

JWS Board Meeting

July 6, 2022

Minutes

Attendance: Quentin Thurmond, Cassie Wickham, Suzanne Nichols, Sheri Dye, Nick Maybanks

Cassie Wickham made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 27th & June 1st meetings as presented. Sheri Dye 2nd the motion. **Minutes were approved.**

Committee Reports

'21 – '22 season summary

Budget – budget was present – even with overspending on “tryouts expenses”, “promotions” we currently are still within budget. That being said, we had budgeted money for field maintenance (which the CR school district hasn't allowed us access to the lower field to assist with improvements; additionally, we have not made a contribution to the WHS softball program. Discussion questioned if JWS improves the lower field then do we lose access to the HS diamond – that is not necessarily true but would be a question for WHS & the varsity head coach. Coaches in attendance expressed preference in using the HS diamond over ever using the lower field and support making the full budgeted contribution to the HS softball program. Remaining board members in attendance agreed with making the full \$1000 contribution.

Teams – U9 team was disbanded.

U12 team had some struggles down the stretch – Megan McCaffrey just disappeared, often only had 8 players available (but was able to win with that). The outfielders improved; the pitchers really came on in the end despite some injuries. The team didn't bond as a whole but players did foster relationships in small groups. The coach struggled to get eye contact from the players. But all-in-all, it went pretty well. Nick did expressed concern about having an U12 team – doesn't believe the numbers will be there without a great deal of recruiting. Grace is not returning. Sophia, Maliyah, Maya, and Makenna are all trying out for other teams.

U14 team had a horrible spring – too much rain & the players wouldn't commit when there was an opportunity to play. Coach grew tired of having to reward the basics. Best part was having HS players helping with practices (setting the stage for what was to come). Players didn't accept/believe the expectations presented by the coach prior to HS player arrival. Cassie Thurmond questionable to return; coach doesn't know status of others. Quentin likes league play – team should participate in the fall but limit play to tournaments in the spring.

'22 – '23 Season

- **Tryouts & Recruitment**

Virtual backpack – flyer was submitted to the district but didn't get a confirmation/notice of approval. Not sure if it made it.

Yard Signs – were updated and placed at locations where we had received approval. Have lost 2 signs that we know of from East Post Road (apparently those that gave permission didn't have county authorization).

Social Media – notice has been placed on Facebook & TikTok (was unable to get video for TikTok created)

Website – tryout information is on home page. We have received 3 inquiries from the website.

In Print – information was placed on the hoopla online page as well as submitted to the Gazette for print in the PennySaver & Hoopla this week (7/6).

The suggestion was made to create a google form for tryouts, so we know the number of players to expect. Maybe too late for this season but should be pursued for the future. Questions were raised about notifying current players – all should have been notified via email from JWS (in April, June & will be again this week) and team reach. Past players and well as prospects were notified via email in June and will be again this week.

Check in – Denita will be on hand to help with registration/check-in. Cassie confirmed she too will be available.

Facilitations – Evaluation form was explained, reviewed, and agreed upon to use again. Nick will facilitate tryouts with the assistance of Quentin, Sheri, and Coach Sells. May be able to solicit the help of a couple of HS players.

- **Fees** – Suzanne presented the updated registration form with the fees for each age group the same as the previous season & the elimination of the “installment” option for payment. Sheri expressed the change as “good”; other members in attendance agreed to the registration form as presented.
- **Fact Sheet Update** – The trifold is to be used as “the readers digest version” of JWS. Changes to be made – the name of the host of the league; removal of “alternative league location”; keep the disclosure of number of tournaments planned for each age level; add “Mandatory Parent Meeting” (suggested in **BOLD**) and parent expectations. Suzanne will make the changes and have document on hand for tryouts.
- **Coaches** – It is recommended that Louis not coach again at the U9 level. Nick confirmed he will coach if there is a team to coach. Quentin is not returning as a coach. Need to find & secure coaches at all levels within the next week.
- **Field Usage/maintenance – lower field** – All are disappointed with the progress of the lower field improvement (it isn’t a priority to the district). Discussion yielded the preference to put our money toward the HS varsity softball program & diamond to assure we have access to that field.

New Business/Miscellaneous

- **Suggestions for upcoming season** –
 - ❖ team bonding needs to be stressed (either at the team level or program wide).
 - ❖ Indoor Practices are beneficial – starting in Jan may be early enough but should be a priority.
 - ❖ Set rosters at 11 – 12 players.

Next Meeting, Aug 3rd at 5:30pm at The Tic Toc