

West Fargo Juniors Volleyball Meeting- April 11th, 2016 Uofficial Minutes

Attendees: Board Members: Betsy Erickson, CharRae Chwialkowski, Melissa Rossman, Jill Boehme, Twila Nogowski, Kelly Holaday, Jessi Zenker, and Jennifer Raan. Other attendees: David Johnson, Danelle Johnson, Daryl Johnson, Joelle Hofer, Tracie Tveito, Tonya Schnell Milbrandt, Rebecca Kranz, Rhonda Klieman, and Jodi Waldera.

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

Old business was discussed. New score flips and coach gift cards were purchased.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Approval of meeting minutes from March 13th, 2016 was made by CharRae Chwialkowski and seconded by Melissa Rossman.

New Business:

Thirteen West Fargo Juniors volleyball players, ten of which came to the meeting, made a request for a donation. They are part of a team called West Fargo Alliance which is actually 2 fourteens teams that will participate in the Asics National Volleyball tournament this June in Chicago. Each girl introduced themselves, told how many years they have been in the club, and their most memorable experience.

After the girls left there was discussion about the donation request. In the past other WF juniors' players have received donations from our club to help offset costs of various volleyball opportunities. Some shared of past experiences their daughters have had going to Chicago and what a positive experience it can be.

Twila Nogowski made a motion to donate \$100 to each girl to help offset costs, which would be a total of \$1300. Jessi Zenker seconded that motion. Motion passed.

President's Report (Betsy Erickson)

There was great feedback on the West Fargo Tournament, specific comments made appreciating that we didn't charge admission. There was some discussion about why we don't charge admission, Twila pointed out that we are able to still keep our costs down without charging so it is kind of nice to have friends and family come watch without having to pay. Also there were comments made about our concessions and how much cheaper and better they were than other clubs.

Betsy reported that there will be upcoming vacancies on our board. In May, we will need to appoint a new Vice President, Treasurer, and Concession Co-Chair. Members are encouraged to promote and inquire about these positions which will be filled at our May meeting.

Director's Report (Twila Nogowski)

Twila reported that the season is going well. She has recently sent out emails to parents asking for feedback on how the season is going and has been asking coaches for feedback of players' skills, attitudes, etc. All of this in an effort to keep the lines of communication open. Our teams are having a lot of success. They had their coaches' teambuilding event at Stars and Strikes. Sixteen of the coaches were able to make it. They had a great time and there was positive feedback on the event.

Twila also shared that Ramie Olson officially resigned as assistant director of the club. She served as assistant director for 8 years. She still plans to be a mentor coach next season. That position needs to be filled. Twila recommended Tracy Klein for the position of assistant director. Tracy is an assistant coach for Sheyenne and was involved in starting a club elsewhere before coming to the area. It would be nice to get equal representation of both schools so we can remain one club. There was discussion about other possible candidates and her overall experience but it was determined a "new perspective" would be good to have and Twila feels she would be able to work well with Tracy.

Kelly Holaday made a motion to hire Tracy Klein as assistant director to West Fargo Juniors Volleyball. Jessi Zenker seconded that motion. Motion was passed.

The board discussed the salary for Tracy Klein. Twila shared a list of duties typically done by Ramie that would be shared or taken over by Tracy. The board took into account that this will be a learning role her first year, when suggesting and deciding upon her salary with the potential of merits and bonuses as the season progresses and her duties increase.

CharRae Chwialkowski made a motion to approve the assistant's position salary. Melissa Rossman seconded it. Motion passed.

As a way to "give back" Twila suggested we purchase t-shirts for **all** girls, grades 7-12, at both schools that play volleyball for West Fargo. This would show unity and be a way of advertising our club to those girls that may not be a part of it already. The t-shirts would have the girls' names on the back. She thought she would be able to get shirts from her vendor for \$7 apiece.

Jennifer Raan made a motion to purchase these shirts for next fall. Jill Boehme seconded it. Motion was passed.

Vice President's Report (CharRae Chwialkowski)

Plans have begun for our end of the season picnic. A tentative date is set for Wednesday, May 18th from 6-8:30 pm. We will try to get Elmwood and have Mexican Village cater the event. The club will purchase desserts.

Treasurer's Report (Melissa Rossman)

Our current balance as of 4/7/16 was \$66,741.84. Melissa reported that we had a big "money" month. Our income involved tournament registrations and concessions profit from our WF tourney. Our expenses included 1st part of coaches' salaries, tournament expenses, gym rental, etc.

Twila also wanted to point out that our club tries to maintain a "cushion" in our account. This would help cover if we ever had to cancel our tournament or have other unforeseen expenses (ie. Gym space rental, etc.). Our tournament brings in big revenue (\$20,000+) and we have become such a big club and that we need to prepare for difficult times should they occur.

Registration Report (Jill Boehme)

Nothing new to report

Concessions Report (Jennifer Raan)

Jennifer reported concessions went well for our tournament. They ran out of quite a bit of food, but were able to cover it well. Customers seem to be pleased. All families that worked concessions did a great job, there was only one family that didn't show up for their shift. There was some confusion about whether or not the players should attend with the parents, yes they should.

Photo/Apparel (Jessi Zenker)

Nothing new to report.

Date for next meeting: Thursday, May 12th, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Cheney Middle School.

No further business. There was a motion by Jill Boehme to adjourn and Melissa Rossman seconded it. Motion approved.

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