

JWS Board Meeting

June 5, 2019

Minutes

Attendance: Coach Breann Sells, Bev LaGrange, Sheri Dye, Suzanne Nichols, Denita Peterson, Cami Kay

Sheri motioned for approval of April Minutes, Bev 2nd the motion - April Minutes were approved

Committee Updates

10U— team is struggling, pitchers not working at home so coming to games unprepared. Maybe need to look at extending practices for pitchers (suggest 1 additional practice per week). Team is expecting 10 players for Fall (Winnie is not playing – per Matt conflict with basketball) Fall Coaches: Lester – head/Alex - Asst

12U— team is seeing some success. Brianna Briener has joined the team now that U14 has moved onto HS. Kya Brown has been missing from practices and games for past few weeks – she has rejoined the team and will be playing this fall. Team is expecting 9 players for Fall (Katelyn Kock will be playing tennis, Melanie Swain is moving). Fall Coaches- Jason - head/Louis - Asst

14U— team didn't play any of the Spring/Summer tournaments to which they were registered. Suzanne inquired to the whereabouts of the registration fees – were they returned to Coach Kay? Per Coach Kay, she instructed them to destroy the checks. Team has been invited to participate in the Hall of Fame Days –weekend August 24th vs Marion. Game will be played on diamond 1 at Ellis Park (time TBD). Who all will be participating? Anna Wilson, Haven Johnson, Madison Law, Kiley Peterson have expressed conflicts with playing fall league and are not expected on the team. Coach Kay will not be coaching this Fall. Coaching will be done by Sheri Dye & Breann Sells.

Mya Carstensen – has reached out again about participating this fall with JWS. Suzanne has already spoken with the family – looking to conduct “tryout/evaluation” mid-July.

League Schedules: Sarah with PG has done an amazing job trying to accommodate all U10 game requests – looks like they will get all their games in. U14 didn't have the same positive experience – expressed difficulty getting games in and working with HS. Claims players didn't make JWS a priority. Suggest that U14 be a Fall team only. Discussion was given to the fact that HS isn't going to have a parent coach going forward for a U16/U18 team – JWS may have to pick up this team. If they were to do so, that would eliminate any conflict with JWS U14 & HS.

Fall League – All teams have been registered for the league through Prefect Game – to be held out at Prospect Meadows. U14 may be thin on players – might need to look at re-rostering teams. Will need to hold a “fall tryout/evaluation” in July.

2020 League- PST (Positive Sports Training – those controlling USSSA in eastern Iowa) are launching a softball league in 2020. Claim to have a large number of the area HS coaches behind this as well as a large number of teams already committed. Suzanne shared their proposed program structure. Per Suzanne the only real benefit she sees that they are offering is the “flexible schedule” – coaches would set their own schedule (not committed to a single day of the week to play). There isn't any cost benefit to switching to USSSA – actually will lose some player specific benefits and will potentially cost more. **PST is looking for a commitment**

early this fall. Coach Sells doesn't support a change at this time. No vote was taken. Tabled for a later meeting.

Budget: Suzanne shared the updated budget – U10 & U12 teams have been registered for additional summer tournaments (6/29 in Waterloo). All teams have been registered for Fall league and for the fall BOSOX tournament in Dubuque. We are on track to meet budget.

Website – Has had limited updates. Suzanne has added what she has been provided. Team pages have not had any additions / submissions all season. Don't know that all liaisons have accepted access to the website. Need to schedule a "web training" this fall.

Team Liaisons- need to confirm that current liaisons are going to continue, need to better define their rolls within JWS.

- **10U**—Cassie Wickham
- **12U**— Dave Osterhaus
- **14U**—Denita Peterson

Board Slate 2019-2020 – Denita's, Suzanne's & Breann's board positions are up for renewal. Each either need to resubmit for re-election or their position needs to be filled. Denita will send an email to the membership looking for nominations, self-nominations are acceptable.

- President -
- Vice President -
- Secretary -
- Treasurer -
- Coaching Coordinator -

New Business/Miscellaneous

Jr Warrior Night June 13th - U12 team members are to be at the field at 5:30, U10 will come immediately after their game. Introductions will be made between games. Suzanne will confirm with Brenda Carter that JWS players get into the game free if they are in full uniform. Denita will communicate the plan/expectations to the membership.

End of Season Celebration – board finally settled on July 28th @ Sugar Bottom Day Use Area. 11-3. JWS will provide the meat & condiments. Suggest the event be "pot luck" with players bringing their own drinks & side dishes to share. Denita will plan and communicate with membership.

JWS players have been given the opportunity to serve as "bat girls" at the HS games – U10 on Tues & U12 on Thurs. Have not received much response to the opportunity.

Warrior Night @ Culvers on July 9th in Hiawatha. Restaurant will donate a % of the receipts back to the program. More details will be coming.

Next Meeting is scheduled Wednesday, July 3 at 5:30PM – location TBD