those who re-enter the draft.

Rudy Davis gave a report on the Leagues Advertising and Recruitment efforts

DESIGNATED SUBS:

Mark Johnson presented new designated sub rules and made a motion for acceptance. Both Gold and Silver Managers voiced their opposition. Motion was rejected by a 3 to 2 Board vote.

Peter Salvatori will meet with Gold members to review the rules.

Gold DS awaits a written plan for team using a DS as a 12 player.

Silver Managers prefer to have a general Pool of Subs. Mark Higgins will coordinate the Silver general sub pool.

The BOD awaits a written plan for a Silver sub pool.

ROSTER SIZE: Gold 13-15, Silver 14-16.

This will be determined at a later date because of the availability of players.

Silver has 3 teams (Purple, Riverwood and Restore Physical) with undersized rosters. We may have to merge the three teams into two.

INACTIVE PLAYERS;

Dale Mason raised the question what effect Hurricane Ian would have on availability of players. Teams will be allowed to have a player deemed Inactive for a period of 7 weeks or longer. Players then can return to the roster as an additional player, as per current inactive player/roster rules.

MINIMUM FIELD PLAYING.

Motion made and approved to change the minimum field playing innings from 3 to 4.

Motion made and approved to allow Mark Creech law Firm to place a temporary sign on the Fields.

Motion made and approved to purchase 2 scoreboards.

Mark Johnson gave a report on the umpiring for the 3 Divisions. A workshop will be held for players umpiring Gold Division games. Date TBD.

TRADE PROTOCOL:

No trades before December 1st.

Trades must be transparent

Managers cannot solicit players from other teams.

Trades must be approved by all players and managers involved.

Division Coordinators and League Commissioner must approve all trades.

BUDGET: League has a sufficient cash reserve to reduce the 2023 Sponsor fee

Steve Seal, Bronze player, stated that the Bronze teams need to be balanced.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50PM.