

White Bear JO Volleyball Board Meeting Minutes

10/29/07

Members Present: Rachael Schmieg, Teresa Akermark, Kim Bocklund, Roger Linnell, Sue Kubik, Stacy Hinz, Brian Teschendorf, Liz Wilcox, Chris Erickson

The minutes from 9/23/07 were unanimously approved w/ no changes.

Treasurer's report: Pat was not present at tonight's meeting. Liz Wilcox attended tonight's meeting. Liz is interested in assuming the treasurer role for the club, in light of Pat Rinella's decision to step down from that position in the near future. A motion was made and seconded to install Liz as the treasurer for the club at this time. The motion was passed unanimously. Pat will continue his involvement with the club through the registration and try-out process this year, helping Liz acclimate to the position.

It was just brought to the Board's attention that the club may incur a financial penalty for outstanding tax reporting obligations from past years. Liz will contact Pat and work directly with him to see what the club can do to rectify those obligations and minimize any penalty that the club is assessed.

Teresa obtained the PO Box key from Pat so she can check for correspondence from NCR regarding registration forms and related information. She will make a copy of the key for Liz so she can periodically check for any financial related correspondence to the club.

Registration & Try-out Process:

There have been problems with the on-line registration process this year. As a result, Brian is unsure if he has all the registrations that were submitted via our website. To date, there are approx 90 registrations completed -- either on-line or in-person. Brian believes that the problems experienced by some families this year with the on-line process can be avoided next year with a more user-friendly process. The Board would like to be able to strongly encourage the use of the on-line process in future years, so helpful changes will be an emphasis for next year. Brian will be disabling this year's on-line registration process as of 10/31, as per club policy.

The breakdown in numbers of players by the respective age groups shows good numbers in the 13's through the 16's. There are lesser numbers in both the 12's and the 17's. As a result, the Board decided to combine the 17's try-out time with the time for the 15's and 16's, using the 1 PM start time for all three age groups. Brian will email all of the 17 year old registrants to inform them of this change. Combining the two groups will shorten the try-out day on 11/11 by a couple hours. It will now run from 1 PM to 7:30 PM. Parent volunteers will need to help staff the event from noon to 8 PM. All Board members will be volunteering throughout the day, and it was suggested that asking a few other participating families to assist at that event would be very helpful, given the large number of girls expected and the large amount of paperwork that needs to be processed.

This year's try-out date for 12's is on 11/2, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Volunteers will be there by 5:30 PM. All try-outs are at North Campus. Kim distributed more informational flyers to the two White Bear middle schools to try to solicit more involvement from the younger age groups. Rachael suggested that the board may want to delay the try-out date for the 12's to a later timeframe next year, as their middle school volleyball season is just beginning.

Stacy will contact our uniform rep, Kaeppa, to insure we have some jerseys at the try-outs so players can order correct sizes on their registration forms. Kaeppa will also be at the player-parent meeting on 11/27 with additional gear (warm-ups, sweat shirt, shoes, etc.) available for purchase at that time.

Rachael has a coaches meeting scheduled for 11/5 to orient all coaches to their role and to various aspects of club rules and process. Roger volunteered to attend the meeting to introduce himself and to talk about his role as player / parent representative. Rachael has also scheduled an officiating clinic, mandatory for all JO players, for Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30pm at WBL HS South Campus Theatre.

With no further business, the Board adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for 12/2 at 7 PM. Chris Erickson will be hosting the meeting.

Submitted by Chris Erickson
Board Secretary