

**JWS Board Meeting  
June 1, 2022  
Minutes**

**Attendance:** Oakley Etter, Suzanne Nichols, Denita Peterson

**May Minutes** were shared, reviewed and discussed but not officially approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Budget** – Suzanne shared that there weren't any changes to report since last meeting. She gave Coach Maybanks 2 checks for registration into tournaments for the U13 players prior to her departure on May 3<sup>rd</sup> but hasn't received any information from coach regarding the amounts of those checks/or if anything was arranged. Oakley confirmed that they did play in at least 1 tournament. No refund has been received for the tournament that U14 pulled out of in May – nor a status update available.

**Updates on teams, practices and season were unavailable as those with that information were not in attendance.** Oakley shared that the U12 team is struggling to field a team – have had to play with only 8 players on more than one occasion. Discussion raised the question if this was a function of the team being comprised of players outside the WHS district – no buy in?. This is a question for the coaches.

**Field Usage/maintenance – lower field** – Based on appearance via a “drive-by” before the meeting – nothing has yet been done to the field despite emails stating there would be. Denita stated that Coach Sells is aware and has several “work orders” in that also have not been addressed by the district. Questions were raised as to why WHS won't just give JWS permission to improve the field – JWS was willing to spend the money without expectation of reimbursement. At this point the district has wasted our time and ability to practice. Denita will contact the district.

**Tryouts & Recruitment** – Confirmed that July 13<sup>th</sup> is the selected date (5:30pm check in, 6 pm evaluations begin). Per response after last meeting, Coach Sells is available and will facilitate.

Oakley gave an update of what has been completed with regards to promotion and recruitment. Flyers were sent to Prairie, LinMar and Cedar Rapids schools for distribution in virtual backpacks. Requested distribution to elementary & middle schools. The question was raised “why Prairie & LinMar”, response was current players in those schools have been talking it up. Suzanne doesn't necessarily have a problem with reaching out to those schools but if we are going to actively recruit outside the WHS district we may need to make changes to our mission statement and bylaws. Oakley confirmed that no hard copies of the flyer were distributed at the schools or anywhere else. The inquiry into a bulk mailing was unsuccessful – too expensive. The flyer has been posted on facebook and tiktok.

Discussion yielded suggestions of getting **flyers in DQ, Hy-Vee, the local gas stations, Subway and distributed through Girl Scouts & Girls on the run**. No one volunteered to run these leads down. Additional suggestions for promotion were 1) having a **radio announcement** like last year. Would need to inquire with Sheri Dye to confirm this is an option. 2) placing an **ad with the PennySaver & Gazette** – Denita needs to approve the text before placement. Oakley will identify cost (have only budgeted \$100 for tryouts and nothing for recruitment) as well as the availability of players to participate. 4) **updating facebook** so that our flyer is “blasted as an ad”. There is a cost but we can set the amount of money we are wanting to spend.

Suzanne will be in touch with Sheri to get the yard signs updated. She is concerned about placement of signs – who is going to be responsible for this & how do we assure we get them back. We have lost about 1/3 of our signs due to players not returning them. Ideas for placement were brainstormed (on East Post Rd, @ DeeDee’s, @ Hy-Vee, @ Bever Pool, @ DQ) but no plan was set. Want signs placed by June 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business/Miscellaneous**

**U14 team** – concern was expressed for how the U14 spring season went. Should we be only attempting to field a team in the fall and having them play more games? Most of the U14 spring season was canceled due to weather. The suggestion was made that they don’t play league and play tournaments into May – the HS program doesn’t allow for them to play once the HS season begins. This needs more discussion as a change could affect the fee amount.

**Fee collections** – Suzanne would like JWS to consider removing the “installment” option for paying fees. Once again collection has been a problem and families are abusing the payment option. Suzanne request this be on the agenda for July or August.

**Better parental involvement** – Denita express the need for greater parental involvement. Suggested the implementation of a “parental clause”. This could be added the agreement as used by Jr.Warrior volleyball. Denita will work on this for presentation at a later meeting.

**JWS Night @ the Ballpark** – tomorrow, June 2<sup>nd</sup> the JWS players will be recognized at the WHS varsity game. Player list needs to be provided to Coach Sells by morning. Reminder needs to be sent to players.

**Next Meeting, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at the TicToc.**