

Meeting Date January 29th

Meeting Time 1:00 PM

Location: Englewood Sports Complex

A quorum having been established; the meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM

BOD Attending: Mark Johnson, Commissioner; John Anjos Vice Commissioner; Scott Maresh Treasurer; Bill White, Secretary; Peter Salvatori At Large

Others attending: John Anjos, Greg Brezicki, Stan Chiviek, Jeff Clark, Bob Dika, Bill Ernst, Mike Geddes, Tom Hetzer, Eric Nelson, Steve O'Brien, Bill Rice, Carmen Rivera, Peter Salvatori, Bob Yarnell

Zoom – Cynthia, Dan Kane, Hans Picinich, Nico

Approve Minutes – Minutes of meetings Dec 29, 2023, Jan 3, 2024, were approved with 5-0 vote.

Financial Report Scott Maresh presented Statement of activity for year ending 2023.

A question was raised about days and times available for teams to practice. Monday is not rented by the ESSL however it is typically open. Tuesday through Friday are rented by ESSL. Saturday and Sunday are not reserved by ESSL; however, if necessary, the fields could be rented.

Draft Committee Report

Winter Draft Procedure – The Committee reviewed all proposals and with much discussion, determined that the existing Gold Division rules have been working well over the previous 9 years. As a committee we propose that beginning in the 2025 season, both the Gold and Silver divisions will abide by the existing Gold Draft procedures.

The floor was opened for discussion. Questions concerning the Gold procedures included “how can we help teams that end up in the middle of the pack but can’t seem to challenge” Will a team that finishes at the bottom 2 years in a row, STILL get the extra second round pick? Mark addressed the committee process and assured the members that those and many other scenarios were discussed during the committee meetings. With no further discussion, a vote of the Board of Directors was taken. By a vote of 4-1 (Peter no) the measure was passed.

Supplemental Draft - Doc: Jan 28, 2024, 11:30 AM

Minimum Roster Size (MRS) – Discussion to eliminate MRS and move to last to first picking order. With discussion ended, a vote was taken to review and potentially change the drafting rules. By a vote of 2-2 and 1 abstention (Scott Maresh) the motion did not pass.

Clarified – Teams with winning records that decide to keep their supplemental draft pick shall forfeit the team's first round draft pick the following Winter season. If 2 supplemental picks were made, the team shall forfeit round 1 and 2 picks.

Trading Period - Doc: Jan 28, 2024, 11:30 AM *Eligibility, Interdivision, Trading Window, Future Draft Pick*

Trading Process Jan 28, 2024, 11:30 AM- *Request, Approvals, Notifications and Timelines*

Players Quitting Current Team – in 2024, 3 players quit their teams. Discussion to allow trading to another team or to participate in the supplemental draft. The player can be traded for player, but that player cannot play until next winter season. Any player that quits a team that drafted them or that is on a team's current roster, will not be allowed to play for the rest of the current season.

Schoolyard Draft – Scott Maresh spoke to the recent Silver draft that was rained out and resulted in Silver division performing a paper draft. The draft appears to have been a great success. By the time the draft took place, most managers had seen the players during tryouts, so the draft moved along at a rapid pace. This process eliminated the Schoolyard Pick.

Supplemental Draft, Trade Procedures and Trade Process Document Jan 28, 2024 11:30 AM – Motion made to accept (Bill) and seconded (Peter) all were in favor

- **Trade form must be changed to reflect the 48 hours process _ Bill takes the action.**

70's All-Star v Sarasota - March 16

Stan Civiek is still manager – Game to be played AT Sarasota. All players from last year's team are rostered unless they decide not to play. All players must be 70 years old on or before Jan 1st of 2024.

Banquet Update (March 27) looking Eagles, Elks and Arturs Menus, Tips and other costs.

Beef, chicken, fish. The fact that Englewood Elks is no longer a sponsor does not prevent them from being considered to host the banquet.

Election Info- 3 Open Seats (Mark Johnson, Scott Maresh & John Anjos)

Candidate Declaration Deadline (March 1)

Candidate Info Posted to Website (March 5)

March 22 BOD Election (Zoom or Survey Monkey)

Survey Results

- 11 v12 silver players in the field. 32 of 68 voted for 11 players in field. 36 preferred 12
- Infield Fly Rule 92 responses. 51 voted to eliminate.

Radio, Website & Facebook

Home Run Reporting – Suggested that Managers send email to Rudy Davis, Peter Salvatori or Bill White whenever any player hits a Home Run. (over the fence only). The information will be posted on the ESSL QuickScores site, the Englewood Senior Softball Facebook Page and the WENG News

Meeting adjourned at 2:41

Respectfully

Bill White

Secretary