

## **White Bear JO Volleyball Board Meeting Minutes**

### **10/23/06**

**Members Present:** Elissa Kovala, Terri Carr, Rachael Schmieg, Patrick Rinella, Sue Kubik, Teresa Akermark, Roger Linnell, Kim Bocklund, Mark & Diane Anderson, Chris Erickson

Elissa began the meeting by clarifying the role of some of the newer members to the JO Board meetings. Teresa Akermark, Kim Bocklund & Chris Erickson all agreed to serve on the board as official members. Motions were made, seconded and approved. Chris will take on the role of board secretary, relieving Terri Carr. Thank you very much for all your work in that position over the years, Terri. Mark and Diane Anderson desire to participate in Board meetings and functions in an active but unofficial capacity.

**Treasurer's report:** Pat announced that the current balance in our account is approximately \$ 17,500. This includes recent deposits from the pre-registration process currently underway. All of our outstanding debts are covered with the possible exception of our website host. Elissa will check into that and get back to Pat with an update on that account.

**Website:** Elissa reported that the new website ([whitebearvolleyball.org](http://whitebearvolleyball.org)) is up-and-running. So far, there have been 20 registrations on-line. On-line registrations will be closed on 10/31. To fully use all functions on the website each participating family will need a pin number. Pin numbers will be limited to one per family to avoid confusion and multiple entries with the registration process.

**Registration:** Along with the 20 on-line registrations to date, there were 85 registrations filled out at the walk-in event on 10/9 at South Campus. The information from the walk-in event will have to be entered into the data base in the near future.

**Walk-in policy:** It was decided at the meeting that we will follow a new process this year regarding any girls who show up for try-outs without preregistering. The board feels that there has been extensive notification to all interested families that pre-registration is expected of all participants. Therefore, any walk-ins that show up on the date of the try-outs will be dealt with in the following fashion:

1. The Coaches' Director (Rachael Schmieg) will determine what availability exists for additional players within each age group bracket. This will be determined by the number of girls within each age group already registered. Girls who have pre-registered will be given preference for the "black" team roster within each age group.
2. If there is room for an additional player at the age group of the walk-in, that girl will be allowed to participate in the try-out process. The registration fee for same day registration is \$ 35. If there is no additional room at the age group of the walk-in, contact information will be taken in the event a roster space becomes available. All walk-ins will be treated on a first-come, first-serve basis on the try-out dates.

The exact number of teams at each age group can not be determined at this time. The 12's, 13's and 17's have the smallest number of sign-ups so far. Rachael doesn't have adequate information from the website registrants

as of yet to be more specific. Also, the on-line process will continue to accept applications until 10/30. Rachael is comfortable with the number of coaches she has received commitments from for the coming season.

**Try-out Process:** All girls participating in try-outs will be contacted by a coach within three days of the November 12<sup>th</sup> try-out session. When contacted, each girl will be expected to either commit to the roster spot offered or to decline all participation with the club for the coming year. To insure that this process goes in as timely a fashion as possible, girls will be given no more than 12 hours to make their decision and notify their coach. If roster spots become available as a result of the commitment process, the walk-in lists from the appropriate age groups will be used to fill out those spots. Any roster spots offered to walk-in candidates at this time will be for the lowest team in their respective age brackets.

The club will not request a \$ 100 down payment from participating girls at commitment time. That proved to be a more cumbersome process than expected last year. Instead, the entire participation fee will be collected at the Player – Parent meeting on 11/28.

Rachael will schedule one alternate date for try-outs for the girls unable to make their scheduled time.

**Parent volunteers for the try-out sessions:**

11/3 -- 12 year olds (6 – 8:30 PM)	Teresa, Sue, Kim, Chris (be there by 5:30)
11/12 -- 17 year olds (11 AM – 1 PM)	Elissa, Roger, Sue, Kim & Teresa (be there by 10:00)
15's & 16's (1:30 – 4:30 PM)	Pat, Diane, Terri, Sue, Kim & Teresa (be there by 12:30)
13's & 14's (5 – 7:30 PM)	Elissa, Chris, Kim, Sue & Terri (be there by 4 PM)

Teresa offered to do signs helping to direct traffic and to notify anyone who shows up at Central Middle school that try-outs are at North campus this year. Pat offered to shop for food for the coaches and volunteers on the 11/12 tryout day. Sue believes her daughter and one of her volleyball friends will be able to help direct girls downstairs to the gym and to help the coaches in the gym. No parents are to be in the gym. The tryouts are closed sessions for the girls and the coaches.

Thank you very much to all the parent volunteers and to the coaching staff.

Rachael has game dates scheduled at Ralia Sports Center and the Burnsville location for the coming year.

**Player – Parent Meeting:** This will be held on 11/28 at the South Campus auditorium. Elissa will get Kim the information needed to complete the booklets given to all participants. Elissa has also agreed to be the speaker at the meeting. Elissa would like to introduce Board members to the audience so players and parents feel more comfortable contacting any of us should questions arise. We will be collecting fees and handing out information prior to the meeting, so come prepared to work at one of the age group tables. Please be there by 5:30 as parents and players will be arriving at 6 PM.

A Kaepa representative will be at the meeting selling a variety of volleyball clothes, shoes and supplies. A White Bear warm-up outfit has been selected. The approximate price of the outfit (jacket & pants) is approximately \$ 60. Girls can choose to order this individually or as a team.

**Coaches:** The board approved the purchase of team shirts for all coaches. The board also approved a new reimbursement schedule for coaches that will more accurately reflect the increase in practice time and play dates for most of the age groups. The new schedule is as follows:

12's & 13's coaches -- \$ 350 / month for four months (December - March)

14's & up coaches -- \$ 375 / month for five months (December – April)

The meeting was adjourned at this point. The next board meeting will be scheduled after the player – parent meeting.

Submitted by Chris Erickson  
Board Secretary