

## JWS Board Meeting

July 3, 2019

Minutes

**Attendance:** Denita Peterson, Breann Sells, Sheri Dye, Beverly LaGrange, Suzanne Nichols, Cassie Wickham, Cami Kay

June Minutes were presented and approved.

### **Committee Updates:**

**Rosters/Coaches: 10U**— Corrin & Mila are questionable. The Tyler girls are NOT playing. Everyone else should be in. Matt & Lester are returning as coaches. **12U**—Expecting everyone back this fall, haven't heard otherwise. Jason & Louis will be coaching. Are asking Dave Osterhaus to get his ACE certification. **14U**— Anna, Haven & Madison will NOT be playing. Sheri & Breann Sells will be coaching (pending WHS approval for Coach Sells to coach).

**Hall of Fame Days** – U14 is slated to play Marion at Ellis Park on Sunday, Aug 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. Game will begin after the scholarship presentations. (\$1000 softball scholarship to Kirkwood)

**League Schedules:** All Teams have been registered for the fall league with Perfect Game. Games will **begin Aug 19<sup>th</sup>** and run to Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. U14 plays on Mondays, U12 plays on Tuesdays, and U10 plays on Thursdays. Games will be held at PG Park and Prospect Meadows. 5:45 pm & 7:15 pm start times at both locations.

**Budget:** Suzanne presented the budget. Only change from previous month was the \$40 expense for the U10 team ice cream party as reward for participation in butterbraid fundraiser.

**Tournaments** – PST is offering a fall tournament at the odd age levels (U9, U11, U13). We can field teams at these levels, but it would force a few of the 14s out. To participate, must be registered USSSA – that would be an additional (non-budgeted expense). Discussion was not positive – decision was made to pass on the opportunity. Will leave it to the coaches to decide which & how many additional tournaments they will play this fall.

**Team Liaisons**-Sheri Dye didn't have any updates on the team liaisons. None have accessed the website to update team pages. Need to schedule a "website training".

**Board Slate 2019-2020** – Denita hasn't received any nominations yet. Cami Kay expressed an interest in serving as VP next year. It was brought up that Parents are asking for additional information about getting involved with JWS. The information is available in the JWS by-laws and policies but maybe beneficial to hold a meeting. Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 would be the best time to hold a meeting. Need to have nomination in by August 12<sup>th</sup>, need to publish the slate on August 16<sup>th</sup> and vote to be held on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Denita will facilitate the informational meeting.

**End of Season Banquet** – Is scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup>. Denita has received no RSVPs – she questions if we need to cancel. If we do so, we will lose our \$50 reservation deposit. After some discussion it was decided that an additional notice / reminder would be sent out and plans would move forward. Denita will plan bonding activities and send additional emails.

### **New Business/Miscellaneous**

Breann Sells would like to schedule a Fall clean up day. Questions were brought up about what is being done about the lower field. Coach Sells has someone who has expressed an interest in helping clean up / renovate the field but has not been able to get there. Suzanne brought up the fact that JWS has budgeted money to help with the lower field and suggests that JWS be allowed to move forward with improvements. Coach Sells didn't object. Need to check with Kohl's Cares program – find out details as to how to get them to help & donate.

Maya Carstensen has reached out about rejoining JWS this fall. She will need to be evaluated before being allowed to roster with a team. Based on age, she would still be U12 eligible but U14 needs players. Evaluation scheduled for Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> – Sheri & Breann will facilitate from 3-4 pm at the varsity field. Evaluation time will be shared with the two other players that have inquired with JWS.

2020 Tryouts were discussed. Sunday, Sept. 22 was selected as the date. From 2 – 4 PM at the varsity field will be the time frame. Need to send out a "Save the Date" email. Need to post to the webpage & Facebook. Discussion was given to which schools we want to focus on for recruiting & how are going to go about promoting. Suggestion was made to put out "tryout" sign at each of the feeder schools. Can we afford to do that?

Breann shared that there is some confusion as to who is coaching at the U10 level. At the last tournament – Alex left in the middle of the tournament and took Mila with him. She was unaware that he was going to be doing so and from her perspective, it appeared to be a surprise to Matt as well. She also noticed that when he was interacting with the players, he was giving poor instruction. After Alex's departure, Aaron was in the dugout helping & was also on the field assisting. Board members had more questions and Breann had answers. It was decided that in the absence of a VP, Denita and Breann would address the Alex situation. If meeting him in person, Suzanne should be present (as secretary) to document the discussion. Aaron just needs to complete ACE if he is going to continue to interact with the girls at games. Again, Denita & Breann confirmed they would follow up.

**Next Meeting is scheduled Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6PM – Edith Lucille's**

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, the matter of teams requesting to play more tournaments than JWS had budgeted was brought to the board's attention. Denita Peterson made the motion that "if a team requests to play extra tournaments, then the individuals playing on that team pays for those tournaments". The motion was seconded by Breann Sells. As policy dictates, a 24-hour discussion period was entered. Most discussion was in favor of the motion. Some suggestions were made as to how to collect the money for tournaments and how fees should be calculated. Those suggestions were outside of the motion before us and have been set aside for later discussion. On July 19<sup>th</sup>, discussion closed, and a vote was called. On July 20<sup>th</sup> the motion carried.