

White Bear JO Volleyball Board Meeting Minutes January 24, 2009

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

Treasurer's Report/ Financial Update: The board reviewed the current Income/Expense breakdown along with the comparative costs from 2008 dated 1/24/09 that Treasurer Liz Wilcox distributed. There was discussion on fees, tournament and league costs and some minor expenses. Liz said that this included all income except about \$9000.00 in registration fees.

Other Business:

Fundraising Update: Melanie provided an update on the Pasta fundraiser and said that all of the checks have been received and the pasta distributed. She stated that no team achieved the team goal however 4 girls met the individual goal of 24 bags. The board thanked Melanie for her hard work on this project.

Kim Bocklund said that she has arranged for a "Bagging Fundraiser" at Cub Foods for Good Friday, April 10, 2009 from 2-7:30pm. She will plan a staffing schedule for girls and adult volunteers and suggested 2 hour shifts. Proceeds from this event will benefit the entire organization. Brian said that he will place it on the Web site and send out a mass e-mail. Kim will draft the e-mail. Kim said that there is also a possibility of a "Carry Out" fundraiser at Kowalski's. They provide a base donation to the organization carrying out bags for their shoppers. Tips from shoppers provide additional income. The board felt that this could be a possible fundraiser for individual teams seeking revenue for their qualifier tournaments. There was discussion on possible other fundraising options for the future: Applebee's, flower sales etc.

Scheduling of Additional Area Tournaments: Teresa said that she and Rachael continue to work on this.

Proposed Basketball Facility: Brian, Rachael, and Liz attended a meeting and gave an overview of the proposal by the White Bear Athletic Foundation to build and operate the facility called "The Gym" at S. Campus. It would be a separate building with four basketball courts, classrooms and could possibly be ready by the fall of 2010. There would be no apparent cost to our club. All participant costs would go to The Gym as compensation for use of the facility. Rachael said that they are seeking input and involvement from the Volleyball Association into hosting tournaments and other events. The board discussed a variety of options and possibilities from tournaments, clinics, tryouts and high school volleyball activity. Rachael and Brian will follow up with this group and they will look for three possible dates to host events at The Gym once it opens.

Player/Parent Concerns: Rachael said there have been a couple of incidents involving coach to coach conflicts, intimidation, and profanity at the Burnsville Warehouse. The board discussed the reporting mechanism for such incidents and the possibility of involving the facility site director. Rachael said that she would contact the Northern Lights Facility. A question arose about the status of the 15 Black head coach. Rachael said that she has been out of the country and is due back this coming week to rejoin the team. There was discussion on some other coach issues that Roger will address with the coaches involved.

Website Update: Brian said that some of the coaches need to update their team web pages. Rachael said that she would send a reminder e-mail.

Weather Policy: During a recent heavy snow event, several board members engaged in discussion of possibly cancelling practices and how everyone would be notified. Chris asked the board if we need to adopt a “Severe weather policy”. Practices would certainly be cancelled if schools close; however, other snow and weather events are situation dependant. For example, snow conditions and traffic vary widely across the city. The board agreed that the coaches should first check with each other on their availability status, then contact Board member Roger Linnell regarding conditions. If conditions warrant cancelling a practice, teams need to be notified **2-hours prior** to practice time. Rachael said that she would include this in her e-mail to coaches.

JO Uniform Update: Stacy said that she is still waiting for a couple warm up pieces. There have been some comments on the jacket sleeves being a little short and that warm-ups came in later than some people were told. Stacy said that the long sleeve tees and coach’s shirts are due in this week. It was suggested that she do comparative costs from suppliers for next year.

Sponsorship Update: Deb distributed a contact and address list for the sponsors and asked that each sponsored team send a thank you. Stacy will handle the 14’s “Orthodontic Care Specialists”, Frey the 15’s “Bear Tracks Travel”, Kim the 16’s “Hisdahl’s” and Roger the 17’s, “Premier Bank”. Deb said that there is great potential for additional sponsorship next year if we start earlier. The board again thanked Deb for her effort and Brian for getting the sponsor’s info on the web site.

Addition Items: Rachael said that she is working on the February schedule. Chris said that he has a copy of the end of season survey form and will work with Rachael on this year’s survey, as she has some additional questions she would like to include.

With no additional new business the board adjourned and thanked Dan for hosting today’s meeting.

Next scheduled meeting will be Saturday April 4, 2009 at 1:30 pm. Kim Bocklund will host the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Dan Frey