

JWS Board Meeting

Oct 2, 2019

Minutes

Attendance: Sheri Dye, Stephanie DeWitt, Breann Sells, Beverly LaGrange, Suzanne Nichols, Cassie Wickham

September Minutes - Sheri Dye was in attendance at September meeting, needs to be added to attendance. Minutes were approved as written with that correction.

Committee Updates:

Tryouts: attendance was fair. Missing several players from the 2019 season. Need to verify their intentions for 2020. Need for another tryout was expressed as U10 & U14 turnout was thin. Discussion was given to this fact – of the 5 missing players from U14, Shari Dye stated that they are not returning to JWS as they don't have time but are expecting to play HS. If that is true, then there aren't enough players to field a U14 team. Need to develop a recruiting plan or WHS varsity coach needs to encourage U14 age eligible players to play JWS. Breann stated that HS plans to have a spring team. That creates a problem for both programs – 8th graders are not eligible for that team. May have a problem with U10s attending a tryout this early. That age group isn't looking 9 months ahead from playing opportunities. Additional tryout schedule for 10/28.

Rosters/Coaches: 2020 Season: **10U**—has 6 players (2 are U8 age eligible). Breann expressed concern about the 6yr old playing U10 – just not comfortable having that young of a player on the field. Suggest making them a “bat girl”. Will need at least 1 additional coach as Maybanks have left for the Saints' program. **12U**—has 13 players, could have as many as 17 if all interested show for the 2nd tryout. Osterhaus' will not be returning as they have moved to the Saints' program. Team can't support that many players, Breann suggest rostering based on skill (moving some to U14) closer to the start of the season. Will need at least 1 additional coach as Jason Sells is done coaching. **14U**—has 6 players (need to get forms from Dobbs). Based on previous discussion, Brianna Breiner is the only possible addition. Denita shared that if none of the other 9th graders play, Kylie will withdraw from the team. Brings the team back to the dilemma, if the HS program doesn't encourage those eligible to play JWS to do so – it will be difficult for JWS to field a team. It is also in the best interest of the HS program to do so – players would be stronger when HS season begins (5/11). There should only be 2 weeks of overlap. Suzanne suggest that it JWS doesn't have enough to field U14 team, that JWS use that groups registration fee to cover their participation on HS spring team – problem with that is that 8th graders are not eligible for the spring team.

Coaching situations will be addressed at Parent's Meeting. No additional discussion was given to when that meeting will be held.

Budget 2019: Suzanne shared activity since last meeting. Paid out \$35.70 for homecoming & tryout supplies. Waiting on BOSOX refund for U10 & U14 teams as tournament was canceled due to rain. That refund will be deposited but not reflected on any future budget as Oct is the beginning of the new fiscal year (it is a delinquent 2019 item, not a 2020 income)

2020 proposed budget was shared. Suzanne highlighted line items that were changed from previous years proposal – no magic formula was used for reductions (reduced by an reasonable amount to attempt to get budget to balance (presented with a \$1200 deficit). Suzanne asked for suggestions as to how to further get budget to balance – suggested increasing fundraising to cover gap &/or limiting scholarships. No changes were made to any line item, Proposed budget was approved as presented.

Board Slate 2019-2020: New board was approved by membership vote in September. Board members were given Board of Directors Code of Conduct and asked to sign acknowledgement. Cami Kay and Gregg Slessor were absent. Discussion was given to fact that Gregg has other commitments on Wednesday nights and will not be in attendance at any meeting but still agrees to review JWS bi-laws and policies as board service. They are on the website, need to be reviewed by November meeting (or prior to any parent meeting if changes are necessary). Any suggested change needs board approval.

Fan/Practice Shirts 2020 Season: Cotton Gallery has provided a cost est. for the practice shirt at \$15/shirt as presented (designed by Brianna Breiner). That design does not allow for sponsors to be placed on the back. Do we care? Do we want to remove the front design, move the back design to the front and put the sponsor on the back? The suggestion was made to move the “softball image” from the back to the front (placed behind the word softball). The suggestion will be taken to Cotton Gallery for feasibility and cost.

Fan shirt (designed by Jayana Dobbs) was shared with a couple of options (pricing was given as if produced thru “Custom Ink”). Consensus was to go with the Blue star burst on a red shirt with the text “Warrior Softball”. Suggest using same shirt quality as that of HS practice shirts last season. Sheri Dye questioned the ability to offer the design on another type of shirt – a tank top was suggested. Design & suggestions will be sent to Cotton Gallery for mock up and pricing.

Washington High School Insurance: Denita questioned if we have them listed as an additional insured. Without JWS providing them as an insured, we will need to purchase the districts insurance (\$250/yr). Suzanne stated that we do not – need to have the exact name & address of company that is to be listed as the additional insured. Is it to be WHS with the school’s address or is it to be the school district? Further question when the proof of insurance needs to be provided – if we add them now, the current policy expires on 1/1/20. Can this wait til we renew with USA softball in Jan.? Denita is to follow up.

New Business/Miscellaneous

Mt Mercy Clinics: Denita hasn’t heard back from Yoder with regard to dates available / desired or the cost. Denita expects the delay to be a result of Mt. Mercy being in fall season. She will follow up.

Equipment: Will need to collect from coaches after fall season and assess what needs replaced.

Indoor Practices: Nothing planned until Jan. Will be requesting gym time at WHS beginning the first of the year.

Fundraising: Was advised scheduling a “Taco John’s” night (or somewhere else) to benefit JWS, asking HS to support since JWS supported them last year. The division between HS & JWS needs to be better & more clearly defined as JWS members are not clear on who they are actually supporting and are being asked to do too much. More effort needs to be put into a plan for the whole year rather than “pop up opportunities”. JWS is supposed to be about playing ball not a ton of fundraisers. Bev & Suzanne will meet to establish a fundraising plan for the year.

Next Meeting is scheduled Wednesday, Nov 6, 2019 @ 6pm TBA location – Starlite is not available.