

ESSPA

Meeting Minutes

September 12th, 2021

7:00pm – 9pm

September 2021 Board Meeting via Diamonds

Invitees:

Kerri P (could not attend)

Brent, Bert C, Grant H, Penny M, Kevin M, Brenda M, Barry W, Mario S, Darrell S, Darlene P, Dan L.

Please bring a chair.

Call to order 7:00PM

Brent (Vice President) introduced himself, speaking on behalf of Kerri (who could not attend).

1) Approval of minutes from last meeting. Correction on attendees, Grant approved, seconded by Barry. All approved.

1A) Bert treasure report– discussed his concerns regarding the ump costs spoken about last meeting. The cost was not accurate. The umpers were a tradeoff for lack of uniforms – Cuthbertson. Further discussed on item 12 with motion. He went into costs to reduce, city fees (ESSPA fixed costs, city does not reimburse, city not-open to discussion), Rick’s job and rate (cannot cut down what Rick does, open and closes are necessary, keeps homeless at bay, cannot leave responsibility to teams) Grant – he will break out all costs at AGM.

Dan – when was the last time we raised fees? Grant/Kerri tried to talk to the city..

Bert – we have put \$831,000 into the facility less grants and casino money.

Grant motioned to push discussion on grounds keeping until after AGM. Seconded by Brent. All in favor – all!

2) Discussion on action items from last meeting.

I. Google nest for furnace or camera. No internet; needs wifi. Brenda – we used to have wifi in the other building. Kevin-heat tracing with light (no one to see), Bert-costs for water damage approx. \$2000. Grant-draining the water does not work. Brent-get professional in to winterize. Grant to get quote (ACTION**)**

II Going forward, who will be taking care of tasks (SPN, scheduling)

3) SPN prizes. See email from Kerri. Bags-2 teams, hats-2 teams. Remainder, 4 hoodies, 4 bags. Decide how to deal with prizes, no motion just agreement. Barry-disappointed with prizes, bring this up at the AGM. Brent-NSA you can pick prizes.

Motion: Brent - Division coordinators can discuss and coordinate the prizes to be given out and the remaining can be given out at the AGM as draws. Seconded by Grant. All in favor – all!

- 4) Someone to compare SPN to NSA in terms of insurance coverage, umpire fees, prizes. Have info ready for AGM so members can vote on which organization we go with. Brent will do this.
(ACTION)
- 5) SPN Nationals for next year. Still on and are we slated to host? Brent will look into this, depending on SPN/NSA.
- 6) AGM scheduled meeting and cost. Clansmen facility \$75. Oct 24th, 1PM. 30 days notice to alert members. Darlene will reuse old posters.
Brent – motion to address president/vice president rotation terms at the AGM. Seconded by Barry. All in favor-all!
- 7) 8) 9) Division coordinators need to meet to write a cohesive set of rules for the league, the individual division tweaks will be included at the bottom using the surveys that have been collected.
Sub policy, code of conduct.
This year was a lot of confusion who had diamonds. Kevin-we are not entitled to all times/diamonds. City emailed him google doc spreadsheet. They limited our hours, there are a lot of rental groups. Brent-next year division coordinators and scheduler should have regular meetings. Scheduler is a big job. Darlene-Lorne Belley will do it next year, she will talk with him.
There needs to be a better proposal to the city next year, add ladies and 60+. Darlene sent email out to ladies. Grant-concerned pulling ladies out of existing league.
Brent-motion to have division coordinators / sub committees to discuss scheduling with scheduler and to have first meeting 30days after AGM. Seconded by Grant. All in favor-all!
- 8) Darrell to be reimbursed for gift cert for Kathy. Discussion. Darrell wants added in yearly budget to spend \$200 for incidentals at own discretion. Grant-he cannot get that and his budget is much bigger. While it's appreciated that Kathy does what she does, passing a hat to everyone involved is the only answer. No reimbursement.
- 9) Division coordinators questions
 - 4A) Have control of their diamonds and time slots. Regular meetings with scheduler. (see 7)
 - 4B) Have the ability to make changes to the website schedule. Too messy!
 - 4C) Ability to submit receipts to the board each year, max \$100 at own discretion, ie engraving, thank you card, gift certificate, ice/water on hot days, ESSPA business cards, stationery, etc. (see 8)
- 10) Lights on diamond 4 (LED). Huge costs. May not be appropriate – safety reasons. Kevin-put off to 2023 AGM. All agreed.
- 11) Positions that need replacements, George (Marketing), Bert (Treasurer), Tom (Media), DeWayne (Equipment), and Kerri (President). Others? Kevin (Facility and Booking), Barry (Tournament Director). Brent will run for vice president. Everyone else stays.

- 12) Set fees, table until div coordinators meet about schedules. Need to present at AGM. Division 1 ump fees need to be confirmed and factored in team costs. Dan-every year costs calculated uniforms vs umpers – WASH. Grant-estimated 13 players/team. Umpers costs this year divided into # players. Mario-need to stay competitive, 2k to 2500. Brent to negotiate ump prices next year **(ACTION)**.
Bert motion-To make past meeting motion of \$200.00 to up to \$2100.00 to pay umpers for 2021 season. Seconded by Grant. All in favor, Darrell opposed.
- 13) Are we purchasing prizes going forward? Table until AGM.
- 14) Volunteer to research insurance policies, we need water damage coverage. Grant-city blows out lawn water lines but won't do us. See 2I Grant action item.
- 15) Options for replacing uniforms. Bring up at AGM, new designs.
- 16) Job Descriptions? Any changes? Discussion on item 11.
- 17) Change our year end? Pro and cons. Brenda – accrue all costs, leave as is. All agreed!
- 18) Auditors appointed for next year? To book at end of Sept, Brent took care of this.
- 19) Thank team leaders; Cathy, Don Holton, others??
- 20) Other business
- a) Don Hussey Memorial– Sept 19th. Family mentioned contributing something? Someone to discuss with family. Brent will do this, as well discuss this date as a yearly tournament. **(ACTION)**
- 21) Next Meetings – October 12th. Book Clansmen facility. Collect for \$75 fee.
 Brent made motion to book Clansmen facility and collect the fee. Kevin seconded. All in favor-all!

Action Items:

Assigned Date	Description	Assigned to	Due Date
	Get quote to winterize the bathrooms	Grant	
	Compare SPN/NSA	Brent	
	Negotiate ump prices for next year	Brent	
	Discuss with Don Hussey family yearly memorial.	Brent	

22) Meeting Adjourned 8:48 PM by Brent and seconded by Penny