

# **3 Score Softball**

## **Monthly Board Meeting Minutes – DRAFT AGENA**

**Date of Meeting:**

Feb. 24, 2025

**Time of Meeting:**

11:00 A.M.

**Location of Meeting:**

Queen's Pizza & Restaurant

1834 N. Belcher Rd., Clearwater, FL 33765

Order Food Off the Menu

**Present at Meeting:**

**Members:** Eric Scharn, Alex Scaranda, Ann Courchane, Mike Allen, Dan Dulin, Jon Chionchio, Doug Bell, Greg Stevens, Craig Ferley

**Others in Attendance:**

Dave Incorvia

Meeting called to order at 11:08 am by Eric Scharn, seconded by Ann Courchane.

### **Agenda:**

Welcome of new board members:

- New members welcomed:
  - a. Craig Ferley – Secretary
  - b. NL Vice President – Jon Chionchio
  - c. NL Director – Mike Allen
  - d. AL Director – Greg Stevens
- Craig to update website with new names

Approval of Last Board Meeting Minutes – Oct. 18, 2024:

- Eric Scharn recommended and Jon Chionchio seconded approval of the minutes

Uniform Update – Dave Incorvia:

- The uniform provider has been changed to a local vendor to improve overall quality and delivery; inventory is being replenished, and older uniforms are being phased out.
- The uniforms are dry fit (sweat resistant) and a lower cost than the pin hole technology. Only a single type is being offered to keep inventory manageable.
- Ann is still working to reconcile invoices from the previous vendor with orders and payments.
- All board members need to reiterate all purchases and payments need to be through the website
- The new vendor for getting names on uniforms is REEL TEES Custom T-shirt located at 2198 NE Coachman Rd, Clearwater. The old vendor unfortunately lost everything in Hurricane Helene.
- A big thank you to Dave and Joe for getting the uniform situation cleaned-up and working

Treasurer's report – Ann Courchane:

- Year-end 2024 balance is approximately \$37,000 of which \$10,000 is in a money market account.
- The balance includes items such as pre-paid 2025 dues and umpire fees; and allowances for field rental, equipment replacement, and contributions toward banquet expenses
- The board will give further thought to the appropriate balance to be maintained to support a healthy and ongoing organization

Banquet update – Greg Stevens:

- The spring banquet will be held at Countryside Country Club on Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup>. Frank Lebrano will be the DJ. Consideration is being given to a rolling video presentation and trivia contest. A 3Score drink thermos will be the give-away to 3Score members; there will also be gift baskets and a 50/50 raffle.
- All board members are to encourage further sign-up of attendees.

Equipment Issues – Doug Bell:

- There are currently 5 sets of pitching screens in both leagues (10 total). 3 sets are used by each league for games leaving two sets in reserve for repair. These screens require regular maintenance. New screens cost about \$300 and they can be rebuilt for about \$100. Some screens are beyond easily being repaired. The recommendation was made to buy 3 new complete sets of pitching screens and purchase replacement parts to make repairs, as necessary, to other sets. Ann made a motion to approve the recommendation and Dan seconded.
- Several of the scoreboards have become old and worn, no longer capable of being used to record and clearly see the score. A recommendation was made to order 6 new scoreboards. Lake made a motion to approve the recommendation and Eric seconded. The new scoreboards will be a combination of listing two or three teams. Prior to purchasing Doug will check to see if the scoreboards can be two sided with two teams listed on one side and 3 teams on the other side.
- New strike zone plate boards are also being provided. A request was made to see if more of a non-slip surface can be created.
- A request was made to have 2 new balls per game, rather than 1 being currently supplied. This request was not approved and the suggestion made to keep the ball from the previous game and re-use it as a back-up ball in the event the new ball for that game is out of play.
- Request was approved for Ann to order new umpire vests as the current vests are old, in poor shape, and thus not used properly by the umpires.
- A recommendation was also made to consider getting more ball holders for the infield warm-up balls.

Voting for AL and NL Directors – do we want to change to AL votes for AL Directors and NL votes for NL Directors:

- Current bylaws state in Article III, Section 2: All 3 Score members vote for all positions on the Board. A lengthy discussion was held on the merits of making a change. A significant concern raised by several board members was this potentially further separates the two leagues, hurts unity, and the board members need to represent both leagues.
- Ultimately a vote was held by the board with the decision being to not change the current bylaws, but to emphasize at elections that all 3Score members can but

are not required to vote for all positions. If you don't know the candidates, you are not required to vote for someone.

Effective date for newly elected board officers – bylaw discussion on stating when newly elected officers take office:

- Current bylaws state: Article III, Section 2: An annual election will be held in January for expiring terms of Board of Directors. Election date determined by the President. Article III, Section 3: The duties of the newly elected Board shall be assumed the fourth week of February.
- It was clarified the current bylaws do state when new board members take office and the logic for end February was to not burden the new board members with having to deal with the ESPN and other tournaments 3Score supports in February. It was agreed no changes to the current bylaws.

Voting on Life Member nominations:

- The board voted and unanimously approved the nominations of new Life Members as recommended by the Life Member committee. The nominations will be made public at the spring banquet.

Recognition Awards for Sprig Banquet:

- Recommendation was made and approved to have a Presidential Award for each league plus no more than 4 additional awards for each league (10 awards total). Awards will be by gift card - \$100/each for the Presidential Awards and \$50/each for the other awards. Award winners will be selected by the board.

Catch-up rule modification:

- A discussion was held to consider changing the catch-up rule. Modifications proposed to the current rule included: catch up to with-in one run and limiting catch-up to a max of 7 runs per inning. It was decided not to change the rule at this time as the intent of the rule is to keep the games competitive and fun for both teams.

Players need to play in their registered league:

- A discussion was held mainly about American league players playing in the National league. The board agreed in accordance with 3Score rules players need to play in the league they are registered. It was recognized there may be short periods of time (ie: rehabilitation from an injury) an American league player may play in the National league until they are physically able to again play in the American league. In these cases, that player can only play in the National league (ie; they cannot switch back and forth between leagues in the same week) until they move back to the American league.

Scoreboard training:

- The scoreboard operation for field 8 and 9 is different than fields 1 – 4. A recommendation was made and agreed that all score board keepers should be trained on fields 8 and 9 in the event emergency back-fills are required. Scoreboard volunteers can still request not to be assigned to fields 8 and 9, they would be requested to support field 8 or 9 only in an emergency.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm