

MINUTES MVUDSS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING 1/10/22

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Baranick (SB); R. Barnhart (RB); J. Hansell (JH)

ABSENT: G. Stevenson (GS)

With a quorum present, the Board met at BLD to discuss a protest lodged at BLD on 1/10/22 regarding an alleged ineligible player picked up by Sammy's Cafe (SC) in its game against team G (Greyhounds). Greyhounds manager Donnie Sternberger lodged the complaint verbally (followed up later in the day with a written protest) that Al Shelley (AS), who played for SC as a pickup player, was ineligible to play. SC won the game, 24-23.

The Board received corroborating information from R. Schemp (RS), manager for team D, Royal PITA x 4, and the team that drafted AS, that AS had not played for team D, at all, during the Fall 2021 Season. RS provided the Board with a text he received from AS on January 1, 2022, in which AS indicated that he would be out for the full Spring 2022 Season.

On that basis, his name was immediately removed from the roster and the Player Finder, and he was not placed in the pool to be available as a pickup player.

An ineligible player, in this case, is deemed to be an individual who is not in the league either as a permanent player on a team or a player on the waiting list and/or pool. AS met that criteria, and should not have been picked up to play.

Upon reviewing the above facts, the Board determined that SC used an ineligible player in its 1/10/22 game against the Greyhounds, and that using such an ineligible player will be dealt in accordance with SSUSA Rulebook 2019-2020 (most current version), Rule 1.55 PROTESTS. As a result, the Board's unanimous decision, without formal vote, is that SC will forfeit the game in question, will be given a loss, and the win will be awarded to the Greyhounds.

(Subsequent to this Board meeting, JH prepared an e-mail to SC manager Dan Gutierrez (DG) informing him of the above decision, and that he could appeal the decision within 30 days of receipt of the e-mail. SB received written confirmation from DG that he would not appeal the decision.)