

**JWS Board Meeting
June 4, 2023
Minutes**

Attendance: Sheri Dye, Quentin Thurmond, Oakley Etter, Krista Kronstein, Suzanne Nichols, Cassie Wickham

Cassie Wickham made a motion to approve the May Minutes as presented. Sheri Dye 2nd the motion. **May Minutes were approved.**

Budget – Suzanne shared that we have finally received a partial refund for the U14 tournament that was cancelled in April. There have been additional coaching expenses as U10 added an assistant coach (Alan Manning). The suggested purchases to promote JWS at the Griffin Grill Out and tryouts have been made – still within budget but concerned about shed bill & possible refund/credit to players due to U14 games not played. Suzanne stated that we will be over budget given the projected expenses.

Committee Updates

League / Tournament Update -

- U10 – Oakley reported league play continues for til the 14th and the team will not be playing any additional tournaments.
- U14 – No U14 coaches were in attendance. Suzanne shared that she had found 3 additional tournaments for the team, but Ben didn't respond to the offer and when Kaitlin was contacted – she received only 5 responses that players were available to play. No tournaments have been or will be scheduled for the team. That leaves the 7th graders not playing or practicing since mid-May and having received no contact from the coaches. Suzanne has heard from one parent that is dissatisfied with this situation and the parent stated that they will probably return to Hiawatha league – they feel JWS is unorganized & too expensive.

JWS Night at WHS – June 15th – Players will be introduced between games. They should be at the ballpark at 5pm and dressed in full uniform to be admitted free. Parents and siblings will be required to pay the gate fee. Suzanne reported the JWS website has been updated with the information and that an email has been sent to all current players. Oakley reported that the information has been posted on the JWS private Facebook page (public page has been hacked / receiving a lot of spam so isn't being used) and will be posted again on MOJO.

Recruiting / Tryouts for '23 – '24 season

- **Camp / Tryout plan** – Sheri Dye has agreed to facilitate the event. The plan is to have participants stretch and do throwing drills together; then break into stations for hitting, infield & outfield fielding, and base running; finishing with an opportunity for players to “scrimmage” / put skills into a game situation. Sheri does not want to use the evaluation forms – will just make notes if necessary. Suzanne will get plan into print and to Sheri for review and reference for the day.
- **Yard sign placement** – Sign Pro updated the information for the yard signs but to date none have been placed. It was suggested that a sign be placed on the corner of Bever & 34th. Board members present each took signs to place in their yard – Oakley took 5, Sheri took 3, Quentin took 2, Suzanne placed 4.
- **Social Media Updated** – Oakley stated it is on all platforms.
- **Volunteers** – We have commitments from Gage D., & Piper, Dana N. Ben Wickum had committed but is no longer available. Suzanne said she had previously mentioned it to a couple of U10 parents – she'll follow up with them. Should be okay with help.

Field Usage/maintenance – lower field

- **Sign usage contract with CRCSD** – the contract that the district sent out is for each feeder organization (not each team). Concern that JWB will not abide by the contract and JWS will be

put in a bad position by association was expressed. The contract was signed by Quentin Thurmond & Suzanne Nichols and will be delivered on Monday to the district office.

- **Clarification of what JWS agreed to** – Suzanne asked what everyone's opinion was of what JWS agreed to regarding the shed. There was a variety of opinions expressed but the majority believed that we had committed the \$1000 budgeted. The "bill" for the shed is \$2419.39 – the email from the building trades instructor that contained this amount did not disclose specifics about this amount (is this JWS portion, an amount to be split, any mention of the \$500 from an outside donor that was presented in March). Discussion led to the decision that JWS would clarify the existence of the outside donor and split the cost of the shed (even though this amount will now potentially put JWS over budget).

JWS plan for improvements – Going forward there needs to be better communication and detailed plans that include cost estimates before any action is taken. Additionally, now that the usage contract is in place – written notification of proposed improvements will need to be presented to the district for approval before action can be taken. Suzanne suggested that JWS have its list of priorities for improvements – will allow for better communication with JWB and budget planning.

Nomination of new board members – Oakley Etter's and Quentin Thurmond's terms are up. We need to know if they are renewing their commitment or letting their term expire. Both were non-committal at the meeting but leaning toward letting their term expire. Need to get new board members – election needs to happen in July as terms begin in August.

No New Business was presented.

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

Since the meeting

- The tryout camp was held. The turn out was poor. There were no U12 or U14 aged players in attendance.
- Quentin received a phone call & email from the Jr. Warrior Baseball president, Todd Barker. Baseball didn't realize that there was work to be done to prep the ground before concrete can be laid and now has a \$2500 expense that they want/expect JWS to split. Further communication between the organizations' presidents has resulted in a lower cost for concrete (total JWS expected contribution for shed & concrete is \$1709.69) and a proposal for resurfacing the lower field.
- An email was sent to Coach Sells for confirmation & her input.
- Quentin requested JWS withhold payment until some sort of confirmation is obtained and JWS board is fully informed.