

ESSPA

Meeting Agenda

February 09th, 2021

7pm – 9pm

February 2021 Board Meeting via ZOOM

Invitees: Kerri P, Carrie R, Bert C, Grant H, Penny M, Kevin M, Brenda M, Tom S, DeWayne B, George R, Barry W, Mario S, Darrell S, Darlene P, Dan L.

Brief meeting to discuss 2019 game suspension-verbal abuse of female ump. The player did not play in 2020, Red Line's team was also not in. After discussion it was a unanimous vote to uphold suspension. Team and player notified by Mario.

Call to order: 7:23 PM

1) Approval of minutes from last meeting: Kevin accepted, George 2nd.

2) Financial – Bert Carruthers

- 12K in bank, \$2700 paid memberships, 2 were full memberships. Need player drive.
- ACTION ITEM last meeting – Kerri (use of washrooms not paid). We need to invoice Edmonton Social - Bert to do. Send invoice to Kerri and she will forward to Kyle

3) Registration – Brenda Marshall

a) Overall registration – break down by division:

- Cuthbertson - 7
- Hirsch – 7
- Hansen – 13
- Brawner – 6
- 60+ - 2
- Women's - 2
- NEW

7 new players need to be evaluated.

Board members need to register.

Kerri – wording for another message needs to go out, incl other info, add 7 new ppl

b) Any update on schedule – COVID season and non-COVID season. No

4) Bookings – Kevin

- An app was discussed
- Season May 1st – September
- No weekends booked yet, just the 2 tournaments

5) Recruitment - George

- Posted in 3 community facebook pages
- As well as 2 other sites
- Maybe it's too early / cold weather
- Possibly coffee shop newsletter (weekly ad) with new poster
- Kerri – we will all contact our local community pages
- Billboard? – any info yet? No

6) Tournaments – Barry Wilhelm

- Barry called 30 male players (optimistic)
- Maybe canvas St Albert (past ESSPA) players. They may come back-they have huge formatting issues.
- ACTION ITEM last meeting – Kerri (Trevor SPN balls for Nationals) Feb 11th announcement may answer this.
- Jackson Classic – Bruce Monroe wants to be contacted. Brenda will add him to database. Darlene will contact him.
- Oil City league – note was put in FB group. No response yet.
- Barry – uniforms (Bruce has good contact). Kerri – possibly use casino funds to purchase

7) Status of 60+ men – Dan LeClair

- We need to get the word out
- Mass email
- Question – is it possible to enter teams not individuals ie Redline and Utah teams (Covid dependent)
- Barry – St Albert wants to do a split. Dan can reach out if he has a contact name.
- Grant – need 4 outside teams

8) New Business - Posters

- Worth pursuing? Tom – still have some from prior years!
- Possibly an 8x10 sheet to attach to an email, then can individually print as necessary.
- Add to posters – 1st come 1st serve. Max # per division
- Kerri – just necessary info

9) Business Cards

- Generic (hand write on back individuals name)
- Tom – prices, approx. \$30 Staples or Vista Print

Note: Reminder to have a board member or two to proof any communications being sent out. Kerri motioned; Kevin seconded

10) Logo contest

- To get ppl to register
- Prizes (new logo on t-shirt)
- Call out to companies want to advertise

Motion to do contest George, 2nd by Penny

11) Plan for the year

- Dwayne – more balls
- Grant – grand reopening
- Logo contest
- Maintenance things
- Beginning season welcome (covid dependent)

Kevin – approach more people for ball

Barry – new norm, build on our successes. 4 teams/division minimum

Carrie – create a schedule, software expires in March. A cohort and non-cohort.

Kerri – look into other programs best/cheapest. Look at options.

Brenda – May 11, 2021 \$99/yr US. Integrates with RAMP, not aware of any other programs.

Diamond Scheduler

Kevin – need help booking

Darrell – we must give certainty, tell ppl cohort season

Grant – mention we were the only successful season, Covid free. Doors open, room for more. Let's play ball!

Kerri – let's draft email, grand reopening, logo contest, season of 4 or 5 divisions, May start, AB guidelines in place, encourage to bring friend

Bert – will look at all in 2019

Kevin – he will have a look at the diamonds

Keys – Grant/Kerri/Jamie

12) Plan for 3 years from now.

- Uniforms
- Names on diamonds and not divisions. Bert – no money, Kerri-I can paint!

13) Other business

- Brenda – emails to positions. Instructions how to access, add to phones, etc
- Suspension summarized – Mario / Dan make recommendation
 - i) Has to serve 15 game suspension in registered season – prorated
 - ii) Opportunity to appeal – he chose not to
 - iii) Kerri – Mario to notify player and team via email

14) Next Meetings – 2nd Tuesday of every Month

- March 9th@ 7pm- 9pm

15) Adjournment – 1st Kevin, 2nd Carrie

8:55PM