

## IEBU/SBU Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 15, 2024

NOTE: Location, Teale Residence

**5:30 Gathering, snacks and socialization**

**6:00 Call to Order (Kevin Gawenit)**

### Attending:

Kevin Gawenit  
Gary Teale  
Matt Miethe  
Frank Wintersteen  
Rich Hobson

### Unable to Attend

Kevin Wellington  
Clark Cosby  
Larry Randall  
Kerry Kelly  
Bob Francis

### Approval of Board meeting minutes for August 18, 2024.

Quorum present-Minutes approved unanimously

### Assigner's Report (Bob Francis via email)

- Senior Men's League-Only games happening right now
- Fall Ball: 275 games, weekends only. Will run from 09/28 through 10/20. Will begin assigning games. Unlclear if there will be a culminating week after 10/20. Will contact Matt D for confirmation.

### Treasurer's Report (Rich Hobson)

- **Financial reports:** Net Equity is up \$3,983.00 (6.7%) over this same time last year. The net operating surplus year to date is \$10,183.89 which is up \$577.43 over this same time last year. The organization continues to be financially healthy and stable.
- **End of year Celebration:** There were 20 plus no shows (approximately \$500 in expenses not used) for the Spokane Indians Pepsi Porch year end event. We should consider whether to charge for no-shows next year.
- **2025 League Game Fees:** It was suggested that we start talking about game fees with the various leagues for 2025 so we are ahead of the game.

### Agenda Items:

- **2024 Trainings Update (Kevin G.)**
  - Kevin, Matt and Gary reported that they felt the umpire clinics were very successful.
  - Kevin/Matt request more time with select umps from today's clinic. They will submit names to Bob/Kerry
  - Very positive feedback from the participants about the trainings, especially the videos.

- Emphasized consistency on mechanics, movement, and communications. First two done well, tough to do communications at times.
- Working to get the same type of video feedback on the bases that we were able to do with the plate videos.
- We can continue to work to coordinate the trainers and evaluators being on the same page in terms of what is trained and what is evaluated.
- There needs to be better coordination between umpires, trainers, game admin and assigners on future umpire clinics. Payment and scheduling should have gone through Bob and Kerry. Logistics were a little screwed up regarding pay.

➤ **New Business**

- **Tiers/Rankings Criteria for 2025**
  - The original proposal was considered a good start.
  - Matt will head up a subcommittee to review and update the tiers criteria with input from key stakeholders.
  - Matt will bring the subcommittee recommendations to the next meeting.
- **2025 Training/General/Board Meetings schedules:**
  - These were discussed and as of now it was agreed that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month should be the date of the monthly SBU Board meetings.
  - There will be additional discussion and modifications to the training and general meeting proposed schedules at our next meeting.
- **Ethics/Professionalism Concerns:**
  - It was proposed that several umpires be talked to prior to next season at a board meeting to let them know that that some of their behaviors cannot continue if they wish to be members of the SBU association.
  - There was also discussion around the need to have a more clarified and transparent ethical/professional procedure.

**7:30 Meeting Adjourned**