

JWS Board Meeting
May 4th, 2023
Minutes

Due to an exorbitant number of conflicts, the May meeting was attempted via email. All members participated. Discussion ended on 5/10.

April Minutes were approved as presented.

Budget – an update was emailed out. No elaboration or explanation was given. No questions were asked.

Committee Updates – The only committee report discussed was recruitment.

- Outdoor practice Schedule
 - U10
 - U14
 - HS
 - Jr. Warrior Baseball
- League / Tournament Update
 - U10
 - U14
- Opportunities for 7th graders
- Field Usage/maintenance – lower field
 - Meeting w/ JWB summary
 - Clarification of what JWS agreed to
- **Recruiting / Tryouts for '23 – '24 season**
 - Recruiting opportunity w/ G.W – needs volunteers to assist with GW planned activities as well as man a booth promoting JWS. The link to GW's signuption was provided in a separate email. Suggestions were made as to what JWS should have at the promotional booth – a giveaway, the flyer promoting our camp / tryouts, information about JWS, an interactive activity.
 - Hosting a camp as recruiting/tryout – All members were in agreement that this would be a good idea. The matter of a date and time was a point of much conflict. An original date of 6/10 was suggestion – no support was given for this date; only conflicts shared. An alternative suggestion was made to wait until July 8th or 15th to give us additional time to prepare. It was shared that an itinerary for the event was already prepared, the flyer to promote had been created – just needed a date to be able to move forward with district approval & distribution. Coach Sells emphasized her opinion that the camp should be hosted in June – no direct objections were expressed but no suggested date was offered. After a great deal of back & forth and some discussion moving to text – an executive decision was made to host on June 17th. This date is a conflict for the HS program as they will be in a tournament in West Delaware; so the assistance of HS players will not be an option. Sheri Dye, Ben Wickum & Suzanne Nichols had stated during discussion they were available on the 17th to assist with camp. It was not determined if this event is strictly for new players or if current players need to attend to secure their roster spot.
 - Flyer approval-the June 17th date & 1 – 2:30pm time was added to the flyer. Sheri Dye had made suggestions to the original draft; Krista Kronstein converted that revised draft to a format that was conducive to printing and polished it up. The flyer was submitted to the District for

approval on 5/10. Got a verbal confirmation from Justin @ the district that it was approved on 5/11.

New Business/Miscellaneous

- Nomination of new board members
- **Open items** – Suzanne presented a request made by Jr. Warrior Baseball for JWS to paint the benches on the lower field. This request came as a result of an inquiry Suzanne made to Jr. Warrior Baseball to identify what baseball was expecting of softball in way of maintenance equipment or to be able to use what baseball already possessed. Did baseball expect softball to provide specific items or pay an amount to use their equipment. The inquiry was budget based for the remainder of this & for the next fiscal year. The response that was given was that “baseball has a gator, drags and rakes; JWS could paint the benches.” This request elicited very strong reactions / opinions. The consensus was that JWS would not be devoting any additional funds this fiscal year (beyond the contribution for the construction of the shed as previously voted upon). JWS still does not have the information from baseball necessary to properly plan our '23-'24 budget – Suzanne has concerns that baseball will continually be asking for JWS to pay for things . . . nickel & diming JWS into a poor financial position.

During discussions & email / text strings Quentin stated that all future business needs to be handled in person. Email meetings are inefficient and confusing.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for June 7th @ 6pm at Mt. Vernon Road HyVee.

Since the email meeting.

- Camp flyer was approved. Parents with players at Arthur, Johnson, Garfield & Erskine were contacted to see if they could get the flyer in their respective school's newsletter. Anne Ironside will contact Erskine, also has an “in” at McKinley & Harding and will contact them as well. Need to find a way into Kenwood & Franklin.
- Sheri Dye was contacted with the date & time of the camp. The request was made that Sign Pro produce the updated stickers for the yard signs. The plan is to have the yard signs out by June 1st.
- Camp flyer was printed postcard size at Office Max – picked up on 5/11. Handed out at GW Griffin Grill Out on 5/12.
- JWS fact sheet was updated with current board members. The fee amounts were left the same for the '23-'24 season.
- The website was updated with the camp information on 5/11.
- Sheri Dye, Ben Wickum & Suzanne Nichols confirmed that they were available to help facilitate camp on June 17th. Need to ask parents to help fill the gaps – an initial inquiry has been made with a couple of the U10 parents.
- A promotional booth was set up at GW on 5/12 – Brittney Bell & Kendall Bayzn, Ben & Maija Wickum, Krista Kronstein & Jaida Kronstein – Steeples and Kaiya Fortner attended to volunteer at either the GW photo booth or the JWS promotional booth.