

White Bear JO Volleyball Board Meeting Minutes October 26, 2008

Members Present: Teresa Akermark, Chris Erickson, Rachael Schmiege, Stacy Hinz, Deb Glasgow, Melanie Daniel, Kim Bocklund, Liz Wilcox, Dan Frey.

Treasurer's Report/ Financial Update: Treasurer Liz Wilcox distributed an updated Income/Expense breakdown from last season for review and discussed current costs. She doesn't foresee any major differences in the coming year; income from activity fees should be about the same this year. The first payment to coaches will be in early January 2009. This will allow the club to avoid the cost of preparing an additional 1099 form for each coach.

Other Business:

Fundraising Update: Melanie provided an update on the fundraising project. She brought a prepared sample of the chili for the Board to taste along with 2 other sample packets. She provided information on a rewards program that included I-tunes and Wal-Mart gift cards. The board discussed setting a sales goal of 24 bags per player. Melanie will prepare a letter to distribute with the fundraising information for each girl after tryouts. Melanie will get the letter to Teresa. There will need to be a designated parent fundraising rep for each team. Melanie said that she will mention the possibility of a spaghetti dinner as a possible additional fundraiser for any JO team going to Nationals at the player/parent meeting.

Foundation IX Update: Kim said that she has had no additional feedback from anyone applying for or receiving grants.

Website and Registration Update: Brian was unable to attend tonight's meeting. The walk up and online registration went very well.

Tryout Process: Teresa said that the tryout dates and volunteers are set. All tryout questions should be directed to Rachael. Rachael said that one girl has expressed the desire for an additional try out for an older age level.

- **15's - 17's:** Sunday, November 9, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Arrive 10:30 AM
- **13's and 14's:** Sunday, November 9, 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM. Arrive 2:30 PM
- **12's and Under:** Friday, November 21, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Arrive 6:00 PM
- All try-outs at WBL North Campus 5040 Bald Eagle Ave. (enter school on Division Street)

Player – Parent Meeting: The board discussed the possibility of moving the meeting date due to a conflict with a choir concert at Central Middle School that same evening. Several dates were reviewed, but those dates also had conflicts with other school functions. The board decided to keep the meeting date and slightly adjust the meeting times.

When: Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Where: White Bear Lake South Campus Theater

5:30 PM – Registration and fee payment in foyer of South Campus Theater

6:15 PM – General Information meeting in South Campus Theater

6:45 PM – Individual team meetings will be held immediately after Parent/Player meeting is completed

Teresa will bring boxes for collecting fundraising packets.

Coaches Code of Conduct /Pay/ Duties: The board previously passed the Coaches Code of Conduct. All coaches will be required to sign off on the Code. Rachael read the job duties for the Head and Assistant coaches. Chris asked about requiring the coaches to meet with the individual player to provide evaluation and feedback following the season. Rachael has included that expectation. The board established different pay rates for the job titles based on the more extensive duties and responsibilities of the head coach position. Rachael has scheduled a Coaches meeting on 11/2/08 to discuss the changes and the upcoming season. Board members Brian Teschendorf, Liz Wilcox and Roger Linnell will attend to briefly to share information relevant to the coaching staff.

JO Uniform Update: Stacy gave a brief description of a uniform option through Kaepa this year. They have been our provider the past few years. She said that the jerseys will have a small collar and cap sleeve. The jerseys will be black with orange numbers. The supplier does offer on-line order availability at a cost of \$2 per player that will log player's information for future seasons. Stacy said that the uniform costs would be about the same as last season. Kaepa can offer warm-ups that will cost about \$75 (\$45 jacket, \$30 pants). Chris asked if she had checked with the Burnsville Volleyball Warehouse for uniform and warm-up availability and costs. Stacy had just had contact with them. She will follow up with them regarding both uniform and warm-up options. The board agreed that Stacy and Rachael can decide which uniforms and warm-ups to order.

Stacy has also researched "polo style" shirts for the coaches at a cost of \$28 per shirt. The board approved purchase of JO shirts for the coaching staff. Rachael and coaches will decide colors at the coach's meeting on 11/2.

Sponsorship Information: Deb said that she has contacted four local businesses that expressed interest in team sponsorship. She suggested a \$200 sponsorship fee per team (similar to the fee charged by the White Bear Hockey association). The sponsor's name would appear on the team jersey along with a "business logo" spot on the JO website. Deb said that there would be a cost of approximately \$4 per jersey to get the shirts lettered. It was suggested that we try team sponsorship this year with the 14 - 17 Black teams. If it goes well, additional sponsors could be sought next year. Deb added that it is a nice gesture to have the sponsored team send a team photo and thank you note to the business.

New Business: It was pointed out that there is one less play date this year at Burnsville. The board discussed adding an additional play date. Rachael suggested the weekend of January 10th to avoid holiday vacation time. Teresa will look into this.

After talking about extra play dates and tournaments, Rachael suggested that the 12's and 13's participate in the metro area President's Day Weekend Tournament as a great opportunity and experience.

With no additional new business the board adjourned and thanked Teresa for hosting the meeting.

Next scheduled meeting will be November 23, 2008 at 7 pm. Kim Bocklund will host the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Dan Frey