

JWS Board Meeting

March 1, 2023

Minutes

Attendance: Suzanne Nichols, Quentin Thurmond, Sheri Dye, Cassie Wickham, Oakley Etter, Breann Sells, Krista Kronstein, Ben Wickum

Cassie made the motion to approve the February Minutes as presented. Sheri Dye 2nd the motion. **The February minutes were approved.**

Budget – Suzanne shared that all U10 fees have been collected, with the exception of the possible new player. U12 still has 2 players with outstanding fees (1 has been offered a scholarship but they have not responded with an acceptance; the other is making payments). U14 has one player with a \$5 balance but the player hasn't been seen since fall - question if Emma Blazek is continuing. The outstanding uniforms amounts have been collected. U10's uniforms have been ordered but not paid for by either the players or the association. There is \$2252 in expenses incurred in February that have not been paid. Association is still on budget.

Committee Updates

Field Usage/maintenance – lower field – Coach Sells reported that she has had a meeting with David Picton (a district employee and Jr Warrior Baseball parent) and Grant Schultz (WHS AD). Baseball would like to have access to the lower field and propose split usage with softball. They have already made arrangements for a shed to be built and improvements made to the field. Baseball is asking that JWS pay half of the construction cost of the shed. Construction of a 10'x10' shed would be done by the building trades program at WHS at a cost of aprox. \$2000. (a final cost would not be known until the end of the semester). Coach Sells said that a work order has been put into the district to have the field re-pinned (bases set at 60', mound set at 43') but there is no information available on when the field would be usable. Discussion was given to usage priority – there are way more baseball teams than softball and not enough time for everyone. Coach sells assured that usage priority would be given first to the WHS softball program, then to JWS and then to baseball. Suzanne expressed strong opposition/concern about such an arrangement – Questioned what happened to the contract for usage that JWS was forced to sign and then the district didn't follow through on providing a usable space or access to improve. Further stated that JWS has tried to work with baseball in the past and softball was run over / pushed aside. What is to keep this from happening again? Coach Sells said the "contract" was for only last year so the past has nothing to do with this proposal. This proposal is a way to move forward. With or without this partnership, JWS would still have access to the varsity field. Sheri made the motion to approve the split cost for a shed at the lower field. Oakley 2nd the motion. A vote of 6 – 1 carried the motion to split the cost.

Coach Sells said she would notify Mr. Schultz and Mr. Picton of our decision (would CC JWS) and then exit the arrangement. Does not want to be in the middle.

- Outdoor Practice Schedule – After some discussion – HS will hold pre-season outdoor practices on Thursdays @ 5 pm & will have pitchers working out on Mondays. U14 will practice on Mondays @ 5:30. U10 will practice on Tuesdays @ 5:30. Neither JWS team selected a 2nd practice day. Coach Sells offered the

use of the lights this spring – need to contact her to gain access as they are controlled via her phone.

Spring/Summer Tournaments

- U14 requests – 4/9 & 4/23 tournaments through Corridor Sports. Ask that registration be held til confirmation could be made that there would be enough players available for each. Per age disclosure on registration forms – there should be enough players (may have to pick up 1) for the U14 team to continue playing through June. Ben shared that he experienced difficulty with player commitment in the Fall and expects something similar as some are looking to summer basketball over playing softball.
- U10 requests – 6/11 Bombs Away in North Liberty.

Indoor Workouts

- U10 Coaches shared that there was difficulty getting players to focus and put forth good effort. U14 seem resistant to performing warmups and dailies without a facilitator hovering over and constantly asking “what’s next”. It was advised to force them to step up. It was also advised that U14 needs to do the outfield dailies every practice – they will in HS. Drill can be done without balls – use cones to rotate drop foot.
- Ben was asked if he wanted the Saturdays during spring break for team practices (3/11 & 3/18)? We would need to discuss how the expense would be covered (\$220/wk) but it would give the team an opportunity to have a practice before games start the next week. Ben reported he would have to check to see if there would be anyone available or enough to even run a practice. He will be in touch if he wants the time. Then Sheri can inquire.

Fundraising – Butterbraid packets were distributed on Saturday (2/25). Everyone has been set up with an online store. Coach Sells is offering them at WHS. The link is being put on the JWS website. Turn-in date is 3/20. Delivery is 4/3. A Free butterbraid is offered to those that sell 40 items or more. We need this to go well.

Social / Team Bonding – Oakley confirmed that our event is set for Shorts Burger and Shine in Marion for March 8th (5 – 8:30pm). Nothing additional has been planned in way of games / give aways for the event. JWS members encouraged to attend as we receive a percentage of the sales during that time period.

Apparel – Krista reported that additional sales have been made and our profit is up to aprox. \$30. Need to further promote.

There was no New Business/Miscellaneous. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting scheduled Wednesday, April 5th @ 6pm, Mt. Vernon Rd Hy-Vee.