

3 Score Softball

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:

Sept. 6, 2023

Time of Meeting:

11:25 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

A quorum was established.

The regular meeting of the Board of 3 Score was called to order at 11:25 A.M. on Sept. 6, 2023, at Capogna's Dugout by Jack Albertson.

Old Business:

Jack Albertson

1. Board Meeting Minutes Approved – Sept. 6, 2023, Jack Albertson made motion to approve, 2nd Cindy Scaranda, all approved.

New Business:

Budget Report and discussion:

1. Treasury Report – Ann Courchane
 - a. Checking account balance at end of year 12/31/23 = \$21,367.96
 - b. Total income \$3,026.00 – last 3 mos. thru July 2023
 - c. Total Expenses \$5,223.99 – last 3 mos.
 - d. Income less expenses **-\$2197.99 – last 3 mos.**
 - e. Checking account balance as of Sep 5, 2023, = **\$15,703.15**
2. Jack and Ann contacted Insurance company and talked to Stephanie Hopkins
 - New 3 Score Insurance policy started July thru November, \$250
 - a. Policy will be renewed November end, for one full year

Review:

1. **Vision, Mission Statement** - Jack passed out examples of vision, mission statement compiled by Jack, Cindy, and Lake
 - a. Jack requested board members submit any options by October
 - b. Vision mission should be front and center on the 3 Score website

- c. We will have a contest amongst the members to come up with a 3 Score slogan. Jack will send the examples out in an email and give the members 2 weeks to vote on an existing Slogan from the list or come up with a new Slogan. The winner will receive a 3 Score t-shirt.
- d. The Slogan may be called a Tagline

2. Rewritten By-laws: Cindy, Lake and Jack rewrote the By-laws

- a. We need any changes by next board meeting
- b. Will have members vote on the new by-laws by a show of hands in November for member approval.

Key Discussion Topics:

1. National league wants to launch a pilot program to hire umpers for games

- a. Al and Mike want to have a 2 month trial period in the NL to use hired umpires out of the 3 Score budget. Submitted a NL budget proposal. One umpire per field. Cindy also submitted a spreadsheet detailing umpire cost. Originally it was stated the umpire cost would \$25 per game, but at the meeting it was stated the umpire cost would be \$30 per game.
- b. After discussion, Lake proposed we include the AL in the trial period.
- c. After more discussion about how much it would cost, a **motion was made** by Avery to fund the **trial period** out of the 3 Score budget beginning a week from Monday for a 6 week period. Then send a survey to the players to see if they are willing to increase dues to pay for the umpires. This will be for both leagues, 1 umpire per league, they will alternate fields. This was 2nd by Lake and approved by all, except Dan Dulin.
- d. Ann and Al will get together to decide how to pay the umpires. They want cash.
- e. After the 6 week trial period is over, there will be a period of time to discuss and vote if this is what each league wants to do and if voted yes, how it is going to be paid for, i.e., take out of budget, raise annual dues, have players pay additional money out-of-pocket, AL pay less than NL in Jan if only NL votes for umpers, etc.
- f. Al will contact Tim to organize a meeting to discuss the details of when, where the umpers will be.
 - i. The meeting is at Perkins, on Thursday, 9/14,23, at 11:30 AM. Attending will be Al, Mike, Bob, Jack, and Lake.
- g. Al wants to see a budget to see if it's feasible to pay for umpers from the budget
- h. Ann will prepare and send out a budget
- i. Al offered to assist if Ann needs any help.

2. Inter-league Play

- a. Jack wants to have a meeting with himself, Lake, and Al to propose a plan to the City to approve a few inter-league games
 - i. 1 field would be added on Fridays at both Eddie C Moore and Sid Lickton to do this. (Possibly 4 to 6 fields)
 - ii. NL 3 dates in advance for inter-league games
 - iii. AL 3 dates in advance for inter-league games

3. New Player Evaluation

- a. We need to get back to sending all new players to ECM Friday P/U games for evaluation. There are exceptions for those who cannot go on Friday.

Quick Discussion Items:

1. **No Paper Waivers** – All new players must sign waiver on-line.
2. **New Banquet Committee:** Bob Barry, Greg Stephens, Sixten Larsen, Terry Bottoms, Jon Chionchio, and George Morgan
 - a. They are currently working on venue and other items
 - b. They need a quick turn-around once they find a place to secure venue
3. **Life Member Committee** - Phil Mansueto to Chair. We would like 2 members from the National league 2 members from the American league. **Need names.**

Uniform Discussion - Avery:

1. Uniform: Avery advised he switched vendors so we should be good going forward in regard to logos falling off the shirts.
 - a. Until he replaces all the old shirts, we may still have an issue here and there with the logo coming off. We will just replace the shirt if it was newly purchased.
2. Avery advised he will research wide brimmed hats. We do not have any more in inventory.
 - a. Avery now has wide brimmed hats in inventory for \$28.00.
 - i. Cindy added the hats to the inventory on the 3 Score website in the Store tab.

Dan Dulin Reviewed the Next Draft for the American League:

1. Next draft will be the 2nd or 3rd week in November
2. Umpires – people will ask how it will affect them. Tell them it is experimental, and a survey will be sent out asking for their input.

National league Update: (Mike Allen):

1. **Mike advised he wants to put a cap of 78 on new players joining the NL**
 - a. Create a waiting list
 - b. Too hard to manage any more players and fields

Other discussion Items

1. **Floater** - Ann asked Jack to send out email advising floaters to bring both shirts when they show up to play. Wearing the wrong shirt is getting out of hand.
 - a. Dan will advise the managers to tell the floaters that they need to bring both shirts. He will create an email for Jack to send out about the floater's shirts.

2. **Batting Practice** – Ann advised more and more players are taking batting practice at more than one field
 - a. Dan will let the managers know to watch for this
3. **Picnic** – Discussed having a picnic at A.L. Anderson Park in November. Mark Eisner could head it up. \$600 appx.
 - a. It was discussed that maybe a pizza party at each field would be better than a picnic?
4. **Christmas Party** – going forward all events being planned must go before the banquet committee.
5. **Banquet Committee** – will present what events we will have for 2024

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