

JWS Board Meeting

December 4, 2018

Minutes

Attendance: Sheri Dye, Denita Peterson, Breann Sells, Cami Kay and Suzanne Nichols

November meeting minutes - Approved

Updates:

Indoor Practice Schedule: There is concern with the fact that each week more siblings are coming to the workouts unattended &/or unsupervised. We are not a babysitting service – Denita is going to send an email stating as such. “All non JWS players must be accompanied by and supervised by an adult / parent”.

Gym times for the new year are not yet out. Denita will inquire about our ability to get a couple of date that have a 4 hr block so we may conduct an indoor tryout/”Try Softball for Free” event as well as host a couple of hitting clinics, as done in the past. She expects to have dates for at least January before the Christmas break.

Mt Mercy Clinic Enrollment: Denita further shared that sessions with Mt. Mercy players as instructors is going well. We have picked up an additional 4 JWS players as participants. Still have room for another 5-6 players – need them to break even on cost.

Rosters/Coaches: Coach Sells is concerned about numbers and strongly believes we need to hold another tryout in Jan to fill out the U10 & U12 teams. Concerns that the January date may be too early for the U10 age level (since they won’t begin games until later in May & June) were expressed. For the U10s, something in February or early March may be better; but how do we reach the girls for either of these age levels? The suggestion was made to put a flyer in the virtual backpack – Denita will create a flyer with the “Try Softball for Free” concept. A further suggestion was made to solicit the assistance of the feeder schools’ PE teachers to share the information &/or refer girls. Coach Sells is going to reach out via a phone call to former/past players at the U10 & U12 age levels with an invitation to return to JWS.

- **10U— needs 5 players to be a viable team.**
- **12U— needs 3 players to be a viable team.**
- **14U— the numbers are good at this level.**

Coach Sells intends to follow up with potential coaches as well as send an email solicitation after the first of the year.

Equipment: Coach Sells & Coach Kay confirmed they have everything they need to conduct indoor workouts. Nothing is needed at this time.

Budget: Suzanne shared the updated budget – pointing out that the proposed budget is set for teams consisting of 12 members each. She requested approval of the proposed budget before any additional expenses are incurred. Budget proposal was approved.

2018/2019 Season

Outstanding Fees – There are about a dozen families that have not paid the registration fee. Two of those are supposedly soliciting sponsors & two are supposedly requesting scholarships. No forms have yet been submitted or any communication received from those families. Follow up needs to happen – it was suggested that follow should be done via a phone call.

Player's Pack – Not many have been submitted. Need to have sizes for practice shirts. Denita suggested that if forms are not returned that a shirt be ordered based on size worn last year. Discussion was given to the fact that we are going to “recruit” additional players after practice shirt order is placed – do we order extras with the expectation of adding players? Consensus was to order extra shirts.

Uniform Orders – Suzanne would like to get the order placed by December 15th to assure delivery by April 1st. It has not been confirmed but Suzanne expects that a “minimum” number of jerseys will have to be ordered. Do we expand the number of jerseys ordered to accommodate the addition of new players? Consensus was to order additional jerseys.

Liaisons-Sheri has not received any response to her request made at the Oct. Parents' meeting. Suzanne stated that we may be able to draw Cassie Wickham into to fold – both as a team liaison and as a board member. Denita said she would start including her in board invitations / communications.

New Business/Miscellaneous

Clinics for Winter — We are looking to schedule something for Jan or Feb. The suggestion was made to combine one of the clinics with a recruiting / tryout event. Suggested changing the name to “Try Softball for Free”, with the intent of getting the U10 girls and those who have no experience in the gym to try softball before expecting them to obtain equipment (only to find they don't want to play). The idea has possibilities – Denita will draft a flyer.

Website – Suzanne shared that the contact at Teampages has stopped returning her attempts to contact. She has spoken with a representative at GoDaddy – they do not have a product exactly as we would like but do have a webpage that allows for 50 pages. Jefferson HS uses the product for their football webpage as well as for their camps. By going with GoDaddy, we would be using a local company, have the possible opportunity to solicit for a sponsorship, would own our domain, would be linked to any “cedar rapids softball” google inquiry and would have better access to customer support. The exact cost is a little unknown as the GoDaddy representative offered to sell us the product at his cost (\$8 - \$18 per year); during communication a reference to \$180 / yr. was made as if that is the retail price. It was suggested, if we choose GoDaddy, we commit to 2 to 3 years (this will lock in a price & eliminate the annual renewal and debate). Board members seemed to be pleased with yearly cost / almost skeptical. Agreement to move forward with GoDaddy webpage was achieved.

Board Members conflicts – Board members disclosed travel conflicts with potential JWS actives.

Jan 2nd & 3rd Denita to pick up Cori in MO

Jan 3rd – 11th Suzanne Nichols in Florida

Jan 5th – 10th Coach Cami Kay in Florida

Feb 5th – 9th Denita returns Cori to MO

Feb 15th – 23rd Coach Sells out of town

Feb 21st – 24th Coach Cami Kay out of town

Next Meeting is rescheduled due to conflicts. Next meeting is **Thursday, Dec. 27th at 5:30pm** at Irish Democrat

