

JWS Board Meeting
July 28, 2022
Minutes

Attendance: Cassie Wickham, Oakley Etter, Denita Peterson, Suzanne Nichols

July Minutes were presented and approved

Budget Update – not much to report. With the distribution of \$1000 to the WHS softball program, we are within \$300 of a balanced budget.

Tryout Results – we didn't see the level of participants that was expected. Only 4 returning U14 players expressed an interest in playing (2 were in attendance) – all but 2 from the Spring team are age eligible. Had a fairly good amount of inquiries from the JWS website – not sure what brought them to the site (yard signs? social media?)

U14 had 13 players in attendance – 8 have committed, 3 haven't responded, 2 have dropped.

U12 had 6 players in attendance – 2 have committed, 2 haven't responded, 2 have dropped.

U10 had 9 players in attendance – 5 have committed, 4 haven't responded.

Have teams – need coaches.

Roster estimations – With Coach Maybanks withdrawing as coach of U12 team – team is no longer viable. Offer those that have committed the opportunity to play on the U14 team for the fall (see what spring brings). U14 is viable. U10 can be viable if all commit.

Coaches – Coach Sells had a lead on a possibility **for U14** but we heard an update. The suggestion was made to reach out to Maija Wickum's dad (former JWS baseball coach for Maija; has also coached other sports). Denita will reach out to inquire about his interest / willingness to coach. The question was raised – “other programs have their varsity coaches as assistants at the U14 level, why don't we?” That would be a question for Coach Sells – suspect it has a lot to do with her responsibilities at the HS (too time consuming – no time for anything extra).

Had some possible leads on coaches **for U10** but families didn't follow through with attendance at tryouts or respond to inquiries. A suggestion was made to reach out to Holly – Denita made it clear she isn't welcome back to JWS.

Need to send email to parent outlining the need for coaches.

Practice Schedules – can't determine until coaches are established.

Fall League – Have received information about two being hosted by Corridor Sports – one in CR; one in Coralville. CR League is held at Triple play park on Tuesday & Thursdays (U14 would play on Tuesdays) – 6 weeks/6 games guaranteed. \$340 if paid via check directly to Sarah Cook.

Parents Meeting – Need to get U14 going as quickly as possible – need a location for the meeting. May want to consider holding team meetings separately as each team would have issues to discuss specific to them.

New Business/Miscellaneous

- **Social Media** – recruiting efforts through social media were inhibited by access. Need to close all social media accounts and start over – use as little personal / individual information as possible – use JWS @gmail account.
- **Source for additional players** – Saints & Cougar programs were unable to field 2nd teams at several levels – need to reach out to them to identify players who are looking for a team.

Next Meeting scheduled Wednesday, Sept 7th @ 5:30PM @ the TicToc.

Since the meeting:

Ben Wickum has agreed to coach U14. Wants to hold a meeting with assistant coaches before 1st practice and meeting with parents. Looking at beginning practices Aug 15th.