



Summary of Questions and Discussion
Questions:
Q: Where are the rules and under what rules would we be operating if managed by EODSA?
A: R. Hindle: We do not know. ERSL rules and policies are very detailed and I do not imagine that in a matter of weeks and months rules will be created by a new organization.
Q: How will the league be organized by EODSA?
A: R. Hindle: We have not heard anything regarding what the structure of the organization will be or whether this will include current staff, new staff, or a subcommittee?
Q: What is the deadline for application of team entry or membership to the league if managed by EODSA?
A: R. Hindle: There is no indication of league application deadlines or the process.
Q: What will the costs for Team and Clubs be if managed by EODSA?
A: R. Hindle: We do not know what the EODSA will select as costs for entry.
Q: Would Deep River, as a member of Soccer Northeast, be granted permission to play in this new league just as they are now with the ERSL?
A: R. Hindle: I do not foresee that changing in terms of playing-in and playing-out privileges.
Q: Why is the communication so poor between the EODSA and ERSL regarding what is around the corner?
A: R. Hindle: When the ERSL poses questions to the EODSA we get stonewalled. When we get information we share it. We do not have another side to this story and that is the difficulty. A: B. Monaghan as board member of both ERSL and EODSA: There has been absolutely no communication between the ERSL or EODSA Board of Directors and in my opinion there will not be any in the future.
Q: Will the ERSL operate Regional next year, and if so, what is the cost structure looking like for the next season?
A: R. Hindle: When you take the financial side of having 401 teams and having 120 teams; that makes soccer very expensive if we continue doing everything that we do. We then have to look at whether we will have fulltime staff through the season, and if having summer interns for the extra work in the summer is feasible or necessary. We will have to look at moving back to having a board that is much more hands on in the day-to-day without a General Manager. For the last few years we have been very lucky to have had a fulltime staff taking care of the day-to-day operations of the League and a Board that has managed by committee.
Q: Did the EODSA give a reason as to why the ERSL mandate for District competitions won't be continued?



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A: R. Hindle: No, we were simply told it would not be extended. We were not made aware of any complaints; we have always monitored our costs and they remain among the lowest in the province.

Q: Why would the Regional fees in ERSL be tripled next season if the field costs, and referee costs are going to be the same? Is the reason for the increase in team entry fee in the ERSL due to the cost of staff and rent?

A: R. Hindle: The cost will go up if we keep the same service model. The major cost is staff; it is not location as we have cut the cost of rent from \$11,000 to \$4,000 a year with our move to the RA Centre.

Q: It seems that the EODSA is already taking care of most of the discipline on behalf of the ERSL this season, what has changed here and why?

A: The EODSA has jurisdiction over certain areas of the Discipline Policy. This has not changed from previous seasons. The EODSA has also been delegated by Ontario Soccer to hear other cases, as is within their rights. The ERSL continues to manage and carry out all discipline that falls within their jurisdiction.

Q: So what is the EODSA's plan with this and why?

A: R. Monaghan: As stated at the EODSA AGM, The EODSA membership numbers have dropped from 50,000 to 38,000 last year while admin cost have increased significantly. The plan is to streamline. The ERSL Regional teams reports to the OSA while the EODSA also reports to the OSA and is responsible for all district operations., Both have their own mandates.

Q: B. Minor: What is it that the Clubs need that we are not providing and do you think that you will get the changes you want with the EODSA managing operations?

A: OSU: There is not one thing or another. I would say there have been multiple incidents – simple common sense stuff, become world-ending events. When we spend time money and effort to work on committees and provide support and knowledge, we decided that if the people who are supposed to provide aren't going to listen to us then we are going to do our own thing. The EODSA has to do the same.

B. Minor: I don't think you will get anything but the same from the EODSA. Being from SOSA there is real value in the variety of playing against more Clubs. I don't want us to be cut off in any way at all. We have very little information about what is going on in this District (EODSA). I think we need to think about everyone that is a member and not just take a local focus.



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Additional Comments

SVSC: We are a small Club – we need to think of everybody as equals. We have no problem taking the time to travel to play a game but it has to be reciprocated. We want to make sure our voices are heard.

OGSC: We need answers as to where we are playing. The EODSA has to say what the structure is. I like the fact that there is a central location on the website to get information for all competitions. It is hard to give you a mandate to go do something when we don't know what is around the corner.

R. Hindle (ERSL): Many of you are members of the ERS L and EODSA. SOSA will feel the effects through cost and service but they don't have a say to the EODSA as to what they want. Members of the EODSA have the ability to tell them what you want.

We do not have a lot of information to give any particular direction on what is going on regarding the plans of the EODSA and you cannot be expected to make a decision based on that.

OGSC: I think that the best model moving forward is what is best for the kids and determining what the best formula for that is. I think that means one entity. Simplicity is the key in all of this; and then we can raise the bigger issues with Ontario Soccer.