

JWS Board Meeting

Dec 1st, 2021

Minutes

Attendance: Suzanne Nichols, Denita Peterson, Sheri Dye, Breann Sells, Oakley Etter, Quentin Thurmond, Cassie Wickham

Sheri Dye moved to approve the **November Minutes** as presented. Breann Sells 2nd the motion. Minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

Indoor Practices – have had an “okay” turn out. Mostly U14 players in attendance. There are concerns with the U9 turn out – have heard nothing about who is or is not returning. Reportedly, Holly has called all members of the U9 team – on 11/9 informed all that she & Daijah won’t be playing. Quentin reported it is going well – is concerned that U14 players don’t believe what HS is going to be like. He is still learning what is expected/should be done. Aliie, Kirsten & Denita are expected at the workout tomorrow – will further stress what will be expected at the HS level.

- MMU – has not yet invoiced us for any of the time used.

Spring/Summer Tournaments – Suzanne has not yet received any information about Spring League other than Corridor Sports is looking to move the league to Triple Play Park (corner of Mt. Vernon Rd & Hwy 13). Quentin shared that he would prefer to play league with P.G. over Corridor Sports but if all is the same (if there isn’t any benefit of switching), stay where we are. Wants league play for the U14 team. Teams have a healthy amount of money to spend on tournaments – coaches need to take advantage of the opportunities.

Coaching Meeting/Clinic – There are several issues / matters that need to be covered with the coaches. We need to hold a Coaches meeting. Bre will work on scheduling on. Soon.

Budget – Suzanne restated that we have not been billed for our warehouse usage for Nov. Game jerseys have arrived. Suzanne is expecting a collection problem with the uniforms – had allowed payment deferral until all pieces were delivered . . . now with players dropping from the program we have uniform payments outstanding. The association has enough money to absorb the shortage.

Recruiting – Discussion was given to hosting “Try Softball for Free” event again in Jan fill in the vacated roster spots. Bre will check the gym schedule. Don’t want to give up a Saturday practice and hold it at the warehouse.? Will need to update the flyer with the number of available roster spots. Need to work with the feeder schools to get the event promoted – Suzanne’s contacts have all moved onto other schools – need Coach Sells backing to get this into the schools.

New Business/Miscellaneous

Retention was discussed – How do we get everyone to attend the indoor workouts? How do we convince the U9 players to stay with the program? Suggestions were made that coaches should be regularly posting reminders on TeamReach encouraging players to attend. The question was raised, would a mailing to the players be effective – soliciting them to stay with JWS or reminding them they are valued.?

Suzanne requested confirmation/**approval to drop** those with outstanding fee balances. Approval was given but should be done in written form – a letter stating they are being removed from the rosters and an invoice stating the outstanding amount should be provided. Navayah (U14) and Ellery (U12) have outstanding balances. It is rumored that Albert (U14) will not be returning – she again quit mid-season & should be attending Prairie HS next fall (is expecting to play with them this spring).

Assistant coaches were discussed. U12 is good to go. U9 needs assistants willing to commit. Many have said they wanted to coach but have yet to attend any indoor workout. The U14 proclaimed assistant – Josh Pastor – didn't complete the background check with USSSA. Is going to be dropped from the team roster. Due to recent circumstances, may continue to attend games and support his player from the stands. Is not allowed in the dug out during games, or on the field at any practices. It will be Quentin's responsibility to enforce this ruling.

Sheri made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Bre 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, **Jan 5th** – 5:30 at the Starlite Room.