

JWS Board Meeting
Nov 6, 2019
Minutes

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

October minutes were approved as presented.

Committee Updates:

Rosters/Coaches: 2020 Season: 10U – has 5 players + 2 players that are very young. Will need to hold another tryout in February. Need to develop a recruiting plan specific to this age group. Waiting til February will create a time crunch for uniforms. The team needs coaches as both U10 coaches have left the program. **12U** – has 14 players. Several are new. It was suggested that we “move up” those that are 7th graders &/or with the skill level to play U14. That decision on who that will be will be made after indoor practices begin. Jason is not going to continue at this age level (not going to continue coaching at all). Will need at least 1 coach. **14U** – has 5 players. There are 6 players that played JWS in 2019 but we have not heard from. Sheri Dye stated that those girls are not going to play JWS, they are going to only play HS. Discussion was given to the fact that if the HS team is going to grow in strength, it needs JWS to put a U14 team on the field. It is important that the HS program encourage those that are U14 eligible to continue with JWS. Sheri shared that there is too much overlap with JWS and the spring team – Suzanne questioned how the HS spring team got in games when all the JWS tournaments had been rained out? HS spring team scheduled tournaments south so weather wasn’t an issue. Denita shared that if the other 9th graders don’t play, Kylie will not continue with JWS either.

Fan/Practice Shirts 2020 Season – practice shirt design has already been approved and will be produced for aprox. \$15/shirt. Fan shirt design has been approved (red shirt with blue starburst with option of name on the back). Need to have cost come in at \$20/shirt.

Washington High School Insurance – per response from Grant Schults, we are good. Do not need to purchase further insurance as we are covered under the HS policy. JWS will request WHS be listed as an additional insured when registering our teams with USA Softball – it won’t hurt anything to have the additional coverage.

Mt Mercy Clinics – Denita shared she was waiting hear from Larry with confirmation on what dates are available. Have asked for Saturday beginning in Jan. Sessions will be run by Mt. Mercy players – they conduct a good workout & make them fun for the girls. Larry quoted a price per session price as \$100/hr in JWS is covering the cost and \$50/hr if the girls are paying. Suzanne questioned the fee structure – seems a bit sketchy. It was decided that this opportunity would not run through the JWS budget (eliminating Mt. Mercy’s guarantee to receive their money). Denita will put out “feeler email” to gage interest & will coordinate with Mt. Mercy. Suzanne will add Mt. Mercy as an additional insured when registering teams with USA Softball.

Indoor practices – Denita has spoken to Grant Schults. He will be creating the gym schedule in late Dec. Denita stated gym days & times will all depend on other requests and the need of the HS programs. JWS is sure to have something beginning in Jan.

Equipment Inventory – Bre has collected all the equipment and keys from coaches. Everything seems to be in pretty good shape – need a few helmet repairs, 3 new equipment bags, case of 11” game balls, scorebooks & lineup cards for next season. U12 & U14 have plenty of game balls. All teams should be fine with what they have for indoor balls. Bre is storing all the equipment.

Tournaments for 12U 2020 – An opportunity has been sent out to play an indoor tournament. Suzanne failed to bring the details for everyone. It was suggested that she send the information out to everyone for consideration.

Budget 2020 – Suzanne shared that nothing has changed since last meeting – no income realized, no expenses incurred.

Fundraising Ideas 2020 – Bev and Suzanne have met and laid out a fundraising plan for 2020. The Butterbraids will be the primary fundraiser with sales to begin in March and will be delivered in time for Easter. Bev has also set up a JWS night at Taco John’s (April 22nd). The Fan shirts and apparel (to also include window decals) will round out the fundraising efforts. Stephanie shared additional ideas for Fundraising – discussion lead to Kathy’s Pies, Yankee Candles and Krispy Kreme having the greatest potential for future fundraisers for JWS – these ideas will be given consideration for 2021.

By-Laws/Policies – Gregg Slessor review the by-laws and only had minor typographical errors to correct. He didn’t provide much input on changes required to the policies. Suzanne shared that with our delayed parent meeting we will be out of compliance with our fee payment policy but it shouldn’t be too big of an issue. May want to consider revision for 2021.

New Business/Miscellaneous

Parent’s Meeting – Need a location/date/time and agenda items. Bre will check with WHS to see if we may use the Café on the 18th or 19th from 6 – 7pm. We need to cover Uniforms, Fee Installments, Expectations, Sponsorships, Fundraising, Coaches, Board involvement. Denita will request parents become more involved with the Board, Bre will share the need for coaches & the expectations, Bev will present the fundraising plan, Suzanne will share the opportunity to solicit sponsors & how those funds will be divided as well as cover fee installments and uniforms.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Dec. 4th, 2019 @ 6pm**. A request was made to see if we can return to the Startlite.

****Since the meeting** – Information for the indoor tournament was not sent, upon further review of information received . . . it is a USSSA sanctioned tournament. All participants must be USSSA registered.