

IEBU/SBU Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 9, 2024

NOTE: Location, Teale Residence

5:30 Gathering, snacks and socialization

6:00 Call to Order (Kevin W.)

Attending:

Kevin Wellington
Clark Cosby
Gary Teale
Frank Wintersteen
Larry Randall

Unable to Attend

Rich Hobson
Kerry Kelly
Kevin Gawenit
Bob Francis
Efrain Rosadovelasquez

Approval of Board meeting minutes for April 14, 2024. Minutes approved unanimously

Assigner's Report (Bob Francis)

- Preparing for upcoming tournaments, now filling slots
- SIYB very happy with the umpiring at the tournaments (except for a few kerfuffles.)

Treasurer's Report (Rich Hobson)

- After discussion, the board unanimously reaffirmed the earlier board decision to implement \$30 association fee on July 1st. An informational email to be sent out ASAP to active and ready members of the association explaining what will be funded by the new fee (i.e., evaluation program, training program expenses, umpire recruitment, and social events.)

Agenda Items:

➤ Secretary's/Recruiting Report: Gary Teale

- 80 inquiries to date, 52 contacted, 50 loaded into Arbiter, 18 have received game assignments, 16 are certified, 22 are registered with WOA, 468 games assigned to new umpires as of June 8th.
- Since the WOA baseball portal does not stay open all year, it was suggested that we find a way to do a background check for all umpires throughout the year. Kevin W. will talk to Todd Stordahl at WOA for a work-around. *(Note: Gary has talked with Peopletrail, the organization that does the background checks for WOA, and they can set up a way for our new umpires coming in after the WOA portal closes to get background checks through Arbiter. Cost will be \$11.00 per person paid by the new umpire.)*

➤ **Evaluation Program Update (Larry Randall)**

- Evaluation Program Update-
 - Larry is compiling listings/rankings of umpires who did school ball
 - It was suggested that the board invite those umpires who are currently ranked as 2s, 3s and possibly some 4s to request an evaluation. It was also suggested that the Evaluation Criteria and rubrics be sent to association members so that they can be used for self-evaluations.

➤ **Social Event (Frank & EZ)**

- Frank is talking with Spokane Indians Baseball about renting the Pepsi porch for an “umpires” night.
- August 17th was suggested as a good date for that event. *(Update: Frank has now secured September 1st for the Pepsi Porch night at Avista Stadium.)*

➤ **New Business?**

- 2024 Election Process
 - Positions open are Vice-President, Secretary, and Member-at-large
 - Invitations to nominate, or self-nominate will be sent out ASAP by Gary. Final date for nomination submission with candidate statement will be July 15.
 - The election will be conducted via Survey Monkey from July 20 through July 31.
 - It was suggested that Dwight Schettler be chair of the election committee again this year.
- Survey Monkey
 - Gary reports that the annual subscription charge of \$326 for Survey Monkey has come due.
 - After discussion it was voted unanimously to maintain our Survey Monkey subscription for another year.

7:30 Adjourn