

JWS Board Meeting
November 2, 2022
Minutes

Attendance: Suzanne Nichols, Oakley Etter, Sheri Dye, Quentin Thurmond, Cassie Wickham

Oakley moved to approve the minutes as sent out. Sheri 2nd the motion. **Minutes were approved.**

Budget – Suzanne reported no financial changes since the last meeting. Still have 6 players with outstanding fee & uniform balances – 1 owes \$5, 2 have balances remaining after securing sponsorships, 2 unpaid / without payment arrangements, 1 return check. Collection emails & fee statements have been sent. All were given until 11/15 to pay / make arrangements. Suzanne requested we consider removing those with unpaid balances from team rosters come Dec. Oakley requested information of any U10 players with outstanding balances – she will attempt to reach out. JWS taxes have been filed.

Committee Updates

Apparel (Krista Kronstein) – was unable to attend the meeting. She submitted a lengthy report/update via email prior to the meeting. Further discussion was given to the images presented – Choice Two is the preferred image with a requested change in color of the ball. Looks too much like a baseball, would like it better if it were yellow like a softball. The item offering is extensive – discussion yielded “the more options the better for the consumer”. A 10% increase in base price is an adequate price point. The timeline shared in the email is satisfactory – should allow everyone time to make a selection and still have a Christmas delivery. Suzanne asked if it is agreeable with Krista – may she use the choice one image for the practice shirts? Suggestions for changes to the image were given & noted. Suzanne will notify Krista of our discussion and requested changes.

Fundraising – JWS has been registered for the sale Butterbraids to begin 3/1/23. Turn in will be after CRCSD spring break 3/20. Have requested a 4/3/23 delivery date. Question was raised if we wanted to share this opportunity with the HS team – sales would be kept separate, they would receive the profits from their sales. Sheri confirmed that we would need to discuss the matter with Coach Sells – members seemed to be okay with the idea. Discussion was given to other / additional fundraisers – an cooperative event with Taco Johns, a car wash, the sale of Double Good popcorn were among ideas mentioned. May conduct a night at Taco Johns &/or a car wash more as a team bonding activity than a focus on fundraising. More research is needed on each.

Indoor Workout plans – Sheri shared the sample practice plans that Coach Sells drafted. Requested that we all review and provide feedback via a group email exchange. Discussion was given to whom would facilitate each week’s workout – Suzanne shared the hope that Coach Sells would be on hand for the first week to “train” both players and parents as to her expectations. Coach Sells was not present to respond. Further discussion was given to the fact that coaches should be in attendance each week to run practices rather than parents. These indoor workouts are not meant to be team practices but stations to develop specific skills – parents (with proper instruction) should be able to facilitate.

Volunteers and Requirements – The question was raised if we should “require” parents to help with a set number of indoor workouts? Quentin stressed that we can’t “require” parents to help – as they will not anyway. Oakley rebutted that notion – stating that the U10 parents are very involved in practices. Number of volunteers needed will depend on the number of stations each week and the number of players in attendance. This group of players have the best attendance record (pre last winter’s sign-in sheets) – we can use signupgenius to solicit & track help.

Recruiting – Need to get a flyer out ASAP to schools promoting the opportunity to attend the 1st indoor workout. Flyer needs to be approved by the district. Quentin questioned why we have to have district approval – doesn't want information distributed electronically, wants flyers hard copy in kid's hands. Members tried to explain that there isn't anyone at the schools to pass out flyers for outside organizations – most buildings no longer use "brown envelopes" to send home information. Best option is to get information in building newsletters (weekly? Monthly?). Oakley shared/confirmed that we have access to a business page now on Facebook – we can post there as well as on Instagram & TikTok.

Spring League / Tournaments – Suzanne hasn't received any information about Corridor Sports registration for Spring League (cost, day, location). Spring tournaments are starting to post – U14 team needs to start thinking about when & where they want to play.

Coaches Clinic – U10 coaches did not take advantage of the clinic held by MMU. Haven't heard if the U14 coaches did or not. Sheri shared that MMU has released their additional winter clinics (mostly for players) – will send that information to the JWS email account for distribution to the members.

Field condition & usage – Suzanne brought up again the condition of the lower field and that it's maintenance is what is itemized on the JWS budget. Stressed that we need to push the district for either their work on the field or their giving access to the field so we may work on / improve it's condition (this requires keys to the gate). Quentin didn't understand the drive to worry about it's condition. Suzanne shared that the CRCSD required JWS to sign a contract for field usage and that the lower field is actually the only field we have permission to use. It is very kind that WHS has (is) allowing us to use the varsity diamond but that is not the field assigned to JWS. Suzanne is to forward the contract to Quentin and he will follow up with the district (ELC & Matt Dunbar).

New Business/Miscellaneous

Outside players attending indoor workouts - Suzanne shared that we have received an email from a player currently playing with Jr. Cougars that has expressed an interest in participating in our indoor workouts. They will eventually attend WHS but have not expressed any intent in playing for JWS. Suzanne also shared that Coach Sells had mentioned in one of her emails/texts that Nick Maybanks had expressed Zizzy's intentions of returning to JWS in the spring and wants to begin with indoor workouts. This brought much heated discussion – opposition sighting the liability of having non-JWS players participating and the "using" of the program. It is believed that these players are only out for the betterment & best interest of themselves. Need to consider the composition of teams. Support was given to the idea that we shouldn't turn any player away or turn down an opportunity to collect money to help offset the budget. Members were not in agreement as to how to move forward. Members did all agree that the coaches of the U14 team needs to be consulted as they are the ones effects. The matter of cost was decided – if these players attend indoor workouts, it's a cost of \$175.

Next Meeting scheduled Wednesday, December 7th @ 6pm at the Starlite Room.