

**D3 Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 4,2026 Saddlebrook Rec Center**

**Attendees:** All Board Members present except Bob Seeber and Jim Duckworth.

Meeting called to order by Jack Finn at 1:13pm

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Jack Finn and seconded by Tom Bortle to approve January 28, 2026 Minutes. Motion passed 7-0.

**Treasurer's Report ( presented by Jerry McDonald)**

Balance 1/28/2026	\$3,706.44
Deposits-	00
Expenses	<u>00</u>
Balance 3/4/2026	\$3,706.44

Motion by Herb Lauer and seconded by Tom Bortle to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion past 7-0.

**Managers survey**

Michael Nikitas was appointed to oversee the Managers Survey. Jack Finn will finalize the proposed questions with Chuck Bowler to be submitted for Board approval. The finalized survey to be sent out to players no later than March 12, 2026 giving the players 10 days to respond.

**Replacement Player List**

Herb Lauer was appointed to oversee the Replacement Player List.

**Rule Changes**

Tom Bortle presented proposed language for a change in the Runner rules, the Pitching Screen rules and the rule with regard to announcing duties. Following discussion, the proposed language was approved upon motion by Lindell Grigg seconded Herb Lauer. Motion passed 7-0.

The managers for the upcoming season will be informed about the rule changes at the upcoming Managers meeting for the summer 2026 season. The new rule language will be effective for the summer 2026 season.

**Purchase New Computer**

Jack Finn pointed out the need for a new computer due to problems developing with one of the current computers used for scoring. Following discussion, upon motion by Jack Finn and seconded by Herb Lauer, it was agreed to purchase a new computer to serve as a back up for the current computers. Motion passed 7-0. Additionally, it was agreed to review the purchase additional computers, as back ups, as needed in the future.

**Should the Summer Season be shortened**

Tom Bortle made a suggestion to shorten the summer season pointing out that the Board has already added an additional game to the season by eliminating a practice date. Following discussion, motion was made by Tom Bortle, seconded by Michael Nikitas to shorten the summer season with a proposed ending date of July 30. August 3 would serve as a rain out date for the championship tournament. Motion passed 5-3. Lou Narciso, Herb Lauer and Jim Duckworth voted No. Jim Duckworth's vote was made by proxy through Jack Finn.

### **Should all Board members be shown the results of all the Managers Surveys**

Suggestion by Jerry McDonald for a more in-depth review of the Managers Surveys prior to selecting managers for the upcoming season. Following discussion, motion by Jack Finn seconded by Lou Narciso, to appoint a committee of Michael Nikitas, Herb Lauer and Jerry McDonald to review, as non-managers, all the Managers Surveys. Following review, the committee will submit all appropriate information to the Board prior to the Board selecting managers for the upcoming season. Motion passed 7-0.

### **Elimination of the six run rule**

Suggestion by Jack Finn to eliminate the six run rule. Following discussion, motion made by Jack Finn and seconded by Lindell Grigg to eliminate the six run rule for the upcoming summer season. Motion passed 5-2. Lou Narciso and Herb Lauer voted No. At the appropriate time, this rule change will be reviewed during the upcoming summer season to determine if it shall remain in place for future seasons.

### **Procedures when accepting the lineups from the managers at the sub desk.**

It was pointed out that additional care must be taken, at the Sub Desk, when accepting the lineups from the managers. Whoever is on the Sub Desk should be sure that the lineups are properly prepared and not confusing prior to submitting the lineups to the scorers in the tower. It remains the manager's responsibility to make sure the lineups are properly and clearly prepared but whoever is on the Sub Desk must review the lineups. It was pointed out that once the lineups are submitted to the tower those lineups are the official lineups and not subject to change.

### **Game times for the upcoming Summer Season**

Following discussion, motion by Herb Lauer and seconded by Lou Narciso, to have the start times for the games for the upcoming summer season to be 8:30 and 10:30. Motion passed 7-0.

### **Request by Randy Baliss to set up a table at D3 games for charity event.**

Randy Baliss, a D2 manager, requested that the Noon Rotary Club of the Villages be permitted to set up a table, at D3 games, to sell raffle tickets for the benefit of multiple charities. Following discussion, the request was approved.

### **Next meeting**

Following discussion, it was decided that the next Board meeting will be April 4, 2026.

Upon motion by Jerry McDonald and seconded by Lindell Grigg the meeting adjourned at 3:16pm.