

White Bear JO Volleyball Board Meeting Minutes November 23, 2008

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

Treasurer's Report/ Financial Update: The board reviewed the current Income/Expense breakdown that Treasurer Liz Wilcox distributed. The club took in \$1,747 in tryout fees this past month to cover the overall expenses of that process.

Other Business:

Fundraising Update: Melanie said that she has received a lot of inquiries about the pasta being delivered before Christmas. While that is a possibility there is no guarantee, and she felt that sales might be higher had we been able to meet that date. There have also been questions about cash donations in place of the pasta fundraiser. Liz will be able to provide a tax donation receipt for those requesting one. The board discussed prizes and awards for the fundraising project and decided that the pasta prizes, "I-tunes etc." will only be eligible to those who sell the pasta, while cash donations will be counted towards the pizza party team prize. We discussed future fundraisers and the difficulties in selling various products vs. a car wash or bagging groceries. Rachael will seek fundraising feedback in the season end survey.

Registration/Tryout Process Review: Teresa said that overall the tryout process went very well. She recommended that we include a specific check-off into our paperwork process that has all participants verify they are in compliance with our in-district policy. Melanie suggested that next year we have "on-line" registration only since there were only 12 walk-in registrations. The board felt was an excellent idea. There were four players that tried out for higher levels this year. That option will be available again next year. Chris reviewed the late registration process the club has followed over the years -- players that fail to register on time are added to an orange level team if possible after the tryout and team commitment process is completed. The coaching director is responsible for those decisions. Rachael said that she will move the registration date back for the 12's and under next year to allow for more time to get JO information out to this age group since their middle school season starts later. Rachael will work with Roger in responding to two e-mails she received from parents regarding concerns having to do with player placement and a specific coaching issue.

Player – Parent Meeting: The meeting is set for Tuesday December 2, 2008 at South Campus. The board needs to arrive by 5pm. Kim will have the Player-Parent packets printed this week and will send a copy to Chris. Chris distributed a tentative meeting agenda for discussion and review. Rachael will make arrangements for the stage set up. The board will assist in handling fees and fundraising packets. If a player is deferring part of their activity fee payment, they will need to meet with Liz so she can complete a deferred payment plan agreement form with them. As for cash donations given via the fundraising process, Liz verified that a tax donation receipt can be mailed if the address of the giver is submitted. Teresa will bring boxes for collecting fundraising packets.

Coaches Update: Rachael said that she has 22 coaches and that they are ready to go. All coaches except one attended the coaches meeting and there are no issues at this time. Chris will e-mail list to the board.

JO Uniform Update: Stacy has ordered the new uniforms from the warehouse and will come with one pair of socks. She said that the warm ups, shoes and socks will be available for ordering at the Player Parent meeting. Warm ups will cost approximately \$75.

Sponsorship Information Update: Deb said that she has 3 sponsors lined up for the upcoming season and turned in their sponsorship donations. Hisdahl's will sponsor the "14 Black" team; Bear Tracks Travel the "15 Black" team; and Orthodontic Care Specialists the "16 Black" team. Stacy will get those team uniforms lettered with the designated sponsors name and Brian will get the sponsor's information on the web site. It was suggested that each team send a thank you to their sponsor. Kim and Teresa will handle the 16's; Deb and Dan will handle the 15's; Stacy the 14's. The board thanked Deb for her work. She suggested that we contact potential sponsors earlier next year.

With no additional new business the board adjourned and thanked Kim for hosting tonight's meeting.

Next scheduled meeting will be January 18, 2009 at 7 pm. Dan Frey will host the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Dan Frey