

JWS Board Meeting
Feb 1, 2023
Minutes

Attendance: Suzanne Nichols, Sheri Dye, Quentin Thurmond, Krista Kronstein, Ben Wickum, Cassie Wickham

Sheri Dye made the motion to approve the January Minutes as presented. Krista 2nd the motion.
January minutes were approved.

Budget Update – Suzanne shared that the Biennial Report is something an organization has to file in February every 2 years. Ours is due. She also gave a more detailed explanation of our current financial status . . . still have 5 players with fee balances outstanding. All but one has given a payment plan – some promises to pay have been broken and re-given. The one outstanding balance is due to a NSF check from October – may attempts have been made to collect with no response from the family. Discussion lead to the decision that the player should not participate any further until payment is made. Even with these collection problems we are on track with spending. The budget was set to keep fees low & those fees would cover a players participation in games (league & tournament). The other expenses involved with putting teams on the field (indoor practice space, field maintenance, contribution to WHS for field usage, equipment, coaching reimbursements, etc) would be covered by sponsorships & fundraising. We lost our best solicitor of sponsorships and thus are \$2200 under budget. The fundraiser is expected to raise \$4000. If we do not meet these bench marks, JWS can still cover expenses with the use of “cash on hand” but not for too many years. It is important that the fundraiser does well and that all members are behind it. Discussion moved to fundraising.

Committee Updates

- **Indoor Workouts** – Quentin questioned who **Madelyn Irwin** was & why she is requesting to use our time. Cassie explained that she is the pitching coach at MMU and the gal that Gabby W. & Maija W. are taking lessons from. With MMU not in season & warehouse space completely rented, the girls are having difficulty getting lessons scheduled. Coach Sells had sent an email stating she supported Madelyn using our time. Per Madelyn’s email to Suzanne ZiZi is also a student of hers – the email read as though she would like to use our time for lessons for all three girls. Discussion did not support ZiZi using JWS time for pitching lessons when she is not part of the JWS program – if she were to attend she would need to pay the same portion of the rental expense as the other players (\$175). Suzanne will follow up with Madelyn.

Cassie stated she was not at the indoor workout on Jan 28th, neither was Suzanne. Only persons in attendance were Oakley & Coach Sells – Oakley was not present to give a report. Coach Sells stated via email that the HS girls would like to attend another workout in Feb. That she had spoken to the U14 girls and told them they should be the ones leading warm ups, throwing progressions and dailies. They need to be the role models for the little. Over all they seem to be going well, some drills are a struggle for the players (but are drills that they need to master). When asked, Ben & Cassie didn’t report that their players had said anything (positive or otherwise) about workouts. It would be nice to get player feedback so improvements can be made.

- **Spring/Summer Tournaments** – Ben shared that he had reached out to other U14 coaches to confirm their availability so tournaments could be selected. He was encouraged to play a tournament or two south (where weather would be warmer in March & April) – Hannibal would be a good distance (only 2.5 hrs). U10 has selected 1 tournament. Quentin questioned their budget – it was confirmed that they began with \$1200 available – the tournament they selected cost \$342 (that includes the \$105 gate fee that has to be paid before they are accepted into the tournament). If the team collects that money from the parents they would have that additional to spend but otherwise, it comes out of the budgeted amount.
- **Outdoor Field Usage** – Question was raised as to when we thought we would be able to get on the HS field (won't be allowed until it is dry enough). Ben questioned if they could use the lower field (now covered with weeds). Explanation was given that that is the field the CRCSD has assigned to JWS but the district has yet to maintain or give access to so that JWS could maintain/improve the field. Quentin has access to chemicals to kill the weeds – would suggest spraying as soon as snow melts, will need to deep drag a week later. Discussion suggests that JWS board members are willing to put in the time to get field playable. Need to get keys from Coach Sells/WHS/the CRCSD (someone).
- **Apparel** – Krista reported we have 8 items sold for a \$27.30 profit. She saw that Oakley had shared with the new players on U10. Thinks we should bring up at indoor workouts. Suzanne questioned if it would be helpful to create a hard copy order form for those that won't / don't order online. Suzanne shared the design for the practice shirts – could combine the apparel and the request for additional practice shirts. Nothing was decided.
- **Fundraising** – Butterbraids is scheduled to begin March 1st with turn in on March 20th and delivery the week before Easter. Quentin stressed that we need to get more aggressive with fundraising. Suzanne pointed out that the intent historically had been that JWS select one fundraiser that will generate sufficient revenue to support our needs rather than do several smaller fundraisers – more important for the girls to be playing ball than raising money. Ben shared fundraising ideas that he has been apart of with other organizations – could be a good idea to pick up something as a team bonding activity that also happens to make some money. There are a lot of options.
- **Social / Team Bonding** – Oakley was unable to attend but based on her post on MOJO . . . March 8th has been secured as the date for a JWS social at Shorts Burgers in Marion. The organization will get 10% of the sales from 5 – 8pm. Shorts Burger has posted the event on their social media sites – we need to do the same.

New Business/Miscellaneous

- **Bylaw & Policy review / revisions** – Bylaws should be reviewed in 2023. Modifications to some of the policy applications have been made but no formal change in policies. Any changes would need to be done by June (to take effect in July). Suzanne requested help with the process. Ben offered to help review.

Next Meeting scheduled Wednesday, March 1st @ 6pm, Mt. Vernon Rd Hy-Vee.