



BureauCrat Football League

*Respectfully recorded for the BureauCrat Football League Board of Governors
2026–27 League Year*

Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2026

1. Opening Remarks

Cooper opened the meeting with remarks on the purpose and long-term vision of the BureauCrat Football League.

He explained that the BFL was conceived in part to address a common problem in fantasy football: maintaining meaningful engagement for every franchise throughout the entire season, regardless of its position in the standings.

The BFL is intended to encourage owners to develop an investment in their franchises that extends beyond a single season. Elements of dynasty-style continuity will be combined with the league's role-playing and institutional elements to create the sense that each franchise has an ongoing identity and history.

Cooper emphasized that the league should be taken seriously without its members taking themselves too seriously. The BFL concept depends on collective participation in the league's traditions, presentation, and humor.

Three league priorities were identified, in order:

1. Fun
2. Community
3. Consistency

The BFL website and Discord server will support those priorities by providing spaces for original league content, interaction among franchise owners, and preservation of the league's history.

Cooper thanked the owners for participating in the new league and formally welcomed them to the beginning of the 2026–27 BFL league year.

2. Introductions

Members participated in introductory remarks, including their names and either an all-time favorite football player or favorite football memory.

3. League Concept and Infrastructure

The Board reviewed the BFL's overall concept as a combination of traditional fantasy football and role-playing elements.

The BFL website was introduced as a central component of the league's infrastructure and institutional record. The Discord server will complement the website as the primary space for ongoing communication among franchise owners.

4. In-Person Draft Planning

The Board discussed arrangements for the inaugural BFL Draft.

The league will use a Discord poll to finalize the draft date.

The following proposal concerning the draft format was brought before the Board and approved.

Inaugural season draft will be a snake draft; subsequent draft orders will be in reverse order of finish for playoff teams, while non-playoff teams will have their draft position selected via lottery with improved odds based on final record (i.e. team that just misses playoffs has best odds at #1 pick, and so on).

5. League Dues and Prize Structure

The Board discussed league dues and the distribution of the season prize pool.

The Board unanimously approved a \$20 buy in for the 2026-27 season. This establishes a total prize pool of \$200 (\$20 x 10 governors)

The Board unanimously approved the following payout structure:

- First Place: \$125
 - Second Place: \$55
 - Third Place: \$20 (break-even)
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6. Election of Treasurer

The Board unanimously elected Ian to serve as BFL Treasurer.

League payments will be handled through Venmo. A dedicated Discord channel will be created for matters related to dues and payments.

The Treasurer was authorized to establish the deadline for payment of league dues and penalties for being late/last.

7. League Rules and Governance

The Board considered proposed BFL-specific rules and traditions.

The following proposals were voted on and approved unanimously:

FRANCHISE TAG

Each franchise may select, prior to the end of the regular season, a single player they wish to retain for the following season in exchange for their first-round pick in the following draft. Players cannot be franchised by the same team in consecutive seasons.

“PUNTERS ARE PEOPLE, TOO...” RULE

The Board voted unanimously to add the Punter position to the roster.

Commissioner’s note: Unfortunately, Yahoo does not support the Punter position. This proposal will be re-examined at the start of the next league year.

CHAMPIONSHIP NAMING RIGHTS

The BFL championship trophy will be renamed each year by that season's champion. The new name will apply to the trophy awarded in the following season.

8. Conference Assignment Lottery

Conference assignments will be determined through a lottery conducted offline by the Commissioner.

9. Draft Lottery

The BFL Draft Lottery will be conducted separately from the meeting.

The lottery will be recorded on video, with the completed video published through both the BFL Discord server and the BFL website.

10. Future League Events

The Board discussed potential future in-person events, including the possibility of holding a league gathering during Week 1 of the NFL season.

Following discussion, the league determined that there will be no Week 1 watch party.

11. Good of the Order

The Board provided an opportunity for additional matters to be raised for the good of the league.

No additional actions were recorded.

12. Adjournment

With the scheduled business of the Board completed, the meeting was adjourned.

Follow-Up Actions

- Draft Scheduling: Conduct a Discord poll to finalize the date of the in-person BFL Draft.
 - League Dues: Create a dedicated Discord channel for dues and payment administration.
 - Treasurer: Ian to establish the deadline for payment of league dues.
 - Conference Alignment: Commissioner to conduct the conference assignment lottery.
 - Draft Lottery: Record the lottery and publish the video to the BFL Discord server and website.
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