

SABL 2026 Open Board Meeting

Agenda:

Attendance

- Spenser Frasier (President/Goon Squad/Braves)
- Patrick Eastlake (Secretary/Knights)
- Cody McClendon (Field Director/Thrashers)
- Elias Macias (Little Lucky's)
- Travis Coverston (Spartans)
- Jay Clark (Steamers)
- Josh Oglesby (Royals)
- David Carter (Outlaws)

1. Special Election for VP

- Jack was voted in as VP

2. Nomination for Board New Board Members (Vote will take place on NOV 2026)

- There were no new nominations for new board members.

3. Last year's Numbers Overview:

- Players: 176
- Collected Balance: \$41,955.50
- Umpire fees were \$95 per umpire
- Player fees: 235 (\$35 member fee included)
 - o + 115 for 2nd league
 - o +100 for 3rd league

4. 2026 Fee Projections:

- Umpire fees will be \$110 per umpire
 - o This is higher than the cost for last year.
 - o Cost Projection for a 15-game season with 12 teams: \$ 39,600
- Player fees: 250 (\$35 member fee included)
 - o + 125 for 2nd League (Half Off)
- Fall is a league loss. It has been a money pit for a long time.

5. 2026 Game Parameters:

- Friday Nights & Sundays
 - o No more random weekday games with only a week's notice.
 - o Opening day is Feb 15th (Sunday after the Super Bowl)
- Season Games: 7 innings / 2.5hrs
- Post Season games: 7 innings / no time limit / double elimination (Spring only, Fall will remain single elimination)
- Run rule is always in effect: 10 run lead after 5 innings (Even for playoffs)
- Teams need at least 8 players to take the field: Missing player is an out each AB
 - o Once an umpire calls the game, the game is called.

6. New Pick-up Player System:

Team utilizing the pickup player option must:

- Make their need for pick up player usage known at least 3 days in advance
- Properly ID who will be utilized as a pickup player with the coaches via the coach group chat (Coaches will deliberate on the ranking of the player)
- Accept the Handicap penalty for utilizing pick up players accordingly
- If teams do not make Spenser aware early enough that they will have to forfeit then they are in essence costing the league \$220 because the umpires still have to be paid due to missing out on other opportunities.

7. New Pick-up player ranking system / Handicap to be given to the opposing team

- 4 runs for each **Elite** Player
- 3 runs for each **Good** player
- 2 runs for each **Average** player
- 1 run for a **Warm Body / Out in Uniform**
- **DISCUSSION**
 - o There was a lot of talk about this being unfair for the team that has to borrow the players, but that is the point that is trying to be conveyed from the board, yes we still want the game to go on BUT it is not fair if a team picks up players that are better than their original players.
 - There were multiple examples of this going both ways but the biggest example was when the Angels borrowed some players to play against the Thrashers. Those borrowed players were the biggest difference in that game due to knocking in or being most of the runs for the Angels. This was also a big game that had playoff seeding complications.
 - o Fill-ins will still not be allowed to pitch
 - o Fill-ins will backload the lineup starting with 9, 8, 7.....

8. Discussion on what game times should be in spring: Morning vs Afternoon games

-Most of the guys agreed that 10am is too early for baseball. But it would be contingent on how many teams there were in the Spring. Elias brought up that 11am is fine because guys are still able to go to early service for church.

-Spenser wanted to get rid of 10am games due to going to 2 leagues. Looking at getting some of the guys that go to church back out to the field. The reason we used to have it at 10am was the possibility of rain and having 3 games in a day.

-There was discussion about when to make up rain out games. Saturday was brought up for make ups. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and/or Thursdays about doing make ups.

-Pat brought up possibly bringing in Tuesdays/Wednesday/Thursdays games after May because school is out and other baseball seasons are done.

9. Players interested in coaching.

-Jay said he would step up to coach if there were enough pool player guys. Cody said Brandon might possibly be willing too.

10. League Shirts and Sponsorships

-Bringing the shirts back for all league members. It is a great way for advertisements.

-Remind sponsors that we are a nonprofit so they can write off any donations.

-Pat also asked for the coaches to share the facebook statuses that have season information with their local Facebook groups.

11. Current Rules Overview

12. New player system.

-We will use the same system that was used in the Fall. When a new player registered that did not have a team they would be placed on the team that had the smallest roster at that time.

-System worked really well for the Fall, but if some players don't mesh well with the team they are placed on there is a possibility of them being moved to a different team at the board's discretion.

-David Carter brought up letting players pay to play one game to see if they would like it. If they like it then that pay would go towards their full fee if they stick around. The fee he stated was \$20, it was agreed by the board that \$50 is a good place.

13. Field Discussion

-Below is an email that Spenser sent to the county about L Scott Stell Fields.

-There was discussion on trying to obtain different fields for the league to use that will not cost us an arm and a leg. This would be good to have for weekday games as there can only be one game a night anyway. Stell is good for Sunday games because of people playing on multiple teams.

Pending response from the County on:

Fencing:

Holistically the Fencing on all 4 fields is in desperate need of attention

Areas of High priority:

1. There are several gaps in the chain links on all fields, particularly around the back stop. This can cause a safety issue for any spectators sitting behind the

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back stop as balls can easily find their ways through the gaps to strike them and cause injury.

2. The Outfield / Right field fence on Field 3 has become completely unattached and is currently laying on the field in play.

Lighting:

The lights on Multiple fields are completely out or suffer routine fuse blow outs making night games virtually impossible in some cases.

Field 2:

Any update on what the plans are for Field 2? Is it still being converted?

Home plate:

Home plates on all 4 fields are no longer serviceable.

Weather, rain and wind, has eroded the plates to the point where they are now deteriorating. Some have even become so displaced that they now sit above the level playing field causing safety hazards.

Dirt:

The Fields are in desperate need of additional dirt and leveling.

There are several areas where small depressions have formed on the infield dirt causing rainwater to pool and sit for days.

Are there any plans to bring in additional dirt to properly dress and level the infields?