

**IEBU/SBU Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

**4:00 Call to Order (Kevin W.)**

**Attending:**

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

**Unable to Attend:**

Rich Hobson (Basketball meeting conflict)

**Approval of Board meeting minutes for November 9, 2025. Minutes approved unanimously.**

**President's Report:**

- Kevin Gawenit has stepped down from the board.
- Matt Miethe has been named Vice-President.
- Tyler Ashcroft has been appointed to the board as a member-at-large.

**Assignor's Report:**

- Top Tier has requested to do several tournaments with us next year.
- Some games for 2026 have already been entered into Arbiter.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- 2026 Pro-forma Budget presented. Generally, it projects operating at a slight surplus in 2026.

**Onboarding Report:**

- Current Numbers: 4 have signed up for the onboarding meetings on January 3-4<sup>th</sup>.
- Dave Jemes has volunteered to assist Gary with onboarding and website administration

**Agenda Items:**

➤ **2026 Training Program:**

○ **Schedule & Content**

- Rooms (Library & Community Room) have been scheduled for Monday evenings at West Valley 6:00-8:00, January 5 through March 9, but excluding January 19 (MLK, Jr. H holiday) and February 16 (President's Day holiday)
- January 5<sup>th</sup> first meeting will be a general meeting led by Larry Randall, Dwaine Schettler & Gary Teale
- Meeting reminders will be sent out to the membership on Thursdays for all Monday meetings. Agendas for meeting should be submitted to Gary by Tuesdays.
- Presenters are expected to arrive on site at 5:00 for pre-meeting briefings
- Batting Cage Trainings are still in the process of being set up. Larry has spoken with GU, Whitworth, and HumNow Batting Facility about possible dates.
  - Cage sessions dates to be determined depending on trainer availability
  - Cage Sessions to be set up as "events" in Arbiter by Bob
  - Umpires are expected to attend trainings. Non-attendance could affect umpire assignments (both regular & post-season.)

- **Clarifying Training Roles & Responsibilities**
  - Newer Umpires Training Team: Gary Teale, Matt Miethe, Jamison Edwards
  - Veteran Umpires Training Team: Dwaine, Clark Cosby, Nick McFarland, Rob Bartlett
    - Dwaine hopes to re-energize the veterans. Having open-ended discussions, role play.
- **Umpire Manuals**
  - Should the manuals be distributed generally?
  - Rob suggested some type of “buy-in” from umpires before distribution
- **Evaluations Program**
  - Evaluators: Larry, Dwaine, and Kevin W.
  - Evaluations this year will be primarily incognito but can also be requested.
  - Gary will continue in the role of observer/mentor
- **2026 NFHS POE’s Dwaine outlined some of the POE’s and rule changes for 2026**
  - No Go-Pros
  - No recording devices
  - Clarification on use of courtesy runner
  - Player meetings 1 per 1/2 inning
  - Double first base introduced this year, required by 2027
- **Contractual Arrangements (SIYB, American Legion)**
  - Talks ongoing with Legion; suggested \$10 game fee raise across the board, they wanted a two-year contract, 2 hour limit on A, we have suggested similar 2 hour limit for AA. Possibility of multi-year contract with a \$10 increase each year over the three year period.
  - SIYB: Discussion ongoing regarding annual contracts, Kevin requested feedback from board members re details.
  - It was recommended that umpires file game reports when there are extended length of games for Legion and SIYB.
  - Discussion ongoing with GU tournament regarding fees
- **Season End Celebration Survey Results**
  - Pepsi Porch received the most votes
  - The Board advises Rich to put a deposit on the Pepsi Porch for next year.
  - Have the Award Ceremony pre-game in a location where people can hear.
  - Suggested possibility of “group” recognition rather than individual awards
- **By-Laws Ongoing Review**
  - Rob and Jamison will prepare modified documents at the January meeting.

**Agenda Items for next meeting:**

Feedback from Coaches regarding umpire performance

Three man trainings in 2026

Debrief of Jan 5 meeting

**Next Board Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**6:00 Adjourn**