

WYSO Board Meeting – 2/25/24

1. **Call to Order**–Otto called the meeting to order at 4:14pm. Quorum present with 11 members. See sign up sheet for who was present.
2. **Meeting Minutes Approval**–Keith approves the minutes from the last meeting, second by Ricky. All approved with no opposition.
3. **Treasurer’s Report**–Christy was not present. Otto presented that the bank balance as of 2/22/24 is \$17,332.30 and quick books balance as of 2/22/24 is \$20, 751.47.
4. **Public Input**–none
5. **General Updates**
 - a. **Winter Sports Recaps**
 - i. Wrestling – (Nikki) Nikki says that things are still going very well and going strong. Qualifiers will be starting soon. They were invited to bring their tournament team to the Dodge County Invite which is new this year. There are about 10 kids who will be going to the qualifier.
 - ii. Boys Basketball – (Lindsey) Lindsey spoke that it went well. The 8th grade team won their league and only had 1 loss. We had 3 home pods, charged at the door and raised almost \$1,800 with the admission fee. As a league of the ESYBL, they are discussing possibly doing a 3rd grade league. All of the rules will also be updated prior to the next season. As a WYSO group, we are looking to start a 10,000 shot club where it would \$5 to get into, the kids would get a sheet to fill out and once they complete it, they get a t-shirt in return. It would be on the honor system. Lindsey will also present it to the ESYBL board to see if they are also interested in joining as well. The ESYBL board will also look into creating a code of conduct within them. There is concern of it being a conflict with there being a difference in what is considered a violation on each. Overall she feels it went well.
 - iii. Girls Basketball – (Roxy) Season is over and we discussed things at the last meeting. No updates at this time.
 - b. **Spring/ Summer Sports Updates**
 - i. Soccer – (Mike)-Mike was not present. There are about 87 kids signed up. Mike had mentioned to Otto that if there are not enough kids for a certain level/age group, then there will just not be a team instead of trying to combine.
 - ii. Softball – (Roxy) Roxy was not present. Katy discussed that we are not doing a skills program this year. Katy discussed that we will have an extra 10 kids due to that. Each 4 or 5yr old kid will need to do 1 year of tball first before going to 8U, but if you are already 6yrs old, you can go straight to 8U.
 - iii. T-Ball/CP – (Lindsey) Sign ups are very early in yet. Lindsey has coaches covered.
 - iv. AL/NL – (Corey) Corey shared that he is now the ESYBL President. We will start around June 1st which is a few weeks later. There will be about 10-12 games per team. The NL program has noticed that there has been a large drop in teams throughout the league. The big reason is due to not having a Pony League. There is talk about making an A and B league that includes tryouts. The goal for NL is to make it more competitive and to get them more ready for teenager so there will be small changes in the rules to help with this including having the dropped 3rd strike rule incorporated in the second half of the season this year. Lindsey added that there is a strong possibility that Martin from Cambridge is going to have a big umpire clinic so that everyone is on the same page and learns the same way. Cambridge is willing to host it. We will talk more about this topic next time we meet.
 - v. Teeners – (Keith) Keith was present and discussed that we look like there will be 2 teams. Registration will close on March 24th. We have 2 sponsors already for the season. Keith will register both teams in the 14U league and have the 13yr olds play in the lowest division and the 14yr olds play in the A division to help get ready for high school ball. This gives him freedom to be able to move players within the 2 teams if needed. He is confident that it will all work out. If there is a pretty big amount of kids that sign up, there may be an evaluation day to decide where to place them. The scheduling meeting is on April 8th. Katy mentioned that we

did include the concession stand requirement within Teener registration this year. She explained to Keith that it is his discretion on whether or not he wants to enforce that. We are trying to see if there is enough interest with other communities in being in the Deppe Tournament. Keith would like to see a 14U tournament. Katy discussed that Keith will need to send an email out to all of the Teener parents regarding the concession stand when he and Elise make the decision. He stated that there is also an opportunity to make money in the concession stand for the teener games or the Dairyland games. He introduced the idea of doing a concession stand during those games. The jerseys will be t-shirts that can also be used as undershirts for high school. He is also trying to see if he can get a teener game on the 4th of July. He is still in need of coaches. There is a possibility that if there is a scheduling conflict, we can use the high school diamond behind the school.

- vi. Deppe Tournament – (Otto) Otto said that he has no teams as of now. He has not had responses to his emails. Deerfield will for sure be here. We will be having coach pitch back this year. We are looking into including the teener teams. It may just be a round robin depending on the number of teams.

c. Miscellaneous Updates

- i. Organizing sponsorships and fundraising (Otto)-Otto sent an email stating that he would prefer that if directors are going to do their own fundraising or reach out to businesses for fundraising, to please keep Ricky in the loop so he is aware and then knows who has been contacted already. Otto asks that everyone runs it by Ricky when you do reach out or organize a fundraising event.
- ii. 8th Grade Graduation (Katy) Katy spoke that she polled the 8th grade kids to see if they would like to have a graduation party for them. Most of them said they would like to do a little event for them. Katy is thinking about doing a simple pizza party and bowling party. There are 16 8th grade kids that have consistently been involved in WYSO. She is asking for \$30 per kid and a total of \$500 for this to happen. Lindsey motions to approve Katy to have \$500 to spend on 8th grade graduation. Second by Otto. All approved with no opposition. Otto mentioned that he would really like to see this be an annual event. Elise mentioned that another option for the future would be swimming at the school pool.
- iii. Gun Raffle – (Otto / Josh) Josh was not present, but emailed Otto that he has a \$500 check coming this week and another \$250 as well. He wants to print the tickets in March and start selling in April. The actual raffle date is to be determined. Once the ground is ready, they will start putting in the batting cages. The concrete and labor is being donated.

6. New Business

- i. K-3 Co-Ed Basketball Director – (Katy) Katy discussed that we should have a director for this. We do not have to vote today, but she wanted to open up the conversation about this partially because there is a lot of work involved in it and the ESYBL league is considering adding 3rd grade into the league play. Lindsey stated that there are multiple other communities that would be willing to be involved in doing a small league of 2nd and 3rd grade and just play each other. She discussed the idea of doing clinics during the girl's basketball season since there are less teams which means less gym time conflicts and then moving into the boy's basketball season with practices for the 2nd and 3rd graders. Katy mentioned that she sees a big future for this and this being a big program. Lindsey discussed that Hector Solis is someone that is very passionate about helping and she will talk with him about helping and possibly being a co-director. Jeff made a motion to table this for the next meeting. Second by Nikki. All in favor with no opposition.

7. **Announcements**-Otto discussed that it is scholarship time and the applications are out! The scholarship committee will need to get together within the next month or so to go through the applications. Jessica talked about that we are not able to partner with Dick's Sporting goods this year for the 20% off discount weekend. Jessica also talked about trying to get together a donation collaboration for any and all equipment and then try to be able to give out to families who are in need of equipment. This is something that we will table this for now and talk about it at the next meeting.

8. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative):

- a. WYSO Board Meeting – March – TBD
- b. WYSO Meeting of the Membership – April – TBD

9. **Adjournment**-Katy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm. Second by Otto. All in favor with no opposition.