

3 Score Softball Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:

Oct. 18, 2023

Time of Meeting:

11:15 A.M.

Location of Meeting:

Capogna's Dugout
1653 Gulf to Bay Blvd.
Clearwater, FL 33756
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 Scharn, Steve Filingeri, Phil Mansueto, Chris Holmes, Jon Chionchio, Jerry Sherwin, Bill Roscop, Greg Martin.

A quorum was established.

The regular meeting of the Board of 3 Score was called to order at 11:20 A.M. on Oct. 18, 2023, at Capogna's Dugout by Jack Albertson.

Old Business:

Jack Albertson

1. Board Meeting Minutes Approved – Oct. 18, 2023, Ann made motion to approve, 2nd Dan Dulin, all approved.

New Business:

Budget Report and Discussion:

1. Treasury Report – was combined with umpire financial discussion)

Key Discussion Topics:

Explore National league wants to hire umpires for games

1. **Jack did a presentation to examine all considerations for umpires in the National league**
 - a. Trial period is completed
 - b. Review 3 Score considerations in making paid umpire decision
 - i. 3 Score - a non-for-profit corporation is: one united membership & fellowship, one vision and mission, one board, one treasure, one united set of leaders, one set of core values and products and one set of by-laws.
 - ii. Prioritize & Fund Core Objectives from our Vision & Mission
 - iii. Field costs are shared overhead, and volunteer time is a shared event

- c. Review financials, how to fund umpires, and how to pay, 1099 forms, weekly payout, etc.
 - i. Our by-laws state an annual banquet shall be arranged for members. It's a 50 year tradition and legacy. The banquet is the only consistent joint AL & NL uniter. The **banquet** is not expendable for a reoccurring cost.
 - ii. The **Reserves** will not be spent for a reoccurring cost.
 - iii. Reviewed the pros and cons of paid umpires.
 - iv. Umpire cost estimate: \$6,600 to \$6,840

2. Ann presented the 3 Score Line Item Budget, 2023

- a. Ending cash - \$14,206.25,
- b. Cash Reserves - \$10,000.00
- c. Available Cash - \$4,206.25 (half of this is a one-time amount the NL could use for umpires)
- d. Once cash or reserves are used up, there is currently no way to replenish the funds
- e. NL is treated no differently than the AL – 3 Score (AL & NL) one budget
- f. Umpires' insurance is going to cost 3 Score \$100 more per year
- g. Need 1099's & W-9's before the end of the year.

3. National league trial period is over and they want to hire umpires for games going forward

- a. Ann wrote Al Bartolo a check \$360.00 for the completed trial period
- b. Al advised Donations/collections will be made by the NL to make up the difference that they need to pay umpires from Sept 20 – Dec 31st.

4. Al discussed we have 2 separate budgets (NL and AL).

- a. Al presented "Proposed 3 Score budget 2023" separating the NL from the AL. All agreed the NL needs to generate additional funds if they want paid umpires.
 - i. Al said he reviewed our bank account and Ann is doing a great job, but she needs to fill in the memo section. We all agreed Ann is doing a great job. She will continue as she has been doing.
 - ii. **We will not separate the budget**
 - iii. After discussion, Dan summarized there are a few ways to get money for paid umpires
 - 1. Banquet – (Jack said "No") - fixed expense vs discretionary expense
 - 2. Use of balls – use ½ the amount of balls
 - 3. Half of Reserve cash (\$2,000 one-time pull out for NL)
 - 4. Increase dues
 - 5. Get a donation

5. Jack talked about the NL dues would need to be raised to cover the Ump expenses. Cindy said the NL members' dues would need to be raised \$60 to cover the expense of umpires for 1 yr. (approx. 110 members /\$6600 ump fee for 1 yr. = \$125.00).

- a. In 2024 only after the \$2000 reserves cash – dues would need to be raised \$40. (110 members /\$6600 ump fee = \$100 per NL member)

- b. Al advised he had 2 members who would donate money to supplement the costs of umpires so the members would only need to pay an additional \$20 per person for 2024: Jerry Sherwin and Greg Martin. The NL also has donations to cover the remainder of the 2023 year.
 - c. In 2025 there will not be funds to draw from to cover umpires, and we will need to raise the dues to about \$130.00.
- 6. **Al made a motion to go back to the NL members and do a secret ballot vote to see if they 1. want paid umpires and 2. are they willing to raise their dues to \$100. Avery 2nd the motion and All approved.**
 - a. This will need to be completed by Nov. 15th.
 - b. Mike said we need to figure out how we are going to fund it and get the insurance forms figured out
 - c. If they vote yes for paid umps and raised dues, Al, Jack and Ann will get together to ensure the proper procedure is set in place for the 1099s and W9s

Other Discussion Items:

- 1. **Jack talked about NFCA and ESPN volunteer tournaments coming up in Feb:**
 - a. Will meet with City first 2 weeks of November and meet Maleah
 - b. Try to have all volunteer schedules completed in December
- 2. **New online 2024 Waiver and Dues renewal sign up starts Dec 1st**
- 3. **Oct. 1st begins ½ price dues thru Nov 30th.**

Dan Dulin Proposed Sid and Mike, the 2 suspended members, be given grace and be included in the next AL draft the 2nd or 3rd week in November.

- 1. After discussion, Dan proposed they be allowed to come back to 3 Score the beginning of November as floaters and then, when the new season starts the middle of November, be included in the draft. 2nd by Avery and all approved, except Al Bartolo.
 - a. Jack will send each of them an email letter inviting them back. If they want to come back Nov.1st, they will need to sign waiver and pay dues.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M. Jack Albertson
 Minutes submitted by: Cindy McCarthy Scaranda Secretary 3 Score