

JWS Board Meeting
January 8, 2020
Minutes

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

Breann Sells made the motion to approve the minutes, Bev LaGrange 2nd – the motion carried to approve the **January minutes** as written.

Committee Updates:

Rosters/Coaches: 10U—has 6 players committed, there is an additional player previously identified as being too young, and another player newly expressed an interest. Still no leads on a coach. Denita has spoken with the Girdner family – Joel is not available, travels too much to commit. The search needs to continue. **12U**—has 14 players committed. Coach Katie Johnson has been registered with USA Softball as head coach – has completed ACE. **14U**—Kiley Peterson has withdrawn from JWS. That leaves 10 players committed. Coach Cami Defrost has been registered with USA Softball as head coach – has completed ACE.

Breann Sells suggested adjustments to U12 & U14 rosters to balance the teams. Her recommendation is to move Selia Stein and Devin Smeby from the U12 to the U14 – this will balance number of players as well as pitchers and catchers. Discussion was given to the fact that would leave Kaidence Johnson (7th gr & friend / basketball teammate to new recruits). Situation is complicated by Kaidence’s mom coaching U12 team – can’t really move player from the team she coaches. Opportunities will be available for Kaidence to join others after U14 season ends & on weekends for tournaments – will have to have further discussions with involved parties. No objection was expressed to Breann’s suggestion – Selia and Devin will be moved to U14 team roster but will not be registered as U14 with USA Softball.

Apparel Offering —Suzanne shared concerns about timeline. Original plan called for apparel/fan shirt release the beginning of Feb – that has yet to happen due to delay of indoor practices. She questioned if we should still offer at all, reduce offerings. Consensus was to release offering as planned. Suzanne suggested that order forms be player specific – any item sold by that player will be printed with that player’s name. Discussion was given as to how to resolve the matter of all fundraisers now being “stacked up” (one beginning as the previous ends). The suggestion was made to run apparel & butterbraids simultaneously and roll out early at Feb. parent meeting.

Mt Mercy Clinics – Feb 29 March 7th are the only remaining dates, Denita reported she is looking to reschedule the sessions missed due to weather. Per initial conversations with Larry Yoder, the MMC softball players are not available after the March 7th date. It may be possible to add additional dates but JWS coaches will have to facilitate. The cost of additional dates was questioned – that information is unknown at this time. Suzanne shared that there would be a small amount of money available in the budget (money marked for clinics).

Indoor practices—have only 1 date in Feb. (2/24). Have that thanks to Coach Sells, she moved the HS practice time opening the 7 – 9pm slot. Denita is expecting to hear by that date what will be available in March.

Budget—Suzanne shared that fees are slow to be paid. Had sent an email requesting final payments to be sent via mail but has only received 1. The newest recruits have been the most diligent in paying. Dropped dead deadline to pay will be the parent's meeting (scheduled for 2/25). All teams have been registered for PG league – coaches need to commit to tournaments, especially U14. Suzanne feels strongly about U14 getting games in – thinks it is necessary to look south for tournaments, don't think we can trust local weather to get games in before May. Cami will investigate opportunities and “poll her team” for availability.

New Business/Miscellaneous

Parent Meeting Rescheduled – Discussion lead to necessity of meeting being sooner than later – should it be in conjunction with the 2/24 practice? 2/24 is a conflict with other WHS activities and for Denita, it is important that she be there to facilitate. The 25th is the earliest all members are available – Breann will secure a location within WHS (request cafeteria?). Agenda items for the meeting will consist of Fundraising (distribution of materials), practice schedules, Final Fee payment, etc.

Possible Policy update – Denita shared that a situation has occurred where a potential player was approached about playing rather than discussing the matter with the parents – feels that a revision to the policies is necessary to avoid a repeat of the situation. Discussion provided background with agreement and suggestions from the board. Suzanne shared that a final revision isn't necessary until September (needs to be approved with a vote by Sept to be effective for 2021 season). Denita will draft revision with assistance from Gregg Slessor.

Next Meeting is scheduled Wednesday, **March 4th, 2020 @ 6pm** TBA location.

Board Members availability

Denita Peterson – out of town – 2/14 thru 2/18.

Breann Sells – out of town – 2/14 thru 2/22.

Cami Kay – out of town – 2/19 thru 2/23.

Suzanne Nichols – out of town every weekend thru 3/8.