

JWS Board Meeting

July 28, 2021

Minutes

Attendance: Denita Peterson, Cami Kay, Sheri Dye, Stephanie DeWitt, Cassie Wickham, Suzanne Nichols, Louis Brown, Quentin Thurmond

July Minutes were presented. Sheri pointed out typos to be corrected and made the motion that minutes be approved with corrections made. Cassie 2nd the motion. Minutes approved.

The discussion during the meeting bounced from topic-to-topic and circled back around to points already discussed. What is disclosed below is the final summary of that agenda item and action taken.

Committee Reports -

- **Proposed 21-22 budget** – Suzanne presented the proposed budget. While most numbers were based on last year's expenses a few line items were an educated guess based on past years actuals. No research was made to acquire current cost estimates. Suzanne wanted it noted that numbers would drastically change with the reduction of an age level, change from USA Softball registration and the removal of ACE certifications for the coaches. Questions were raised if that is really what we wanted to do (eliminating the ACE requirement). No response was given.
- **Roster finalization** – Coach Sells confirmed that the players in attendance at tonight's alternative tryout possessed sufficient skills and should be added to rosters. With those additions - U14 has 11 players, U12 has 7 players, U10 has 9 players. It was decided that coaches may recruit additional players and evaluations would be conducted at a team practice (to be in compliance with JWS policy). Suzanne shared that recruitment needs to be completed by Aug 6th (the deadline for uniforms).
- **Practice Schedules** – Coach Sells confirmed that JWS may use the HS field for practices this fall. She will meet with the coaches, provide instructions for field use, and give them keys to the facility. If instructions for field use are not strictly follow – keys will be repossessed, and teams will have to find other facilities. Nick (U12) had requested Monday & Wednesday practices @ 6pm prior to the meeting. Quentin (U14) would like to coordinate with U12 for Wednesday practices – would like the opportunity to scrimmage. U14 will practice Wednesdays @ 5pm and Saturdays @ 2pm. Louis (U10) wants to practice at least 1 ½ hrs. – was told he can run practices for any length of time he thinks is appropriate but to remember his age level. Anything longer than that may be difficult to hold U9 player's attention, especially if there is much standing around. U10, beginning 8/3, will practice Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 6pm until games start and then will re-evaluate.
- **Fall League** – Suzanne explained that there is some drama surrounding fall league and who is hosting. She reported that she had received an email from Sarah Cook stating that she was working with Corridor Sports to host a fall league (would be USSSA sanctioned). Suzanne was under the understanding that Sarah was employed with Perfect Game and coordinating their fall league. Suzanne inquired with PG – her inquiry was the first that PG had learned of Sarah's departure. Suzanne shared her concerns with working with someone so seemingly sneaky (for the lack of a better word). Discussion was given to the benefits of either league – consensus was to go with the "sure thing" and commit to the league hosted by Corridor Sports with the

understanding that means a change for our program with whom we register our players and insurance.

- **Tournament Selection/Coaches Availability** – Coaches had been asked to bring available dates to the meeting. Nick (U12) was not in attendance, Quentin (U14) stated he was available the entire month of September & October, Louis (U10) questioned the number of tournaments & location – doesn't want to leave town. He was told that U10 was budgeted for 1 tournament for fall, but they could play more. He and Suzanne will discuss further later.
- **Parents Meeting** – Will be held 8/19. Coach Sells will secure a room at WHS. No discussion was given to the agenda or to whom will be facilitating the meeting. There is an outline for orientation in JWS policies.

New Business/Miscellaneous

- **USSSA vs USA Softball** – Discussion was focused on the benefits of each. Members expressed biggest concern was that there weren't enough tournament opportunities with USA Softball – USSSA was hosting more in the CR Metro area/Corridor. Suzanne expressed concern that with USSSA the players themselves are not insured and USSSA doesn't provide any coaching training. Shari made the motion to register the JWS teams with USSSA for the '21-'22 playing season. Cami 2nd the motion. Motion was approved with a 5 – 1 vote. Louis inquired about the U10 team being registered as U9 – Suzanne confirmed that would be possible given the birthdates of the players to be rostered.

Next Meeting scheduled Wednesday, Sept 1 @ 5:30PM TBA location.

Since the meeting

- **U12** has recruited 4 additional players – contact has been made, uniforms have been ordered, evaluations will be made at a practice after 8/15 and forms collected at the parents meeting. These additions give that team 11 players.
- An additional **U9** player has inquired – there is difficulty with getting them a game jersey for fall, but we are going to add them to the roster. The addition gives the team 10. Evaluation will be done on Tuesday's (8/17) practice.
- Teams have been registered with USSSA; insurance has been purchased but there are questions about classification of teams. Do we want any of our teams classified as "class C" – this requires a petition to the state USSSA director.
- Coach Sells has secured the Cafeteria at WHS for 8/19 @ 6pm. This is also the same night of New Student Orientation