JWS Board Meeting

January 8, 2020

Minutes

**Attendance:** Sheri Dye, Breann Sells, Denita Peterson, Bev LaGrange, Stephanie DeWitt, Cami Kay, Suzanne Nichols.

**December Minutes** were motioned for approval by Sheri Dye, 2nd by Stephanie DeWitt. Motion carried. Minutes were approved as presented. Suzanne questioned the benefit of posting minutes to website before obtaining board approval. No opposition was expressed. Okay to post minutes once typed & before official board approval.

**Committee Updates:**

**Rosters/Coaches: 10U** – Bre has not yet received an application for any U10 parent wishing to coach. Have received an inquiry from Louis Brown about coaching – didn’t specify U10, just wants to coach. Some concerns about his motivation were raised. Past assistance expressed a concern with his reliability – he has in the past left practices and games early. May consider as an assistant but not a head coach. Approval was tabled. **12U**— Katie Johnson will continue as Head Coach. Alex Alcaraz has expressed interest in being head coach – claims that is what the parents want. Board has not been made aware of any issues with Coach Johnson or her coaching style. Concerns were raised about Alex’s coaching abilities and dedication. He had left games early and not attended practices last season – will this continue? Coach Sells stated that her conversation with Alex was left with – “his interaction with the players would be evaluated and a decision would be made about his coaching after March 1st”. **14U**— Cami Kay will be the head coach.

Jason Sells cannot commit to being a head coach at this time – too time consuming with unpredictable work schedule. He will re-certify to be available as needed to fill in.

**Apparel 2020 Season**— offering will consist of a Fan Shirt, the royal blue hoodie, a black sweat pant with “ball seams” down the leg, window decal, hat & visor. Having difficulty creating an order form that can accommodate all the options. This will be a fundraiser, so prices have been increased slightly.

**Mt Mercy Clinics** – Jan 11, 18th, 25, Feb 1, 8, 29 March 7th – had a good turn out the first week (18 players). There was some confusion with Mt. Mercy as the varsity players were first not in attendance. Calls were made – they will be present going forward.

Indoor practices—Denita has been in contact with Grant Schultz, we should have priority and are expecting times to begin in Feb. January delays/absence of gym time is due to the weather cancelations of high school sporting events – the rescheduled events have priority with outside organizations being bumped from times.

**Equipment**—Coach Sells reports that all that is needed at this time is new bat grips – would like to get 6. Those will be purchased by Suzanne and delivered to Coach Sells at the high school.

**Budget 2020**—a few partial fees have been collected. 11 families have outstanding sponsorship forms. Full sponsorships received are Weinstein Ins., GeoServices Incorp. Practice shirt sponsors are Wendy’s, Randy’s Carpet, the Masonic Lodge. U12 team has been registered with USA Softball – other 2 teams have been held waiting board decision on their viability. No one has yet been registered for leagues – deadline for discount is Feb. 1st. Instruction was made to hold registration until after Feb. 1st tryout.

**Fundraising Ideas 2020** – The ideas are the same as what was approved months ago. Fan apparel will be rolled out in Feb.; butterbraids in March; night at Taco John’s in April. Each fundraiser scheduled to wrap up prior to the next beginning.

**New Business/Miscellaneous**

**Try Outs**—Feb 1st from 12:30 to 3:30 @ Washington – Denita is to update the “try Softball for Free” flyer. Will get it posted to the virtual backpack system. This is an event for NEW players only. The suggestion was made to advertise on Market Place. The idea didn’t take on much traction – not sure if anyone knows how to achieve that.

Jr Warrior Night – has been set for Tuesday, June 30th. Will need to request a bi week for the U12 team for that date. It in necessary for all JWS members to be present.

Team Liaisons – a couple of members were confused by the role of team liaison. The position needs to be more clearly defined. Some suggestions were to have individuals check in with coaches every 2 weeks and report back to the board; for them to have their own “bonding” activity with the coaches. Denita will continue as U14 liaison, Cassie Wickham is moving to U12, need to find someone for U10.

**Sponsorships**—Deadline has passed for full & practice jersey sponsorships. Other levels of giving are still available. Need to work with Sheri Dye to get the team banners updated.

**Next Meeting** is scheduled Wednesday, Feb 5th, 2020 @ 6pm TBA location.

**Since the meeting**: next board meeting is postponed until **Feb 12th @ 6pm @ the Starlite Room.**