

JWS Board Meeting
October 12, 2022
Minutes

Attendance: Suzanne Nichols, Oakley Etter, Sheri Dye, Quentin Thurmond, Krista Kronstein, Cassie Wickham, Ben Wickum

Board Member Acknowledgement – Board of Directors Code of Conduct was presented and signed by all members in attendance.

Motion to formally approve **August & September Minutes** was made by Sheri Dye, Cassie Wickham 2nd. Minutes were approved as presented.

Updated **Budget** was shared by Suzanne. We only have 2 families that solicited sponsors – will result in being significantly underbudget for the year. Collection of fees still an issue - Have three U14 players with outstanding fee balances, one U12 player with a bounced check & two U10 players with outstanding fee balances. Collection efforts will continue with another fee statement being sent.

Committee Updates

Fall Summary – Ben reported the U14 team has a wide range of talent but did well in league play, went 2-4. His focus has been on stressing attitude, effort & fundamentals. The team struggled but came close in tournaments – evident that some players were not ready for the grind of tournament play at the U14 level. Listening was a challenge. Cassie & Oakley shared that the U10 team are doing well & are improving. Practices are focused on fundamentals. They are having all players work on pitching. Currently have 8 players and are still recruiting. Krista will help get the word out at Johnson Elem.

Apparel - Krista Kronstein (a U10 parent) has stepped up to coordinate the apparel offering. Got quotes from 3 companies (1 local, 1 out of IL & 1 national/online). **Squad Locker** is an online company – the set up is easy, mark up is a percentage of the unit base price, online store is open continually with a 3wk turn around on orders. Profits are held by company until they reach \$100 – then check would be submitted to us. Wide variety of items available, prices begin at \$20. Customization is possible at an additional cost. Squad Locker processes and ships all orders individually. **Human Kind** is out of IL. Their pricing is based on # of items ordered & number of colors within design. They offer an online store – with this we would receive 20% of sales. Another option would be for us to collect all orders and submit 1 master order to the company – sorting & delivery would be our responsibility. **The local company** she inquired with used only Nike & Adidas products. Pricing was greater than either other company.

Two designs were presented – board made a selection on design. Based on presentation board voted to use Squad Locker for our apparel offering (online store & ownership of design preferable). Requested a selection of items to offer be presented at November meeting for approval with the intent of an immediate release (to enable a Christmas delivery).

Fundraising - Cassie confirmed she is still willing to coordinate the butterbraid sale. Requested that delivery be at Suzanne's home (a central location that everyone already knows). Will roll out around 3/1 with an Easter delivery. Suzanne will get request submitted. Suggestion was also made that we check with Taco Johns about a "JWS night" at the new location.

Indoor Practice - Sheri Dye reported that contact has been made with Larry Yoder at MMU. Only Saturdays are available 11am – 1pm beginning Jan 7th and running thru the end of April (nothing during CRCSD Spring Break). A "station" approach will be taken for workouts – this should allow for parents to assist and not require coaches to be present at every session. It is encouraged that they be present for as many as possible.

Recruiting - Was suggested to try again getting a flyer approved by the district – invite interested players to attend 1st indoor workout. Need to identify contact persons at each of the schools to grant permission to submit to their newsletters. Suzanne no longer has any contacts (all have moved on). Krista will work on Johnson, Cassie will check with Arthur, need others.

Volunteers and Requirements – mentioned having parents help with indoor workouts but no discussion was given to amount of time or requirement.

Field condition & usage - Coach Sells was unavailable for the meeting but had submitted via email an update.

-Quentin and I have decided to wait until Spring to spray the field. The weeds are not terrible and with the first frost we decided to wait.

- Maddy Irwin, former pitcher at MMU and current coach, has scheduled lessons with 3 JWS pitchers and will use the home bullpen on Wednesdays weather permitting. Ben Wickum is giving his field key to Maddy and I will collect the key from her when she is done using the field.

-Custodians will take nets down Thursday, no longer be able to use hitting areas.

-I went down this past weekend and cleaned out and organized both sheds, picked up trash, closed the visitor bullpen and drug the field. I told Oakley and Cassie they can continue to use the field as weather permits without the use of the batting areas. I will collect the 10U field key when they are done practicing. I will be closing the field down at the end of the month and bringing equipment to the school to prepare for indoor HS practices.

There is some confusion about field maintenance. Suzanne stated that when JWS discuss field maintenance it is for the lower field (the field the district has required we sign a contract for and are supposed to be using – to date that has not been possible due to its condition.). The JWS Field Maintenance budget item is not for the varsity field.

New Business/Miscellaneous

Sheri Dye shared that Larry Yoder (head coach at MMU) is holding a coaching clinic. Offered the opportunity to our coaching staff. There is a cost involved. Suzanne confirmed that JWS would reimburse for the clinic. Share will send the information out.

Next Meeting scheduled Wednesday, November 2nd @ 6pm at the Starlite Room.