

**JWS Board Meeting  
Jan 5, 2022  
Minutes**

**Attendance:** Cassie Wickham, Denita Peterson, Suzanne Nichols, Quentin Thurmond

Cassie made the motion to approve the **December Minutes** as sent out. Quentin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Minutes were approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Indoor Practices** – still at MMU indoor facilities (JW Bell Warehouse) – moving **to Saturdays 11am-1pm** beginning this Saturday 1/8/22. Coaches need to start leading workouts. Good opportunity to work on creating & facilitating effective practice plans. If coaches were to work together, they would only need to facilitate once every 3 weeks but would require them to actually create a practice plan and share with the other coaches prior to practice. Quentin shared that he has conflicts with the Saturday practices (his son’s basketball team plays double headers on Saturday mornings) but will try to get to practice as soon as possible. Quentin also shared that Louis had stated to him that he was unavailable on Saturdays due to his job. Louis has said nothing to Denita. Denita will facilitate this week (1/8) but re-enforced coaches will need to be more active in planning and facilitating workouts as she is unavailable many Saturdays due to volleyball conflicts.

Unavailability:

- Louis Brown – all Saturdays (?)
- Quentin Thurmond – 1/15, 1/29, 2/12
- Denita Peterson – 1/15, 1/29, 2/5, 2/19, 2/16, 3/19, 3/26
- Suzanne Nichols – 1/22, 2/5, 3/12
- Breann Sells – 2/11 thru 2/20

Denita is willing to follow up with parents who have helped the U9 team this fall in an attempt to secure an assistant coach (if she is provided with a list).

**Spring/Summer Tournaments** – specific tournaments were not discussed. Quentin questioned the spring league format/length. Suzanne shared the league registration form stated 10 weeks beginning April 11<sup>th</sup>. Denita brought up the conflict with HS. Per text messages with Coach Sells – she is expecting all players to put the HS teams first beginning May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Practices and games will be Monday – Saturday. If the HS numbers are low, she doesn’t want U14 playing tournaments on Sundays. The 9/10 season will run through 6/30/22. Discussion was given to the potential to have the JWS U14 team play league games after HS practices. They would already be practiced and warmed up – Quentin seemed to think that would be a good deal (less for him to have to do). Coach Sells stated that HS practiced would last until 6:30 (in May) and would be in the mornings once school was out. Denita suggested we check with league

coordinator about the U14 season. Suzanne will follow up with Sarah about the possibilities – expects other U14 teams to have similar conflicts with players moving up to their HS teams.

**Budget** – Suzanne had emailed out the updated budget prior to the meeting. The budget reflects spring league registration already being paid – it has not yet been submitted (want coaches to approve team classification prior to submitting payment). Notices were sent to players with outstanding balances. The combination of these two factors has the budget reflecting a \$1200 deficit.

**Recruiting** – Neither Denita or Suzanne have heard if a date & location has been secured for “Try Softball for Free” thus recruiting flyer has not been updated. At this point, we will need to look at late Jan or Feb for holding the event – still need to have flyer approved by district before distribution. Coach Sells was contacted via text message for confirmation of a date & location. She reported that she has not been successful, Grant Schultz didn’t have anything open until Feb. She will follow up with him this week for a date in Feb. – she is unavailable 2/11 – 2/20. Asked that she secure a date that she is available. Discuss yielded the possibility of holding “Try Softball for Free” on 2/12 at MMU – would rather not use practice time for this event, but if that is the only option.

Quentin reported that Trinity is out for the spring/summer season. Denita questioned if she was moving. She is having knee surgery (6 months recovery/rehab). This loss will bring the U14 team to 11 players. Denita reassured Quentin she would be available on Wednesdays to help on the field with games, can’t commit to practices. Suzanne shared that she received an email from a U12 parent – their players wants to withdraw from softball. This leaves the U12 team with 9 players. U9 also has 9 players. All teams are viable but have room for 2 – 3 additional players.

#### **New Business/Miscellaneous**

**Fan apparel** – should be ready to roll out the first of Feb. Need to follow up with Oakley to confirm.

**Fundraising** – we are on the calendar for Partners for Profit. Sales will begin March 1, last day of turn in is March 21, delivery is April 12.

Cassie made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Quentin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting Adjourn.

**Next Meeting** scheduled **Wednesday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:30** at the **Starlite Room**.