

3 Score Softball

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:

Jan. 24, 2024

Time of Meeting:

11:21 A.M.

Location of Meeting:

Queen's Pizza & Restaurant

1834 N. Belcher Rd.

Clearwater, FL 33765

Phone: 727-446-6016

Order Food Off the Menu

Present at Meeting:

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

Others in Attendance: Eric Scharn

A quorum was established.

The regular meeting of the Board of 3 Score was called to order at 11:21 A.M. on Jan 24, 2024, at Queen's Pizza & Restaurant by Jack Albertson.

Old Business:

Jack Albertson

1. Board Meeting Minutes Approved – Jan. 24, 2024, Ann Courchane made motion to approve, 2nd Jack Albertson, all approved.

New Business:

Budget Report and discussion:

1. Treasury Report – Ann Courchane
 - a. Checking account and PayPal balance at end of year 12/31/23 = \$27,554.59
 - b. Total income \$26,903.35 – thru Dec. 2023
 - c. Total Expenses \$25,790.52 – thru Dec. 2023 annual.
 - d. NL Umpires Income 01/01/23 thru 12/31/23 - \$8,126.20
 - e. NL Umpires Expenses 01/01/23 thru 12/31/23 - \$1,021.20
 - f. Income less expenses **-\$2197.99 – last 3 mos.**
 - g. 213 paying members as of 1/24/24
 - h. See Treasury report for breakdown
2. Officer Insurance is \$634.28. Ann will send check to Insurance company.

Key Discussion Topics:

National League Umpire Discussion – (Mike Allen)

1. Program is going well with umpires Dave Furst and Don (Cubbie) Kutchinski. There is minimal arguing, and they are making accurate calls.
2. Mike Allen talked about needing to get more quality umpires. We need to figure out how to do this, as there is not availability for M-W-F mornings.
3. Is there enough money to keep this program going after this year? Probably not, but we need to move forward. NL will figure this out before the end of the year.
4. Bob Studwell will take over the umpire spreadsheet and money while Al is serving his suspension.
 - a. Jack will send the spreadsheet to Bob
5. Mike advised he is actively looking for more umpires; what does he need to do?
 - a. Jack will send the W-9 tax form and the ISA Umpire's insurance form to Bob Studwell
 - b. Bob will print these forms out and have the umpire candidate complete the forms
 - c. Bob will send the forms back to Jack to send to the insurance company. Bob can scan and email directly to Jack or give to Cindy to scan and email to Jack.
 - i. Ann keeps the W-9's on file
 - d. Mike asked Jack to call the insurance company to get a smooth quick system set up. Jack advised once he gets the completed forms, he will send in right away and then it should take less than a week to complete by the ins. co.
 - e. If NL finds volunteer umpires within the league, they must sign a waiver and pay dues before they can take the field.
 - f. If an outside 3 Score umpire volunteers, he still needs to complete the insurance form and W-9 form. The insurance company requires it. If the volunteer receives under \$600, the 1009 form will not be sent to the IRS.

AL Player Goes to the NL or Vice Versa

1. AL player decides to go to the NL they must pay Treasurer \$15.00
 - a. Give check to Cindy to give to Ann for deposit
2. NL player decides to go to the AL. This happened once and the player donated the \$15.00. Case by case basis

Banquet Discussion:

Committee Members: Bob Barry AL - Chair, Greg Stephens - AL, Sixten Larsen -AL, Terry Bottoms - NL, Jon Chionchio NL, and George Morgan NL

1. Jack discussed the Banquet is part of our by-laws. This is one of a few things that we have to join our groups together

2. Bob Barry discussed that prices are up, and Countryside Country Club raised the cost to \$44.00 per person for a weekday event and more if on the weekend.
 - a. No date set but looking at mid-March.
 - b. All agreed that March 12,13, or 14 - T, W, or Th evening would be best.
Go to the next week if not available
 - c. Ann asked if the price included tax, tip, and all fees. Bob was not sure.
 - d. We can have a grand prize at the end of the banquet with donated items such as 3 Score shirt, bat, Threshers tickets. He will accept donations from anyone.
 - e. Everyone will get a ticket and winners will be from a drawing. We can also have a 50/50 drawing
 - f. Bob suggested we save money
 - i. no printed program and can have less expensive gift baskets
 - g. Jack stated 3 Score may subsidize a little bit
 - h. Bob advised it will be a cash bar. Cocktail hr. 5-6pm and dinner 6-9pm
3. Bob has been advised that a pet peeve of members is there is too much talking and walking up for awards. Cut dead time out
4. Will accept cash and checks for the banquet
5. Need name tags at the banquet reception table
6. Jack advised we will put an email out when Bob finalizes the place, dates and prices.

Quick Discussion Items:

1. **No Paper Waivers** – All new players or volunteer umpires must sign waiver on-line.
2. **Life Member Committee** - Phil Mansueto to Chair. Two new committee members are Jerry Fredericks - AL and Lee Bisson - NL

Uniform Discussion - Avery:

1. **Uniforms:** we have 5 different head covers available. We will eliminate fitted hats as they do not fit everyone the same.
2. Uniforms are not screen printed. We are using a new supplier who uses better vinyl.

Dan Dulin Reviewed the Next Draft for the American League:

1. Next draft will be Monday, February 19, 2024
2. New season starts Monday, February 26, 2024

Volunteer Tournaments – (Jack Albertson):

NFCA and ESPN volunteer tournaments NFCA

1. NFCA - Thurs – Sun, Feb. 8th – 11th
2. ESPN – Thurs – Sun, Feb. 15th – 18th
3. Carla has not announced meeting dates yet. She will have a meeting in her office and one at the field. Should be next week. Jack will call Maleah and send out final sheet.
4. Volunteer schedules are completed. An outstanding job by Patty and Eric Scharn, Terry Bottoms, Joe Incorvia, Pete Winter and Jack Albertson. This was completed in 2 ½ weeks.
5. The schedule is pretty much closed. If a member needs to change, that person needs to find his or her replacement.

Field Availability – (Jack)

Jack is working hard on getting more fields. Carla took a new role, Michelle left with Chris, New Tara took Michelle's job and Maliah took Carla's job.

1. Mike wants Jack to get Maleah to come to our fields and meet all our people. We need a better relationship with the City to get more fields available.

Waivers and Dues: - (Cindy)

New players cannot play or take the field without a signed waiver. They get 2 times to play to see if they want to join before they need to pay.

1. **Returning** players must sign waiver **and pay** before playing each year. No free games.

National League Director Position – (Jack)

The fourth board member director position's one-year trial period is due to expire. Discussed and Lake made a motion to that the NL director position will remain. Mike 2nd the motion and all approved.

We Need a System - (Mike Allen)

We need as system for players who may be a safety hazard to themselves. Avery suggested we ask them to bring a note from their doctor to say if he can safely drive and play ball. After discussion, Ann made a motion that when we have someone in safety concern, we call the board and get approval to talk to the person and inform him that he will need a written doctor approval to drive to the field and play ball. Mike 2nd the motion and all approved. Mike will talk to Phil Beals.

Discussed Al's Email to the Board Regarding His Suspension

The board reviewed Al's email requesting we shorten his suspension, and all agreed that the suspension stands as is. Jack will send Al an email.

Review:

1. **Vision, Mission Statement -**
 - a. Jack will set a future date to discuss the Vision and Mission statement.
2. **Rewritten By-laws:** Cindy, Lake and Jack rewrote the By-laws
 - a. Jack will look at dates to get the by-laws finalized.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 P.M. Jack Albertson
Minutes submitted by: Cindy McCarthy Scaranda Secretary 3 Score