

**JWS Board Meeting**  
**October 7, 2020**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:** Denita Peterson, Breann Sells, Cami Kay, Shari Dye, Suzanne Nichols, Stephanie DeWitt, Cassie Wickham

**August Minutes** (no official meeting in September) were presented for approval. Stephanie questioned what was documented regarding refunds was not what was communicated in the email. Minutes state that a credit was being offered to those that are willing to recommit to JWS for the 2021 season. Explanation was given that the email was meant to encourage recommitment since not fall tryouts were being held. Further discussion regarding ensued and was pulled away from the August minutes. Minutes were not approved.

Discussions did not follow agenda, bounced from topic to topic. Everything circled back around to discontent with the state of the program. Many feel it is being run into the ground and that board members should share their vision for the program. Members are to draft their proposals for how teams are going to be run and submit them to Denita by 10/23.

**Recruitment** – could be more difficult since we canceled the fall season. Coach Sells shared that she felt that cancelling was the correct decision. We need a better way to promote ourselves. The school district isn't allowing outside organization access to any of the facilities – WHS only has old gym available, due to storm damage, for all high school fall / winter sports – softball field is not available either. The suggestion was made to inquire with Mt. Mercy to see if warehouse space is available to host “open gym / throw arounds” or “clinics”. Discussion was given to how notice would be given for this opportunity (if available) – the virtual backpack was suggested. Stephanie shared that she isn't comfortable hosting anything indoors. Discussion continued with other suggestions of feeder elementary gyms being used (Erskine, Johnson, Grant Wood, Garfield, and Kenwood); McKinley & Franklin were suggested since buildings are not in use until Jan. Fact that they are district facilities would lead to they are not available but what would it hurt to inquire. No one volunteered to call about availability.

Discussion specific to recruiting was given only to U10 – need to recruit at this level hard to build up numbers. There are many programs with multiple teams at this age group to scrimmage – wouldn't need to play league games. Concerns were expressed that this age group isn't learning anything by playing a 5 run rule. This age group needs to be more inviting. Need more ideas & options for recruiting this age group – further discussion was tabled for next month. Shari will contact the Lions program to see what they are doing – seem to have a ton of teams.

**Practice shirt design** – will be removed from 2021 budget at the request of Shari to remove extra expenses.

**Fan shirt design** – potentially may be removed from budget as expenses are cut. May have not need for a fundraiser.

**Budget** – Suzanne proposed that the 2021 budget be the same as it was for 2020. There wasn't a second. The discussion moved back to team specifics, equipment and a need to reduce expenses.

**Approval for refunds/credits** – Suzanne shared that we have been in contact with all tournaments regarding withdraw and refund requests. Have not yet received money back from U14's Mya Strong Tournament but are lead to believe we will – need to further follow up. Have not yet received refund from PG for the fall league but again, have been lead to believe it is coming. Assuming all funds are received – U10's credit would be \$63; U12's & U14's credit would be \$110. There were 11 players who recommitted to take advantage of the credit. Shari made the motion to approve the credits and offer refunds (to those committed to play fall league). Coach Sells second the motion. Motion approved. Suzanne will process the credits & refunds as quickly as possible.

**2020/2021 Season Fees** – Suzanne proposed in conjunction with the budget that fees remain the same as last season at \$225. There wasn't a second. The discussion moved back to team specifics, equipment and a need to reduce expenses. Concern was expressed that if teams aren't going to play many games – should the fee be \$225. Coach Sells suggest the idea that U14 be a tournament only team – no league play. She thinks it is doable & should be able to schedule around HS weekend games.

**Evaluations** – Any reference to this matter was during the discussion of recruiting. With district facilities unavailable; evaluations will have to wait until a substitution can be found. If evaluations wait til spring and rosters are not set with sufficient time to order uniforms – suggestion was made for "t-shirts" to be worn as jerseys this season.

**Coaches 2020/2021 season** – No discussion was given to the topic.

**Website** – Suzanne originally thought 2021 was our renewal thus would need board approval. Website doesn't renew until Jan 2022 so this doesn't need to be addressed until the 2022 budget is proposed.

**2021 JWS Board** –Voting was completed via email response. No objections were express. The 2021 board will be Denita Peterson, Breann Sells, Stephanie DeWitt, Suzanne Nichols, Cami Kay, Shari Dye and Cassie Wickham. Denita's, Breann's, Stephanie's, Suzanne's and Cami's board terms will expire September 2021.

**New Business/Miscellaneous** – No additional business was brought to the attention of the board.

**Next Meeting** is scheduled **Wednesday, Nov 4, 2020 @ 5:30PM at Sign Pro**. Shari Dye will host in the building's conference room (there is sufficient space to social distance).