

IEBU/SBU Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 25, 2026
The Hive 2904 E Sprague

4:00 Call to Order (Kevin W.)

Attending:

Kevin Wellington
Matt Miethe
Gary Teale
Rob Bartlett
Dwaine Schettler
Tyler Ashcroft
Larry Randall
Bob Francis
Rich Hobson

Approval of Board meeting minutes for January 26, 2026.

Minutes approved unanimously

Assignor's Report:

- Rob asked that board & trainers have access to the master schedule. Bob said that he would go ahead and do that.
- Eastern & Gonzaga have provided their club ball schedule.
- SIYB is looking at inputting games through Arbiter.
- State playoff dates: Regionals May 19 & 23, Finals May 29th & 30th. Sites have been determined.
- Cinco de Mayo: we will need everyone plus outsiders.
- Background checks for WOA non-registered umpires? Need to confirm a process for conducting those types of checks. Kevin will research subscribing to a background check service outside of WOA portal window.
- Discussion around non-WOA certified umpires. Should we require WOA registered minimum?
- **Motion made, seconded and approved unanimously that all SBU umpires must be WOA registered before they can be assigned any games.**

Treasurer's Report:

- 2025 operated at a surplus.
- Sean Henry/Spokane Crew still owes for game fees in 2025. Will not assign his games through SBU until fees are paid.
- No more training manuals are to be produced. We have reached the budgeted amount approved by the board. First set of manuals cost slightly over \$2,000.
- We will have some additional costs for running 3-person crews when only receiving payments for two-person crews as we get closer to the HS playoffs.

Agenda Items:

- Discussion around timing of 3-person training.
 - Should all board members be 3-person qualified?
 - Identify person before May 10th that would be eligible for playoffs. Include nominations on the March & April Board Meeting agendas.

Evaluator Report:

- Batting cages: Videos were taken to provide feedback to umpires
- Good ratio between trainers and trainees.
- Larry distributed training evaluation forms to be distributed at the end of the training sessions.
- When should we start umpire evaluations? It was recommended to start whenever there are requests, and towards the end of March to start incognito evaluations.
- Concerns were expressed about appropriate communications with umpires.
- Jamborees in March, Larry will arrange for instructors for the Jamborees.

Working with new umpires:

- Bob will be assigning veterans with newbies early in the season.
- Bob asked that board members/ selected veterans send to Bob reports regarding general skills, openness to critique, etc. when working with new umpires.

Next Meeting Possible Agenda Items:

Trainings via Zoom?

By-Laws Review

Recruiting people to assume some of the current Secretary's tasks

Next Meeting: Monday, March 23 at 4:00 at the Hive (reservation confirmed)

5:50 Adjourn