

White Bear JO Volleyball Board Meeting Minutes

9/23/07

Members Present: Rachael Schmieg, Teresa Akermark, Kim Bocklund, Roger Linnell, Sue Kubik, Stacy Hinz, Chris Erickson

The minutes from 8/6/07 were unanimously approved w/ no changes.

Treasurer's report: Pat was not present at tonight's meeting. Pat has informed the Board of his desire to step down from his current role in the near future. He will continue on in his position through the registration and try-out process this year.

Two participating families have outstanding fees remaining from last year's JO season. Pat will contact them to check on their ability to pay the balance of those fees. These families will not be able to participate in this year's activities until all outstanding fees are paid.

The Board also clarified the new club policy regarding the timely payment of club dues. It will be expected that all families will submit a minimum of 50 % of participation fees at the time of registration (player – parent meeting in November). The club will allow for a minimal grace period before some of those fees may be cashed. All remaining fees must be paid no later than February 15th. The club treasurer will meet with any family needing to defer any portion of their activity fee beyond the time of registration to establish a payment plan that fits within these expectations.

Pat is continuing to address the issue of outstanding and future tax reporting obligations of the club (i.e. – 1099 forms to coaching staff, etc.). Pat is working with the accounting firm of Tautges, Redpath & Company in this regard.

General Business:

Teresa is waiting for the official NCR registration forms for this year's league play. She will contact Pat regarding the club PO Box and if he has been able to check it recently. Teresa will contact Pat and get a copy of the PO Box key so she has access to it as well.

Kim will update the club's promotional materials to be distributed to the schools, participating families and local press in the near future. She will email Board members asking for feedback and recommendations regarding updates. Kim will also update the official player - parent handbook given out to all families at the registration meeting in November. The handbook will include comparison costs of other metro area volleyball clubs so all participants have a better context to evaluate our participation fee levels. Regarding the disciplinary policy of the club, Rachael will be discussing that with her coaching staff to insure uniformity of response if disciplinary situations arise (i.e. - reported tobacco or other substance use, non-attendance at practice, etc.).

Stacy will coordinate the selection of this year's uniform vendor. Teresa has a contact in the Mahtomedi area who may be a good possibility for our club. Stacy will contact that person, as well as dialogue with last year's vendor, Kaappa.

Rachael has been securing gym space for teams this coming winter. She reported that some of the space at Central Middle School has been taken away from the club due to other school-related needs. She was able to arrange for some replacement time at Oneika School. This will result in teams needing to jointly practice at certain times during their weekly routine.

It was decided that all current Board members will sit on the stage during this year's registration / informational meeting. That will give participating families a better idea of who is playing what role in the club, and also a chance for the respective Board members to talk about the need for specific volunteer help in their areas of responsibility – Teresa with registration duties; Pat with the upcoming treasurer vacancy, Stacy with uniform coordinator responsibilities, etc. Kim and Chris will cover the general information in the handbook to orient all families to club process and team expectations.

Rachael will contact Brian to discuss creating a link on the club's website to the high school volleyball website.

The discussion then shifted to the upcoming pre-registration, try-out, and registration process beginning in October. In discussing the costs of this overall process, and in consideration that pre-registration fees have not been raised from the \$ 10 level for many years, the Board unanimously passed a motion: **The pre-registration fee for all participants will now be \$ 20.**

Board members volunteered for the respective pre-registration and try-out dates as follows:

10/8 – pre-registration at South Campus Room 210; 4 PM – 8 PM (Teresa, Sue, Kim, Brian, Chris)

11/2 – 12's try-out @ North campus; 5:30 – 9 PM (Teresa, Kim, Brian, Chris)

11/11 – try-out for all remaining age groups @ North campus 10 AM – 8 PM (everyone who can make it – this is the most demanding day)

Roger will purchase food for the coaches and volunteers for the day long try-outs on 11/11. Along with being present for the above dates as much as possible, it is hoped that Board members may know a few other families participating in JO this year to invite a few additional parents to assist in this process (particularly with the 11/11 date).

Shortly after tonight's meeting, the Board modified the new eligibility policy based on a request from a family no longer residing in the White Bear School District, but having a daughter who attends White Bear through the open enrollment process. The purpose of this club is to provide opportunities to play and develop volleyball skills for all girls attending school throughout the White Bear district. As such, the newly amended policy now reads: **From the '07 – '08 season forward, any applicant desiring to play for the club must reside and / or attend school within the White Bear School District. However, any girl from outside the district who has already played for the club in the 14's or older competitive leagues may continue to participate in full for the remainder of their eligible years.**

There was mention made at the end of tonight's meeting about the desire to involve a greater number of younger girls, ages 10 & 11, in JO volleyball. The Board will discuss that at greater length in future meetings.

With no further business, the Board adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for 10/28 at 7 PM. Kim Bocklund will be hosting the meeting. Thanks, Kim.

Submitted by Chris Erickson
Board Secretary