

IEBU/SBU Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 9, 2024

6:00 Call to Order

Attending:

Kevin Wellington
Kevin Gawenit
Gary Teale
Bob Francis
Frank Wintersteen
Rich Hobson

Unable to Attend

Kerry Kelly
Clark Cosby
Efrain Rosadovelasquez

Guests

Larry Randall
Dwayne Schettler

Approval of Board meeting minutes for November 7, 2023 & December 5, 2023.

Minutes approved for November 7, 2023 & December 5, 2023.

Assignor's Report (Bob Francis)

Likely to have Jamborees around March 9th. Around 500 games have already been loaded into the system. Bob is asking that each umpire will have to indicate that they are "Ready to be Assigned" before the assignors will assign games.

It was agreed that the Independent Contractor Agreement should be done online through DocuSign in February, March.

Several officials have been moved to inactive and will not receive emails via Arbiter.

Treasurer's Report:

Rich indicated that American legion had an agreement last year, but we are still working on the 2024 agreement. Rich will send the previous contract to Kevin W. for follow up.

Agenda Items:

➤ **2024 Trainings**

- Location, day & time (Thursday Evenings, 6:00-8:00 PM at West Valley HS Commons Room.)
- Training Materials Review (sample video & quiz). The group watched two modules from the Umpire Classroom Basic Umpiring 101; all agreed that it would be a good training tool. It was suggested that ne umpire trainings start at 6:00 with the Umpiring 101 videos, with vets coming later (7:00)

- Kevin G. suggested that the initial training meeting on January 18 be a “get to know you” session.
- Larry will contact Gonzaga for on-field training scheduling (weekends-Ideal Sunday March 10th)
- Kevin G., Kevin W., and Larry will work on scheduling batting cage sessions.
- Stipend for Lead Trainer Position- \$720/season, contract pending. This was approved unanimously by the board.
- Core trainers: Kevin G., Kevin W. & Dwaine S. plus others as needed (Matt M., Rob B., etc.)
- Mentoring Program: EZ, Frank will coordinate with EZ as needed.

➤ **Hats:** Recommended that we change the logo to SBU block letters-2” Block

➤ **2024 Evaluation Program**

- Evaluator Team: Larry, Frank, Clark,
 - Umpires self-select to be formally evaluated in order to move up in the rankings
 - Evaluator payment: Game Fee or direct payment to evaluator
 - Observations: less formal than an evaluation, on field with newer umpires-Observers receive \$25/game. Observer assignments will be done by Bob or Kerry.

8:00 Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 6th at Teale Residence