

JWS Board Meeting
January 6, 2021
Minutes

Attendance: Denita Peterson, Suzanne Nichols, Cami Kay, Stephanie DeWitt

December Minutes – Stephanie DeWitt made the motion that the minutes be approved as written, Cami Kay 2nd. Minutes were approved.

Committee Updates

Indoor Practice – Denita restated that they annual fee for Dug Outs is either \$2000 or \$3000 depending on how many days a week the facility is used. Denita further recommended that we pass on this option due to cost. Perfect Game has a turf room, ideal for indoor (infield) practice but they have not responded. Suzanne recommended we move on. Softball Academy (fka Mt. Mercy) has been contacted multiple times but Larry Yoder has yet to return any attempts to contact. Denita questions if they are still on break. D-Bats Marion has lots of availability. If JWS gets a membership, players get a 30% discount on services. Membership is \$58/yr. They have cages available on a 1st come 1st serve basis. Stephanie DeWitt will schedule a time to tour D-Bats. We need to move on making a decision on indoor space. Can't wait much longer.

Coaches – Coach Sells was not in attendance to confirm but per Suzanne's conversation with Katie Johnson, she has agreed to coach U14. The conversation occurred before we knew we needed a head coach - Katie did not commit to head coach when speaking to Suzanne. Cami shared her concerns with coaches from last year based on her interaction. Alex was passionate enough but the instruction was inappropriate or incorrect at times. Carrie seemed to struggle with knowing the game and wasn't as reliable as desired. Discussion brought forth the idea that Coaching Camps may be in order – both to recruit parent involvement as well as assure proper instruction of the game so as to develop JWS valuable to the WHS program. Concerns were raised with the idea of continuing with only parent coaches – the case was made that we should not have parents coaching at the U14 level . . . “we want high quality coaches”. Denita and Suzanne shared that to attract non-parent coaches we are going to have to be willing to pay for their time. That expense will increase fees (the board has spent 2 months trying to reduce expenses) – the program needs to commit to a course of action, can't be changing their minds every other month. The suggestion was made to look at getting college students to help out (Coe has a volunteer graduation commitment, that might be a source).

Budget – no change was reported since last month.

Suggested By-Law changes – this point was not given any discussion. Tabled for another month.

Fundraising – no other suggestions were made last month. Suzanne has reserved our dates with Partners for Profits for the sale of Butterbraids.

Sponsorships – only 2 individuals stated they were going to solicit sponsors. No one has responded that they were able to secure a sponsor. Suzanne will follow up.

Recruiting was not on the agenda but was discussed. No solid suggestions were made. The discussion died with the lack of a secured indoor space to be able to hold any type of event.

New Business/Miscellaneous – no new business was discussed.

Next Meeting scheduled **Wednesday, Feb 3rd 2020 @ 5:30PM** TBA location.

Since the meeting: Denita, Stephanie and Suzanne toured D-Bats and committed to membership and reserved time through Feb. Correction to the information disclosed at the meeting. Membership is for 1 individual and their immediate family. The holder of the membership receives 30% discount on services and rental fees. The holder of the membership may invite whomever to join them during the rental times. The membership is \$58/ month. Per Denita's request, membership was put in the name of the JWS Treasurer (Suzanne Nichols) as that is who was paying. Reserved times begin Jan 16th and will be distributed to the current membership.