

ESSPA Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Date: July 21, 2022
Start Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Airways Diamonds
Annex Boardroom

Present:

Bill Donlevy	Karen Armstrong
Lorne Belley	Mary Ellen Mimeault
Darlene Pruden	Kerri Pasqua
Danny Ruesch	Brent Schell
Grant Huys	Sue Shave
Rich Ferguson	Rick Patry (for Shale discussion)

Absent:

Mario Scrivano	Dan Leclair
Tracie Campbell	Dennis Stucke
Carrie Runnalls	

Meeting called to order at 5:02pm

Shale Purchase

- Discussion on shape of diamonds – Diamond 2 has drainage issues and requires shale
- Diamonds sink each year, Diamond 4 was the last one to be worked on
- Thought that the last time we bought shale was in 2018, however a load was purchased in 2021 (it was 5/16 grade)
- Per Dennis' email that was attached to agenda, players who have played out of John Fry, Leduc or St. Albert found no evidence of shale causing cut marks on balls. Do we have to go with ¼ " then?
- Discussion if we are just treating the symptom and not the cause, especially for Diamond 2

Motion: To defer shale purchase til more information is gathered/received by Mary Ellen Mimeault

- Check with City of Edmonton to see if will supply shale
- Size of shale to purchase (1/4" is more expensive and can only get from Moose Jaw)
- Cost (potentially Pembina could sponsor cost?)
- How deep is the shale bed on diamonds? Is adding more shale in certain situations the right answer?

2nd by Brent Schell

Passed

Tournament Director nomination

- Darrell Bignell had stepped away from this role due to personal reasons

Motion: To accept Rich Ferguson as Tournament Director by Danny Ruesch
2nd by Grant Huys
Passed

Special Meeting – hold at end of August

- Per information attached to Agenda, this special meeting, at the end of August would:
 - Change year end from August 31 to calendar year end (December 31)
 - AGM would be held in March
- These changes would provide time for board to provide accurate information to membership

Motion: To proceed with Special Meeting at end of August by Brent Schell
2nd by Darlene Pruden
Passed

- Date proposed is Thursday August 25th at 8pm
- Email needs to be out to membership 30 days in advance of meeting, email will be prepared, plus information will be posted on website.

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion: to accept minutes from April 6th Directors Meeting, by Brent Schell
2nd by Grant Huys
Passed

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Motion: to accept minutes from May 5th Emergency Directors Meeting, by Lorne Belley
2nd by Karen Armstrong
Passed

Tournament in August?

- August weekends are pretty booked up at Airways
- Discussion around incorporating a tournament in conjunction with teams prepping to go to Utah, have a fall classic
- Will not have a tournament in August, looking at September 17 weekend to hold a tournament, give Rich time to get organized, look to have a men's, women's, and a mixed potentially - TBD
- Lorne to confirm with City the availability of diamonds

Volunteer Acknowledgement

- Discussion held, however decision was tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm