

White Bear JO Volleyball Board Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2009
at Caribou Coffee - Maplewood

Members Present: Rachael Schmieg, Stacy Hinz, Teresa Ackermack, Melanie Daniel, Kim Bocklund, Liz Wilcox, Roger Linnell, Brian Teschendorf, Dan Frey. Absent: Deb Glasgow

The Board welcomed Mary Viavattine and Ann Catlin to tonight's meeting.

Treasurer's Report/ Financial Update: Treasurer Liz Wilcox said that there has not been much account activity since our last meeting. She had paid the storage fee, and issued checks for a couple of remaining team parties. She distributed an updated Income/Expense breakdown dated 8/2/09 for review.

Uniform Update: Stacy and Melanie said that they had been researching uniform options for the coming season. They said that they have been quite impressed with Zappa's Sporting Goods. Stacy said that they seemed very willing to work with us and that costs should be less than last year and included lettering. They will place a rough order based on last year's quantities. The board agreed that the uniforms would have "White Bear Lake" only and not JO on them. They will also have a large number on the back and a small number on the front. Sizes will be available to try on at the player/parent meeting and tryouts. Stacy discussed coach's shirts and warm-ups. We are in the second year of a two year contract on warm ups. She will have a couple of players look at the warm-up options.

Coaching Issues:

Recruitment: Rachael developed an application for new coaches to complete for review of potential candidates. We will not require current coaches to apply. She has received 3 applications at this time. More coaches will be needed as we lost 8-9 from last year. Rachael has also developed interview questions. Rachael and the newly formed "Personnel Committee" will interview candidates. The group discussed recruiting additional quality coaches or parents with volleyball experience.

Impact Training: The board had previously agreed that this will be mandatory for all coaches to attend and obtain. Kim will look into possibly scheduling a training session at WBL just prior to or early in the season. Coaches will be required to obtain certification by mid February 15th or their pay will be held until training is complete.

Attendance: The board continued the discussion on attendance requirements, related compensation and notification of absence. The board agreed that if a coach is going to be absent, they should contact the other coach but also notify someone on the board. Teresa volunteered to be the board contact representative. Several alternatives and options were discussed. It was felt that if a coach misses 3 practices the Personnel Committee will get involved to review the situation. If more than 1 pay date is missed there would be a pay suspension. Rachael and Dan to address this issue at the coaches meeting.

Coaching Director Duties: Rachael had identified the scheduling of practices as another area that she could use assistance with. Melanie and Mary offered their assistance on this.

Website: Brian said that he has cleaned up the site and has updated the High School info. He will post the Title 9 “Let Me Play Grants” info on site and will e-mail participants from last year. He will also include info on a search for coaches.

Team Sponsorship: Dan said that he had been contacted by the manager of Beartown Restaurant and received 500 business cards that will be handed out players for distribution. Beartown will donate 5% of the bill to WBLJO from anyone presenting the card prior to placing an order. Dan said that he would also contact Beartown about team sponsorship. Deb had previously said that we should start contacting potential sponsors in early September and keep the fee at \$200. She had added that we could include the sponsor’s info in the JO handouts.

New Business:

Important Dates: 2009

Registration: The board agreed that registration will be “online only” and will run from October 1 to the 31st.

Tryouts: (tentative)

- 12's: Friday Nov. 13th from 6:00 -7:30pm
- 13's: Sunday Nov. 15th from 3:30 - 5:30pm
- 14's: Sunday Nov. 15th from 1:00 - 3:00pm
- 15's, 16's and 17's: Sunday Nov. 15th from 9:00am - noon

Mandatory Parent/Player Meeting: (tentative)

Tuesday Dec. 1st . Time and location to be determined.

“The Gym” presentation: Jim Segermark gave a detailed overview of the Basketball Associations proposed facility in WBL. They continue to work on moving their project forward and are seeking input and commitment from the WBLJO board on possible volleyball tournaments. The board will review this possibility and get back to them.

With no additional new business the board adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting will be Sunday September 13, 2009 at 7 pm at Beartown Restaurant in downtown WBL.

Minutes prepared by Dan Frey