

JWS Board Meeting

July 5, 2023

Minutes

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

Krista made the motion to approve the June Minutes. Sheri 2nd the motion. **June minutes were approved.**

Budget Update / Year End Summary – Suzanne reported that our finances are on track with what we budgeted. The payment for shed has not yet been issued (there are several issues at play) – even though the amount billed is greater than we approved in March; we can pay and stay within budget if we don't refund / issue credits for the U12 players that didn't get in any games this summer. We can even cover the \$500+ being requested for the cost of concrete instillation. However, if we are fiscally responsible to our players – the overages will put us \$700+ behind before the next season begins.

Tryout Results – There were only 9 players in attendance. No one from the U12 or U14 age levels. Only one player in attendance has committed to play with JWS.

- **Roster estimations** – as of this meeting we have commitments from 2 – U14, 1 – U12 & 2 – U10 players. Suzanne shared she is at a loss as to what to do – everyone has been contacted at least twice with the opportunity to play. Board members present with players did state they hadn't had time to respond. Discussion as to how to grow numbers morphed into what to plans for the '23 – '24 season.

'23 – '24 Season

- **Coaches** – Sheri Dye has agreed to coordinate the coaches for this upcoming season. We have one application for U10 – applicant has provided all the “right” answers on the application; she hasn't had the chance to talk to them directly. We have received an email from a parent interested in establishing a U8 team and has offered to coach. Based on initial google search/facebook inquiry – the individual has district contacts that could be beneficial to all age levels. Further contact is needed. Quentin shared that Nick Maybanks has reached out inquiring about JWS teams – if there were to be a U14 for his daughter Izzy, he expressed a willingness to coach. Questions were raised about his available time given his position as DA.
- **Practice Schedules** – Can't really set a schedule without coaches. It was suggested that if we do not have full teams, we still conduct practices for the players we do have. Everyone agreed that would be beneficial to player development but who is going to facilitate the practices. Suggestion was made to have yard signs made an given to those that have committed – inviting people to join them at practice . . . might be a good recruiting technique.
- **Fall League** – Information is posted on the Corridor Sports website but has not yet been sent out via email. Without full teams & coaches in place – we are not going to register teams for Fall league.
- **Parents Meeting** – Without teams in place – there isn't a need for an informational meeting. Will address this when rosters are full.

- **Kick Off** – Would be great to revitalize this aspect of JWS but without teams there is no need for a “kick off” party.

Field Usage/ Maintenance – lower field

- **JWB Partnership status** – Quentin shared briefly his conversation(s) with the baseball president. Was first contacted acknowledging that they didn’t fully have their ducks in a row when committing to the shed. They didn’t realize what would be involved to place the shed not that there would be a need for concrete. They had a \$2500 estimate that they wanted split – upon giving them a hard “NO”, they came back in a later conversation with a more reasonable amount to split. Quentin reported that he again stated that JWS had no need for a shed, we had agreed to the split in an attempt to be cooperative, but that JWS didn’t have extra funds available to contribute to concrete nor did they ever agree to do so – he would take it to the JWS board for a decision but was pretty sure what it would be. Upon receipt of this information the reaction among the JWS board members was abrupt – several felt that baseball has now broken the original agreement and JWS should withdraw from the partnership & withhold payment for the shed. All members in attendance were adamant about not paying anything additional toward the concrete. After some heated exchanges, Oakley made the motion to withhold payment for the shed until baseball has provided more information. Cassie 2nd the motion. The motion carried. Suzanne will not issue a check for the JWS portion of the shed until Coach Sells has been brought into the loop /given the opportunity to decide on this matter.
- **Priority List** – no definitive list was established. Those in attendance felt resurfacing the field was a greater priority than any shed and given our current numbers, neither are a priority until we can get our age levels secure.

Board Nominations – Quentin confirmed he was going to let his term expire. Did agree to stay involved as needed but will not be available monthly. Oakley is also going to let her term expire. Need to find at least 3 new members as we are not sure how much Breann Sells is going to be able to be involved. Suzanne said she reached out to the names given last month – Ironside declined as she is PTA president, has a new job & doesn’t feel she has the time to give the position. Kate Wiley had expressed potential interest – lead Suzanne to believe she was going to attend tonight but didn’t. Follow up needs to happen. Oakley suggested Wendy Manning as a new board member.

Fall Fundraising Opportunity – Suzanne had received a notice of an opportunity to work concessions at an Iowa Football Game. She shared the brief details she had. All agreed this would be a great way to make money but questioned if our players would be able to help or if this would fall on parents to do? Given our numbers and current status – it may be a better use of time to focus on recruitment over this fundraising. Quentin reinforced his position that JWS should explore more of these opportunities – they can generate large sums of money and feels they are easy to do.

New Business/Miscellaneous – no new business was presented.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting scheduled **Wednesday, August 2nd @ 6PM @ Hy-Vee Mt. Vernon Road**