April WSSL Board Meeting
March 31, 2026, 1130 at Brickhouse

Attendees: Dick Hoell, Steve Sheffler, Larry Rouse, Kathy Sprague, Bobby Jankovic, Will Murray
58 Rookies!

- How we did it- Facebook plus Instagram resulted in 140+ contacts. Kathy Sprague contacted each contact (multiple times if needed) to determine their interest. Between social media and existing players recruiting, 58 new rookies signed up for 2026 season.
- Learnings for next year- The board needs to decide whether the league can continue to grow at this rate in future years. Challenges for growth include availability of fields and volunteers (managers, additional board members, etc).
- Process for assessing individuals who come forward starting now- If new players are interested for the 2026 season, the Presidents of each league will evaluate the talent and determine which league and team that player will be places.

Rookie Camp Surveys

- Managers will be requested to complete a survey as to the effectiveness of individual days at WISC just for rookies plus rookie camp at QP.

Equipment Needs for 2026

- Supporting 2 fields at QP and 3 at Kiwanis- The city has committed to being able to prep 2 fields at QP and 3 at Kiwanis. Additional scoreboards will be required (1 for each field). Plus the existing scoreboards need to be rebuilt/repaired.
- Inventory of the gang boxes at QP and Kiwanis will be performed and misc items like umpire aprons, clickers, sharpies, etc will be separated to ensure both fields have adequate supplies.
- AEDs at both fields will be calibrated to ensure functionality. Al Upton will be requested to get them calibrated.

It was proposed that the WSSL board year be revised (from January 1-December 31) to November 1 to October 31. The annual meeting would be changed to the end of October. This allows to new and retiring board members adequate turnover time. This will allow the new board more time to prepare for the upcoming season (player recruitments, volunteers, sponsor. This may require a by law revision.

Jersey Reveal Party

- April 12 at Brickhouse

Strategic Plan- There was discussion on the future of the league and how to proceed. This will be a continuing discussion for board meetings in 2026. Areas that will be considered/discussed in future board meetings include:

- Player satisfaction with the league including umpires
- Volunteers- how to attract additional players to run for board positions and managers. At most times, only 1 player is running for a board position. At the beginning of each season, league Presidents are searching for managers/asst managers who are interested and qualified.

- League growth- field availability, number of teams in each division, number of players per team, potential 3rd division, player skill, etc

Other

- Begin discussion on how we present league expansion plan to players and solicit their input.

- Breast cancer game- October 18 with a rain date of October 25. Game will be at Kiwanis at 3pm.
- Will Murray to talk to Tom Dolan about an additional umpire clinic.
- Next Board meeting May 4, 0900 at Shorty's