

ESSPA

MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2021
7:30pm – 10pm

June 2021 Board Meeting via ZOOM (thank you Kevin!)

In Attendance: Kerri P, Carrie R, Bert C, Grant H, Kevin M, Brenda M, Tom S, Barry W, Darlene P, Dan L.

Regrets: DeWayne B, Mario S, Darrell S, Penny M

Chair: Kerri P, President

Call to order 7:08pm

Carrie R recorded minutes.

1) Approval of minutes from last meeting –

Motion by Kevin McCunn to accept minutes as distributed, Seconded by Tom Smith

2) Registration – Registrar, Brenda M

a) Update emailed prior to meeting.

- Cuthbertson – 4 teams.
- Hirsch – 54 players, 4 teams.
- Hansen – 77 players, 3 Associates, 6 teams
- Brawner – 48 players, teams not drafted/selected yet.
- 60+ - 12 registered, expectation is 4 teams.
- Women's – no go.

3) Financial Update – Treasurer, Bert C.

No report distributed. Highlights - transfer of funds from account to account, Casino funds. Regular payment of bills. Refunds need to be processed.

4) Maintenance update: Maintenance Director, Grant H

a) Update email prior to meeting.

- i) Weed spraying on all diamonds, completed June 4th (no invoice submitted yet).
- ii) Ongoing maintenance – grass is coming along, some dead zones need to be reseeded.

5) Update on divisions:

a) **Cuthbertson** – Mario S sent prior to meeting.

- i) 4 Teams – Slick 50, Batman, Smooth Whiskey, 50 Classics
- ii) Umpires – Yes, in favour of using.
- iii) Players – have several registered players needing a team, will provide the players the coaches information for them to contact.
- iv) Would prefer to play Thursday and either Tues or Wedn.
- v) Preference is double headers on above nights.

b) **Hirsch** – Darrell S, not in attendance.

- i) Teams are drafted.

- c) **Hansen** – Darlene P.
 - i) 6 teams drafted.
 - ii) 9 players not drafted sent down to Brawner.
 - iii) Carrie R. to contact those 9 players to inform them of their status (Brawner division) to ensure that they will remain in Brawner.
- d) **Brawner** – Kerri P.
 - i) Teams will be formed by committee, led by Bill Donlevy with help from Sonja (?) and Kerri P.
 - ii) Short on pitchers.
 - iii) Sub rules may need to be altered for this year.

6) Reminder to take minutes at your Divisional meetings. Tom or Carrie will put on website.

- i) Could be bullet form, Coles Notes version but should have these posted yearly to show that meetings take place to review items.

7) Coaches pkg will be ready soon, need rule revisions.

- i) Please submit any rules changes ASAP, as these need to be updated on website for each division.

8) Sub policy

- a) Lengthy discussion took place about fairness, knowledge of rules, and adjustments.
 - i) Brawner needs to be able to pull from Hansen for specific positions such as pitcher. Suggested that maybe the last 3 levels of drafted players in Hansen be eligible to sub for Brawner.
 - ii) Need consistent rules that are known and followed by team leads.
 - iii) **Kerri P to send out updated Sub Policy for review and discussion.**

9) Scheduling – Kevin M

- a) review bookings and return any dates not to be used to Kevin M.
 - i) Urgent – June 19/20 weekend slots. Teams have until Friday lunch to book with Carrie R for weekend slots.
(1) Carrie R to send Kevin M an email with weekend bookings so he can return the remainder.
- b) Main Schedules for Cuthbertson, Hirsch, and Hansen to be completed by Carrie R shortly. Brawner will be completed after drafted/Team names have been selected.

10) Rules review

- a) Rules need to be updated. – discussed in Coaches packages.

11) Day league – Darlene P

- a) Days - Wednesday or Thursday 10:30am – 1:30pm
- b) Fees – requested the same as 2019, \$20 for the season, \$5.00 per drop in.
- c) Discussion:
 - i) Insurance/Liability – how do we insure non-ESSPA players?
 - ii) Fees – Does this conflict with what we are charging 60+ Men's (\$50 season x 1 game a week)? Men's 60+ is utilizing PRIME time versus day slot. Different value.
 - iii) Other possibilities – just show up. Rent the bathroom/equipment.

- iv) Is it not ESSPA's goal to promote slo-pitch play? Let's be flexible and promote the Day League.
- d) **Darlene to take away and discuss with Day league participants and get back to the Board.**

TABLED to next meeting.

12) Casino Chair

- a) Don Holtom is retiring from being ESSPA's Casino Chair.
 - i) **MOTION** by Kevin M – To recognize Don Holtom's dedication to ESSPA's Casino fundraisers over the years that we purchase a \$100.00 gift card to thank him for his time & energy. Seconded by Grant H.
 - ii) Replacement – Rob Boulet has volunteered to replace Don Holtom.
 - (1) **Kerri P to contact Robe Boulet AFTER season is fully underway to discuss Casino Chair opening.**

13) Other business:

- a) **Health Restrictions** – Socially distancing is still required. Coordinators, please remind team leads to avoid dug-out use. Also, to bring your own chairs for socializing after the games. This is effect until Phase 3 is confirmed.
- b) **60+ Men's – Dan L**
 - i) Schedule – need to be scheduled on Monday nights as advertised. Confirmed by Carrie R.
 - ii) Fees – Options:
 - (1) \$75.00, half the games of the other divisions, half the fees.
 - (2) \$50.00, promo fee to establish this division.
 - (a) **MOTION** by Kevin M – The Men's 60+ division will be charged \$50.00 for the 2021 season. Seconded by Tom S.
- c) **Spare Lists:**
 - i) Who will be maintaining Spare Lists for the divisions? No definite answer as the insurance/waiver question reappeared.
- d) **Scoresheets:**
 - i) Send all scoresheets to scoresheets@esspa.ca.
 - ii) **Who is updating the website with scores?**
- e) Registration is CLOSED
 - i) Dan needs 60+ Men's opened. Brenda M completed.
- f) **Tournaments – Barry W.**
 - i) August Long tourney – cancelled, Kevin M to return diamond time to the City.
 - ii) Book August 7/8 for our own tourney, hosting external teams to show off our facility and encourage registration.
 - iii) **Tournament Committee – Carrie R to send Barry list of members who volunteered for tournaments.**

14) Closing Remarks – Kerri P

WE are all volunteers who also have other commitments – jobs, family, etc. and not always readily available. Each of us deal with stresses differently so be respectful of each other. Be patient. Be KIND with your words. Respect the efforts of others.

15) Next Meetings

- July 12th, hopefully at the diamonds.

Action Items:

Assigned Date	Description	Assigned to	Due Date
June 17 th , 2021	Sub Policy - send out updated Sub Policy for review and discussion	Kerri P	
June 17 th , 2021	Scheduling - send Kevin M an email with weekend bookings so he can return the remainder.	Carrie R	June 18th
June 17 th , 2021	Day League – Darlene to take away and discuss with Day league participants and get back to the Board regarding fees and expectations. Discussion Tabled until next meeting.	Darlene P	Next meeting or sooner
June 17 th , 2021	Casino Chair - Contact Rob Boulet to discuss Casino Chair opening.	Kerri P	After season is fully underway
June 17 th , 2021	Scoresheets - Who is updating the website with scores?	Division Coordinators	Season start
June 17 th , 2021	Tournament Committee – Barry needs list of members who volunteered for tournaments.	Carrie R	July 5th

16) Adjournment

- a) **MOTION** by Kevin M– To adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm. Seconded by Barry W.