

West Fargo Juniors Volleyball Meeting- Sunday, January 10th, 2016 Official Minutes

Attendees: Board Members: Betsy Erickson, CharRae Chwialkowski, Melissa Rossman, Jill Boehme, Twila Nogowski, Kelly Holaday, and Jennifer Raan. Other attendees: David Johnson.

The meeting was called to order by president, Betsy Erickson.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Approval of meeting minutes from November 8th, 2015 was made by CharRae Chwialkowski and seconded by Melissa Rossman.

President's Report (Betsy Erickson)

Betsy reported that she has extra window decals leftover after registration, we will possibly be selling the extras at our West Fargo tournament. She reported that the coaches' webpages look good and she has been getting positive feedback at the announcement of teams prior to Christmas break. She also mentioned that we need to start looking at scheduling parents for concession duty in the coming months. Also, looking back, there was a past president that applied for a grant to be used to purchase bag tags for our players. Betsy will check into this and report back next time.

Director's Report (Twila Nogowski)

Twila reported there are now 204 girls registered for WF Juniors. This is up 10 from last year. There are 22 teams with either 8,9, or 10 girls on a team. She also reported that all coaches' pages are up and running with team rosters, coaches' bio, and tournament dates. All coaches are to notify teams by the 12th with practice schedules and picture dates and times.

Coaches will again be given \$100 to be used on their teams. They will also be receiving a backpack to use for the season and will be responsible for carrying all necessary medical forms and age verification documents. Twila will be holding a coaches' meeting on January 30th to go over expectations, practice structure, etc. We will have Qudoba catered for them. Twila is also looking at scheduling a "teambuilding" bowling night for the coaches sometime in the spring.

There is currently one mentor coach that will be assisting throughout the season who is not specifically assigned to a team but rather will be available to assist coaches with practices, independent skill development with players, and any other practice issues that may need assistance. Because of our growing organization, Twila asked that we hire one additional mentor coach. They are paid the same as coaches.

Melissa Rossman made a motion to hire an additional mentor coach. CharRae Chwialkowski seconded it. Motion passed.

Twila also has a coach who will be volunteering to help out with the program (probably will be assigned to “follow” a team) so she can learn the ropes and possibly be ready to coach next year.

Gym Space Issue- The district office has recently took over the process of assigning gym rental space for travel sports team and organizations (previously handled by each individual school). Because of this, there have been some changes to how and when teams can request gym space. Twila and Betsy met with officials to discuss West Fargo Juniors’ need for adequate gym space to accommodate 204 participants and 22 teams. They were given some very strict guidelines which will produce some conflicts/changes for our future.

We are set for this year and each team can anticipate 25 practices with an adequate practice duration time. However, starting next year and the year after our teams will likely see a decrease in gym time. They will eventually require each of our coaches to submit separate gym requests (previously handled by Twila) complete with a roster of team members and will ONLY be allowed 2 one hour time slots per week. Setting up and taking down the nets is time consuming and with only an hour that will greatly impact the actual court time your daughter will receive each practice night.

Parents will need to voice their concerns if we want to continue providing a rich volleyball experience for our daughters. We will be looking further into this issue in the coming months and will likely need parent support to convey our concerns.

Vice President’s Report (CharRae Chwialkowski)

Fundraiser is complete. We sold 830 books and our profit from just the sale of the books was about \$10,700. The process of collecting money went smoothly but next year we will want to do a better job of recording checks as there was some players submitting checks with names different from theirs.

Treasurer’s Report (Melissa Rossman)

Our current balance as of 1/4/16 was \$90,521.99. Melissa reported that taxes have been submitted for 2015.

Registration Report (Jill Boehme)

Registration is complete!

Concessions Report (Jennifer Raan)

Shawn was not at the meeting. Jennifer reported that they will meet soon to get going on concession needs.

Photo/Apparel (Jessi Zenker- not present)

Picture days are February 28th and March 6th. They will be taken at Cheney Middle School and coaches will share times with teams by January 12th. All apparel is on track to arrive on time.

Date for next meeting: Sunday, February 7th, 2016 at 2:30pm at Cheney Middle School.

No further business. There was a motion by Melissa Rossman to adjourn meeting and Twila Nogowski seconded. Motion approved.

Key Dates:

- WF Juniors Team Pictures: February 28th and March 6th
- West Fargo Juniors Tournament- April 2nd and 3rd, 2016
- 2015 NCR Tournament-

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