

IEBU/SBU Board Meeting Agenda

Sunday, August 18, 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
Bob Francis
Frank Wintersteen
Rich Hobson
Kerry Kelly
Larry Randall

Not in Attendance

Efrain Rosadovelasquez
Kevin Gawenit

Guest: Matt Miethe

Approval of Board meeting minutes for June 9, 2024. Minutes approved unanimously

Assigner's Report (Bob Francis/Kerry Kelly)

- Fall Ball schedules not yet in, they will be Saturdays & Sundays only
- Men's league will continue through November
- Weather should be a very mild fall so we should get most of the games in.
- 750 declines so far this season.
- Also some problems with turn-backs
- It is helpful for the assignors if officials doing multiple sports to "share" on Arbiter
- September Tournament on September 14-15 questionable.

Treasurer's Report (Rich Hobson)

➤ **General Information**

- At this time, Net Income is up slightly over \$1,500 from last year.
- Total Equity is up \$4,907 from the previous year.
- Financial situation is stable.
- More games and fewer unfilled slots over last year.
- Men's league is paying promptly
- Legion State Tournament fees still outstanding
- L&I Taxes up from last year
- 9 umpires WOA registered but never worked a high school game.

- **Implementation of Member's Association Fee**
 - Email sent out to membership
 - Fees collected from 69 members from July payments
 - Fees collected from new members in 2025?-**tabled until next meeting.**
- **General Session at WOA Summit (Rich attended/reported, Bob couldn't attend due to travel snafus.)**
 - WOA will be working with the groups to get the RTO system more functional again.
 - Post-season assignments will be based on eligibility (working high school games, etc.) as well as certification. Allocation chart will be coming in the next week or two.
 - NASO developing support for official associations. Dedicated site just for associations.
 - Concern with social media policies.
 - Background Check is now up to \$15.00
 - A New Diversity module-Part 2 will be required for 2025
 - We have signed up for umpire cameras, but have not received any yet.
 - Cameras, when they come will be for base umpires, not plate umpires.
 - Cameras will be assigned to umpires for the entire year.

Agenda Items:

- **Secretary's Report: Gary Teale**
 - Election Results
 - 2024 Umpire Data Sheet (see attached)
- **Evaluation Program Update (Larry Randall)**
 - Some stumbling blocks at the beginning/inter-rater reliability needs work
 - Important to coordinate evaluation criteria with training program
 - September 14th, 4:00 PM, 15th 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM opportunity for training at Spokane Falls. Kevin should follow up with jamboree type training clinic/camp if possible and communicate the content to Gary to be sent out.
 - Larry Indicated he would like another umpire to be added to the evaluation team. Discussion ensued. No formal motion was made regarding the request from Larry.
- **Social Event (Frank & EZ)**
 - 64 people signed up, porch will accommodate the small overflow.
 - Gary will be outside the entrance from 5:30-6:30 for umpires who wish to pick up their tickets.
 - Arrange for announcement for umpire recruiting. Kevin will contact. Gary will bring brochures.
 - Award plaques? None for this year.
- **New Business**
 - Game Assignments-How to make more equitable (Frank) Discussion ensued
 - Social Media issues Concerns with one umpire using social media and including young people on his social media account.
 - Rankings/Tiers Ideas (Gary) Presented with discussion, further discussion next meeting.
 - 2025 Meetings Schedule Ideas (Gary) Presented, discussion tabled to next meeting.
 - It was voted unanimously (by those eligible to vote) to pay Gary Teale \$500 this year for his work on recruiting, website administration, and evaluation record-keeping.

8:00 Adjourn