

# **WYSO Board Meeting Minutes – 10/15/23**

1. **Call to Order**—Otto called the meeting to order at 3:09pm. Quorum present with 10 members. See sign up sheet for members present.

2. **Meeting Minutes Approval**

- a. 8/27/2023 Minutes—Katy motioned to approve the meeting minutes from August 27, 2023. Second by Lindsey. All in favor with no opposition.

3. **Treasurer's Report**—Christy was not present and did not have the account reconciled and will have one at the next meeting. Bank balance is about \$12,000 and we have about \$2,200 coming in from Active yet for registrations.

4. **Public Input-None**

5. **General Updates**

a. **Fall Sports Recaps**

- i. Flag Football – Rob—Both have just recently finished up with playoffs. Next year will have to be the same instead of moving to the league in Sun Prairie. It would have been \$55 per child and he would not have let our kids wear the helmets we have. For other reasons as well, it would be best to stay with what we are doing.
- ii. Tackle Football – Jeff—We had a good year with 7th/8th went 3-3 and 5th/6th went 5-2. No issues or concerns. Jeff mentioned that going forward he is at the point where he has some major costs coming up that are necessary. They have been delayed due to extremely low numbers in the past, Covid, then a burst in numbers. The plan for fundraising to help mitigate this is at sign up/equipment handout, each kid will get 10 letters to hand out to people and businesses asking for donations at free will. Jeff will also send out an email to parents letting them know and informing them of the necessary equipment upgrades to give them perspective of what the fundraiser is for.
- iii. Volleyball – Tori—Tori was not present, but sent an update to Otto and Jessica. see below.

## **Volleyball update**

-Regular season WYSO volleyball k-6th grade ended with a 3rd/4th & 5th/6th tournament at Poynette and Columbus. We hosted a league game for each level 3rd/4th & 5th/6th in Waterloo which went well. I think next year it would be a great idea to have some sort of concessions on these nights. On average, with the surrounding schools that participated, having about 15 teams on a night, gives an average of about 200-250 people that attended these events. It could be simple things such as water, chips, candy and bubbler has been a great hit at some of these concession stands. Waterloo Varsity girls helped ref for the 5th & 6th grade night which was a nice addition that we've never done in the past but I am hopeful that it continues and we can do it for 3rd/4th grade next year as well. Jess Wredberg said she would like to do more of that collaboration of the older girls helping out/mentoring the younger volleyball players in the future. The varsity girls also earned silver cord hours for their time.

-K-2nd ended their volleyball season last week.

-All the volleyball girls that were available rode on the float for the homecoming parade which is always fun.

-Travel wyso still has one more weekend of play at the MKE sting center next week. The goal is of course winning and getting to the A bracket. Both the 6th and 7th grade teams are continuing to move up brackets each weekend. 7th grade started in the G bracket at the beginning of the season and played in the B bracket yesterday. 6th grade plays today and they have moved from G and are playing in D today. Next year the girls will be placed according to their record this year starting out in a higher bracket. This year was the first year they participated in The Greater Milwaukee Power league.

Josh ended up purchasing more volleyball equipment needed for the amount of teams/players necessary. Our revenue exceeded our expenditures and I still need to get Christy N. my budget:)

**b. Winter Sports Updates – If any**

- i. Wrestling-Registration is open. The tournament is Dec. 16th. Lindsey and Nikki are going to talk with wrestling and basketball parents to see if they would be willing to do concessions for the opposite sport. Coaching squad is the same.
- ii. Boys Basketball-Registration is still open until Oct. 31st. Lindsey is going to do a boys clinic. Boys practice will start after girls are done.
- iii. Girls Basketball-We have teams on 4th, 5/6th together, and 7th grade teams. Practice started this week and our first pod will be Oct. 28th and ending on Dec. 9th. Gabe mentioned that he would love to start up a system similar to how flag football is run for the younger kids of k-3rd grade. Doing a round robin season with both boys and girls in k-3rd grade.

**c. Fundraising Updates**

- i. Hubbleton Brewing Meat Raffle-It was discussed that it is not a good idea and in the best interest of the organization to give proceeds to a for profit organization. Gabe motioned to table this until further notice, second by Jeff. All in favor with no opposition.

**d. Miscellaneous Updates**

- i. **Registration Systems – Katy**-We have gone back and forth for a long time about getting a new system. Katy did updated research and presented that she compared to a few communities around us and what they are paying compared to us. Katy sent a report to Jessica. Currently right now we are paying 3.5% per registration AND \$3 per registration. Our income right now on average is about \$40,000 for registrations of any kind as well as extra fees. Our average cost of a sport is about \$70. This equals to about \$5 per kid that we are getting charged per kid from Active. Katy did some research of what other communities around us are using and the cost of those programs and we are within \$200 of what those costs are. Our fee for Active is very comparable to what other communities are paying for what they are using. Being that all of us including the parents would have to get used to a new system and the struggle with that compared to what we are already paying and the comparison, Katy and Jessica feel it is best served to stay with Active for now. Gabe mentioned that there is some small talk about the Parks Department using Rec Desk in the future and he asked if WYSO would be interested in going in on it with the Parks Department. This is something that we will look into and talk more seriously about it if the Parks Department does move forward with it.
- ii. **New Field Policies at the Park – Gabe**-There is a rough draft of a new policy that is up for vote to pass for field usage that EVERY COACH that is using the fields, will have to go through a class about proper field maintenance of how to maintain the field prior to being able to schedule practices

or games. Fields A, B, and C will all have clay under the pitching areas and the home plate which means that every single time the fields are used they must be maintained according to the training. This means that even for a practice, the fields must be maintained appropriately. There will be consequences for those who do not abide by the rules plus a potential fine if the Parks Department has to come in and do the maintenance. Once the policy is approved, he will email over the specifics of the policy to Jessica and she will disperse it to all of the directors and they will be responsible for sending/informing the coaches.

**6. Old Business**

- i. **Batting Cage Fundraiser – Josh**-He has 2 quotes and he thinks he can get it done for \$15,000-\$18,000 for 2 batting cages. He has a lot of donated labor already. He broke down the costs a bit and has a letter to hand out to businesses asking for donations. They will still be called the Dave Deppe batting cages. He would like the tickets out by January and the concrete done asap. Gabe motioned to approve the concrete for \$5,000 pending financial approval by the treasurer. Second by Katy. All approved with no opposition.
- ii. **Heat Policy**-Otto discussed that we would like to follow the WIAA rules on this. Otto motioned to follow the WIAA policy. Second by Gabe. All in favor with no opposition.

**7. New Business**

**8. Announcements**

- a. **Next round of elections will be in May 2024, if you aren't planning on 2<sup>nd</sup> returning, please let us know ASAP so we can start looking for someone.**

- Vice President – Katy
- Secretary – Jess - *Returning*
- Concessions – Elise - *Returning*
- K-2 Flag – Rob - *Returning*
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Flag – Rob - *Returning*
- Soccer – Mike
- Tackle – Jeff
- **Volleyball – Open**
- **Girls Basketball – Open**
- Wrestling – Nikki - *Returning*
- Fundraising – Ricky - *Returning*
- Equipment – Josh

**9. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative):**

- a. WYSO Board Meeting – November – TBD
- b. WYSO Board Meeting – December – TBD

**10. Adjournment**-Katy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:35pm. Second by Gabe. All in favor with no opposition.