

**JWS Board Meeting**  
**Sept 1, 2021**  
**Minutes**

**Meeting was Cancelled due to low number of available attendees**

Below is the information that was to have been shared at the meeting.

**Available Attendees:** Denita Peterson, Cassie Wickham, Suzanne Nichols

**August Minutes** had been sent out in accordance with JWS policy. No changes were suggested. Minutes have been posted to the website. Still need official approval.

**Committee Updates**

**Team Update** – Rosters have been set (U14 has 12 players – needs an assistant coach, U12 has 11 players, U9 has 10 players – needs an assistant coach).

- Teams have been registered with USSSA – that process proved to be more cumbersome than expected. Still have two (2) families who have not accepted the roster invitation with USSSA.

- Teams have been registered to play fall league through Corridor Sports (Games began on 8/31).

- Uniform delivery was a problem – **Fed X lost the ball pant order** (still has not been received). Was able to piece together enough pants to outfit U14 & U12. U9 has their game shirts, socks & belts (will wear whatever for pants for their 1<sup>st</sup> game). **Screen printer** wouldn't add an additional shirt or screen print an additional number so one U9 player is playing without a number.

**ACE & SafeSport** – USSSA doesn't have any requirement for coaches or volunteers to complete SafeSport. Coach Sells think we should have everyone complete SafeSport. Suzanne thinks that without SafeSport we are opening ourselves up legally & liability wise. Suzanne does not know the cost of SafeSport if conducted directly through the SafeSport website. It is free if done through USA Softball (? If that is ethical to do since we are not registering through USA Softball). Question – should we have our coaches update / complete ACE (ACE training comes with an additional background check but also SafeSport). Suzanne discussed the matter with Denita – decided that we would require our volunteers who will be working directly with players (those helping during practices & are in the dugout during games) to complete SafeSport and require our coaches to complete ACE. We will reimburse for the charges – this expense may be absorbed within the budget as USSSA registration was less than originally expected.

**Field condition & usage** – there was a situation earlier this week with the field condition and our team's involvement. What Coach Sells to report on the situation and where that leaves JWS (good standing or not?). Suzanne has a field usage checklist to offer as a suggestion, so this never happens again.

**Volunteers and Requirements** – had a fairly good response to the sign up at the parent meeting but need parents to join the board and volunteer to coach. A SignupGenius has been created if we want to use. Suzanne would like Cassie to take over this responsibility.

**Budget** – Suzanne had sent out the updated budget. There are 11 players with outstanding balances (3 of those families are seeking sponsorship). Need an update from Stephanie regarding scholarship applications. Teams have been registered for tournaments – U14 has 3 scheduled for this fall & will collect the gate fee from parents so not to take money away from games. U12 has committed to 1 tournament, U9 has not yet selected anything.

### **New Business/Miscellaneous**

- **Open Items**

Next Meeting scheduled Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 TBA location. Suzanne suggests meeting be moved to the Tic Toc – this will allow parents who have kids practicing on Wednesday to attend. The Tic Toc is only a handful of blocks from the field.

### **Since the meeting.**

- Spoke with Denita about SafeSport & ACE. Summary of conversation is above.
- Have sent a reminder to those with outstanding balances. Have collected payments from 3 players.
- Have reached out to those that have indicated an interest in team liaison or have been referred by the team's coach as someone who is acting in that capacity to confirm their position.