

White Bear JO Volleyball Board Meeting Minutes

12/2/07

Members Present: Rachael Schmieg, Kim Bocklund, Stacy Hinz, Brian Teschendorf, Liz Wilcox, Chris Erickson

The minutes from 10/29/07 were unanimously approved w/ no changes.

Treasurer's report: Pat Rinella has officially stepped down from his treasurer's role. Liz Wilcox has now officially assumed the treasurer role for the club.

Liz reported to the Board that she has directly contacted the IRS regarding the club's outstanding tax reporting obligations from past years. Tautges and Redpath, a White Bear Lake financial services / accounting firm hired by the club, has submitted forms to the IRS that will hopefully resolve the situation in the near future, with no punitive consequences. Liz will keep the Board informed of this situation as it progresses. All tax forms due in future years will be delegated out to a vendor service to avoid any future IRS-related difficulties for the club.

Liz has the PO Box key which will enable her to periodically check for any financial related correspondence to the club. Liz will make a copy of the key and give it to Teresa, who also has a need to check for registration related information on a regular basis.

Registration & Try-out Process:

It appears that overall the try-out and registration process has gone well. Brian hopes to have the website problems we ran into this year rectified in time for next year's registration process, and will talk with our web host to discuss ways to accomplish that. He will also coordinate a club-wide email list so that any announcements / information that needs more direct communication to players and families than posting it on the website can be communicated via email as much as possible. Also, we will schedule tryouts for the 12's to take place at least one week after the other ages try out. This delay will allow this age group to be further into their middle school volleyball season and more familiar with the sport prior to the tryout date.

Stacy reported that the Kaappa representative at the player parent meeting was pleased with the level of sales of apparel. He expects to have the team uniforms delivered in early January. Uniform cost will be a bit lower this year due to the style jersey selected by the club. Also, in an effort to contain expenses to our participating families, the club chose the same style and color warm-up again this year.

Sue Kubik and Dave Mueller have both agreed to be contact people for parents looking for fund raising options to defray some of the expense of club participation. At this time, all fund raising endeavors have been individual endeavors. However, there is no reason that teams, or the entire club cannot take on a fund raising project in the future.

Teresa communicated her registration-related feedback to the club via email. She reported:

1. Presidents Day Tournament - signed up (Rachael will check w/ Teresa to see what division our teams are signed up for)
2. Ralia 12's & 13's play dates - signed up
3. Registration for 14's - 17's Power League in Burnsville - almost complete. Teresa will contact Liz for a

check when the paperwork is finished.

4. Teresa requested that Rachel remind coaches to pick a site for the Area Event Tournament. The deadline is not until March 31st, but she'd like to be on top of things.
5. There is an extra date for the 12 and 13's at Ralia. It has been paid for.

Rachael brought up the question of payment to the coaches – specifically for the month of December. That is the one month where there is a significant range of involvement on the part of the coaches with club-related duties. The board authorized Rachael to figure December wages based on the involvement of each coach in the various tasks expected of them for the month of December -- tryout / player-parent meeting / coaches meeting / and practice duties. Rachael will report individual December wage amounts to Liz for processing. This issue is not a concern in any other month, as practices and play dates are more routine and uniform across all age groups starting in January. In discussing payroll issues, Liz requested that starting next year the club begin paying wages to all coaches immediately after January 1. This will save the club extra expense and effort in preparing tax returns at year end. Rachael will notify coaches hired next year that this will be the case.

New Equipment Needed: Some new balls to replace ones no longer usable and also to have some available at Oneika Elementary (our new practice site); a new ball cart; some med kit supplies to restock our kits

Both Elissa Kovala and Pat Rinella have requested that their names be removed from the Board page of the club website, as they are stepping down from their active roles with the club. Brian will follow up with that. Thank you very much to both Elissa and Pat for their years of voluntary service!!

With no further business, the Board adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for 2/3/08 at 7 PM. Kim Bocklund will be hosting the meeting.

Submitted by Chris Erickson
Board Secretary