

3 Score Softball Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:
Time of Meeting:

April 3, 2023
11:15 A.M.

Location of Meeting:

Capogna's Dugout
1653 Gulf to Bay Blvd.
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 727-441-4791
Order Food Off the Menu

Present at Meeting:

Members: Jack Albertson, Alex Scaranda, Al Bartolo, Cindy McCarthy Scaranda, Ann Courchane, Mike Allen, Avery Stiglitz, Dan Dulin, Bob Studwell

Others in Attendance: Eric and Patty Scharn

A quorum was established.

The regular meeting of the Board of 3 Score was called to order at 11:22 A.M. on Apr 3, 2023, at Capogna's Dugout by Jack Albertson.

Old Business:

Jack Albertson

1. Board Meeting Minutes Approved – Apr. 3, 2023, Jack Albertson made motion to approve, 2nd by Ann, all approved.

New Business:

Budget Report and discussion:

1. Treasury Report – Ann Courchane
 - a. Beginning Balance 1/1/2023 \$13,955.35
 - b. PayPal \$7,412.61
 - c. Expenses \$2350.52
 - d. Checking account balance end of 1st Quarter, 3/31/2023 = \$19,017.44.
 - e. Dues collection in 1st Qtr. \$4,315.00
 - f. 3/15/23 Banquet (140 ppl) Deposited \$4,850 of \$4,920 (The band played for free. Al B. did not charge 3 band members for dinners = \$105)

Volunteer review NFCA and ESPN:

Discussed right positions for the right person for 2024 Leads, Tent, Score board, Umpires, and disabled. Will be more selective in assigning positions next year. It was a success, and the City of Clearwater is rewarding 3 Score volunteers with a BBQ on 4/5/23, ECM fields 5-7 after the 3 Score games.

1. Cindy is updating the Scoreboard instructions for fields 8 & 9.

Discussion About Banquet Results (Not bad turn out,144)

Jack wants to appoint Banquet committee members: Jack will appoint 2 American League members (Bob Barry and 1 other, and Al B will appoint 2 National League members to the committee

1. Bob Barry plus 3 others, Get committee working on Banquet by summer
2. Awards will be a separate category. Jack wants to come up with awards

Continuous improvement to update Banquet:

1. Al suggested we hire and pay a professional photographer to take pictures of the people coming up to get their awards. Discussed looking within our group for someone to do this. We will discuss it further.
2. Discussed what the awards should be. Something useful or pertaining to softball. Not money, nor something to sit on shelves. Our kids don't want these things.
3. Jack suggested we change the name of the *Banquet* to *Awards Dinner*. Let it be a fun night of dancing and awards to honor our people. It was suggested we let the committee decide the name.

Discussion Finalizing 3 Score Insurance Policy:

1. The D & O (Director and Officers) Insurance Policy is renewed. Ann pd \$640.56
2. We need to finalize search for new 3 Score insurance policy; not wait until August.
 - a. Al will get specifics by June.
 - b. Gary Zimmerman sent Al the USSSA information.
 - c. The policy must meet the 1M – 2M requirement and they must put our 3 Score name on the document we send to the City of Clearwater.

Extension Agreement Letter:

Jack signed the extension agreement letter with the City of Clearwater. We are good for two more years on a Five year agreement. Jack will send the agreement out to the board to view.

Bay Care Game Update:

1. Where do we stand?
 - a. Sold so far: 110 NL and 106 AL
 - b. Need to sell 300 tickets
2. Al made a motion to supplement up to \$500 out of the budget to meet our ticket sales if we fall short. 2nd by Jack and all approved.
3. Jack has been in touch with Kevin Dunbar, Executive Director CFY. This will be a CFY fundraiser, giving back to the community, good corporate stewardship, and good 3 Score public image.
4. Kevin will be there
5. Carla's staff is making a showing and possibly other City dignitaries.
6. Jack will MC most of the games along with Cindy
7. 3 Score logo will be on the scoreboard
8. MC: build on 3 Score community involvement and public image concept.

Friday Tournament Games

It was Discussed Whether Other Teams Can Play Games on 3 Score Fields:

1. Jack suggested they sign a waiver and pay \$60
2. Al suggested we talk to the City (Carla or Michelle) to find out what the requirements are
3. Jack asked Al to get 4-6 dates together for tournament games on Fridays per year
4. Jack will talk to the City and Al wants to be involved.

Hall of Fame:

1. Need to complete new people on the Board; who should Chair?
2. Should this be ex or deceased players of notable service, who should qualify?
3. Need National league institutional memory / input
4. Still need to find plaque placement. The City wants it to be all metal.
5. All of these items were discussed, and we decided to do nothing at this time.

Uniform Discussion - Avery:

1. Alice Silverstein is sewing new stripes on; \$10 for shorts and \$20 for long pants.
2. The price of pants went up another \$5. The website Store was updated.
3. Jack would like to keep professional uniform image.
4. Cindy and Avery suggested, due to the high cost of pants and shorts and cost of striping, that we go to a plain black uniform short.
 - a. We could not come to an agreement. Al and Mike thought it would be too difficult to police who is wearing authorized shorts
 - b. Cindy suggested we put a vote out to the 3 Score members.
 - 1) Keep shorts/pants as is with stripes
 - 2) Go to Black uniform shorts with no stripes
 - c. We decided to discuss this further at the next board meeting.
5. The online orders are working great.

Dan Dulin Reviewed the Next Draft for the American League:

1. Draft is scheduled for Wed., April 26th, at Capogna's Dugout, at 11:00 A.M.
2. New Season is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 8th
3. We will have four to six teams, probably 5 teams, determined by the number of players who say they will play
4. Still looking for 3 or 4 managers
5. Discussed making players float the following season if they don't show up for good reason.
6. Dan will send Cindy an email to post a notice on the website Home Page when the new season starts.

National League Update: (Al Bartolo)

Al said the NL league will be down to two fields due to snowbirds going home and misc. reasons why people are not at the games.

Website Photos:

1. Cindy discussed the need for someone to take photos of the NL members and upload them to the website. There are 47 photos missing. It hasn't been updated since Al Corcoran passed.
2. Al asked for the list and will get someone to take on the task.

Game balls:

Discussed we use 14 balls a week between both leagues including Fridays. We are paying \$5.42 per ball. That's roughly \$2,500 per year for game balls. Al made a motion to reuse Mon and Wed game balls for Friday games to help keep the price down. It was 2nd by Lake and all approved.

Other Items: (Spring/Summer Focus)

1. Jack would like to get a Member Calendar together of key Board items.
2. Jack wants to set up a focus group to develop a Vision Mission statement; possibly a 3 Score Slogan, too.
 - a. By next meeting, May or June, some kind of a workout meeting
 - b. Need meeting place for this
3. The By-laws need to be updated. It's a lot of work. Need to put together a strawman draft to review. To make the process go faster, Jack will put a small group together to do the initial updates and then get together with the board members to review. Would like this to be complete by August/September.
4. Jack would like to investigate having a professional video on our website (spirited, informative, stress our mission values, about our people, kick ass rhythm).
 - a. Discussed polling the 3 Score members to see who can put a professional video together on the website, before we pay someone to do this. Jack will also get a price of what it would cost for a professional videographer.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 P.M. Jack Albertson
Minutes submitted by: Cindy McCarthy Scaranda Secretary 3 Score