

JWS Board Meeting
February 6, 2021
Minutes

Attendance: Denita Peterson, Sheri Dye, Suzanne Nichols, Stephanie DeWitt, Breann Sells

Sheri Dye made a motion to approve the **January Minutes**, the motion was 2nd by Stephanie DeWitt. Minutes were approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Indoor Practice – Time at **D-Bats Academy** has been reserved through Feb. We secured 3 cages and took the times available. There is a \$58/ month membership fee. The cost of Jan time was \$776, expecting \$1024 for Feb. Space works well for throwing and “T” work – there are cages available for hitting off a machine (at an added cost). **Perfect Game** has a turf room available (7000 sq ft) for practices in March. The cost is \$120/ hr. This time puts JWS over budget - Suzanne expressed that this is a necessary expense (what else are we going to do?) Suzanne shared what each team wanted for practice times – discussion produced the recommendation that practices be after 5 pm on weekdays, after 1pm on Sundays and structured as such as to allow for religious ed on Wednesdays. Further discussion was given to the number of players attending. There is some concern about players being able to get to these practices in these locations – carpools need to be established. This is a task for team liaison.

Coaches- 10U- no team currently. Quinton Thurmond has started process for completing ACE for the U12 team. Breann confirmed that she has not received a coaching application from him, and one needs to be completed to remain in compliance with JWS policy. Suzanne will notify Quentin. No one else has expressed an interest in assisting – there needs to be a 2nd coach. **14U** has **Katie Johnson** as the head coach, Breann confirmed that **Jason Sells** is available to assist. Suzanne stated that the team’s roster has already been submitted to and approved by USA Softball, but Jason can be added as soon as ACE is completed. Just let her know.

Coaching 101 - Coach Sells is looking to host a coaching clinic for whomever is planning on helping at practices. Those identified as coaches are expected to attend. Coach Sells is looking at the first of March for this event. Need to secure a location to host – claims not to need too large of a space. Will be more of a lecture format over a demonstrative.

Tryouts/Recruitment Efforts – The suggestion was made that we promote on all platforms and often. This should be the responsibility of one person. No one in attendance stepped up to coordinate this task. Need to look for a “social media liaison” outside of the board. Discussion moved beyond social media to actual “tryout”. Few suggestions were given as to how to find players & market to them. Will update yard signs to use to promote. The space at PG would

work will to host a tryout. March 6th @ 10am was suggested as an appropriate time. 1 hour. Target 12 – 14yr. Sheri Dye can update signs without have them physically in hand – just needs the details. She requests that information be sent via email.

Budget – Suzanne shared expenses to-date. There are 8 players with fees still outstanding. She restated that with the limited number of players currently rostered, the budget is going to be short as the remainder of Spring expenses come in. There are sufficient funds in the associations checking account to cover any shortage for this spring but going forward teams need to be full to avoid and ongoing financial shortfall.

Suggested By-Law changes – The issue of changing the fiscal year may be more trouble than it's worth. Need to confirm with an account as to what effects there may be. The official address of the association will need to be changed when Suzanne leaves the board –should be something permanent but not necessary to do before then.

Fundraising – We are set with Butterbraids. Suzanne solicited the help of Cassie Wichkam in selecting the program we would offer – it was decided that we would also have cookie dough available. Hopefully this will increase sales. Suzanne is also going to inquire with Cathy Lorimer to assist with the sale. Kick off is Feb. 27th, turn in is March 13th, delivery is March 29th.

Sponsorships – only had 2 players inquire about securing sponsorships. No one has secured any. Questions were raised about the viability (was it an issue of short notice or is it something else). Will follow through with practice shirts this spring but do we continue with them – if not what else can we offer to sponsors? Breann shared that the HS program is doing away with the practice shirts this year.

New Business/Miscellaneous - nothing was presented.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm

Next Meeting scheduled **Wednesday, March 3rd @ 5:30PM** TBA location.