

# **3Score Softball Board**

## **Meeting Minutes – DRAFT For Comment**

**Date of Meeting:**

June 2, 2025

**Time of Meeting:**

11:30 A.M.

**Location of Meeting:**

Paradise Restaurant

443 Main Street, Safety Harbor, FL 34695

**Present at Meeting:**

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

**Others in Attendance:**

Greg Courchane (Ethics committee representative)

Meeting called to order at 11:16 am by Eric Scharn.

### **Agenda:**

1. Treasurer's Report: Ann Courchane reviewed the 3Score accounts for 1Q 2025 and for 2Q thru 1 June 2025. The account balance at end 1Q 2025 was \$28,932.

Tickets sold for the Baycare/3Score Softball Game raised approximately \$1,100, \$200 above our minimum requirement of \$900 (300 tickets at \$3/each). A motion was made to match the \$1,100 from 3Score funds for a total donation of \$2,200, benefiting the charity and earning 3Score some goodwill with the City of Clearwater. The motion was seconded and passed. Lake will work with the City on how best to provide the funds, ideally we would like to present the check(s) at the fields if possible.

2. Summer Game Duration: The suggestion was made to the board to consider shortening the American League games in the summer considering the hot temperatures and potential impact on players. Suggestions for shortening the games included: reducing the games to seven inning and have 4 outs per inning to saving time on/off the field, shorten batting practice, no infield warm-ups except for the 1<sup>st</sup> inning, and limit pitches to a maximum of 3 warm-up pitches per inning.

After discussion by the board, the recommendation was made and agreed to trial the following for the "summer" season (roughly June – September):

- a. No infield warm-ups except for the 1<sup>st</sup> inning
- b. Pitchers are limited to a max of 3 warm-up pitches per inning

These changes are similar to the rules for Florida Half Century. A note will be sent to the captains notifying them of the changes. After the trial period the decision will be reviewed to consider any further changes or extending the change.

3. Modifying player punishments. A player has appealed to the board their previous permanent punishment preventing them from being a team captain at any time in the future. The board had a discussion if such appeals for a permanent punishment

should be allowed. After lengthy discussion, the board voted and agreed that a player with a permanent punishment should be allowed to make an appeal once 2 years has passed since returning to play after their suspension. The board will review each appeal on a case-by-case basis, considering items such as: the reason for the initial permanent punishment and the behavior and conduct of the player over the previous two years. This appeal and review is **only** for the positions of team captain and bench-coach. The board does not feel the appeal and review process should apply when a player has been permanently barred from 3Score board or committee positions.

4. National League player disciplinary issue. A complaint was raised where a National League player was identified to have failed to follow the 3Score mission, values, and rules. The ethics committee reviewed the complaint and reported back to the board. The board took into consideration that information and other information provided to the board and had a very lengthy discussion on options to address the complaint. The board agreed on a forward action plan that will be documented and reviewed with the player.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm