

## **White Bear JO Volleyball Board Meeting Minutes** **8/3/08**

**Members Present:** Kim Bocklund, Rachael Schmieg, Teresa Akermark, Stacy Hinz, Liz Wilcox, Roger Linnell, Melanie Daniel, Dan Frey, Chris Erickson

The Board welcomed Dan Frey to tonight's meeting.

**Treasurer's Report / Financial Issues:** Liz Wilcox presented the treasurer's report. The club has ended the season with approximately \$ 8,100 in our account. This represents a gradual decrease in the beginning balance for the JO season over the past few years. It has been a number of years since the club did a fund raising activity to help provide an alternate stream of income to offset operating expenses. The board decided at tonight's meeting to organize a club-wide fundraiser this year as an alternative to raising activity fees. Melanie Daniel will be coordinating that effort and it will be communicated to all participating families at this year's Player – Parent meeting.

### **Important Dates for Next Season:**

The **in-person registration session** will be on Monday, 10/6 at South Campus, Room 210. It will be from 5 – 8 PM. This will be the one opportunity for parents and players to register in person for the upcoming season. Online registration (at [www.whitebearvolleyball.org](http://www.whitebearvolleyball.org)) will be the other alternative for any participating family. Brian is working with our website host to rectify the problems that cropped up during last year's registration process.

### **Tryout dates:**

Sunday, 11/9 for age groups 13 – 17:

11 AM – 2 PM (15 – 17's)  
3 – 5:30 PM (13 & 14's)

Friday, 11/21 for 12's: (6 – 8 PM)

Tryouts will be at North Campus.

**Player – Parent Meeting** will be held on 12/2 at the South Campus Auditorium, from 6:30 – 8:30.

6:30 – Registration & Payment of fees  
7:00 – General Informational Meeting  
7:30 – Team Mtngs w/ coaches

Kim will get a promotional piece for the upcoming JO season to the School District Office. They will distribute it to the middle schools and the two high school campuses.

Rachael will schedule a **coaches meeting** prior to the Player – Parent meeting to go over coaching assignments, job duties & expectations. The Board will work on redefining coaching positions this year to “head coach” and “assistant coach” positions. It is hoped that this change will provide greater clarity and accountability to these critical roles. Rachael, Stacy & Roger volunteered to work on formalizing those job descriptions prior to our next meeting. They will also draft a code of conduct for coaches to complement the Player and Parent Codes of Conduct already in place. The Board will consider these proposed changes at our next meeting. Rachael will be contacting potential coaches for next season and filling out the roster over the next few months. Many of last year’s coaching staff have indicated a desire to return.

Roger (Player / Parent Rep), Brian (Website Coordinator) and Liz (Treasurer) will also attend the coaches meeting to talk briefly about their role on the Board and how they can support the coaches in successfully fulfilling their responsibilities (i.e.-updating team pages on the website; working with Roger to respectfully address player / parent concerns; understanding the 1099 “contractor” tax process).

**Other Items :**

Stacy is communicating with a few providers of team uniforms and accessories to see what our options are this season from an expense, styling, and service standpoint. She will report back at the next Board meeting.

With no further business, the Board adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for 9/21/08 at 7 PM. Teresa Akermark will host the meeting.

Submitted by Chris Erickson  
Board Secretary