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Kara Huisman, Treynor Softball Coach



Kara Huisman spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on November 7. She said this has been an interesting season. This is her eighth year at Treynor.

They only played 15 games this year, ending with a record of 9-5, starting the season with a 3-4 record. Kara wished this could have been a full season because she saw a lot of improvement each week. This was a very young team, having lost 7 key players from last year. Tara said that this team has had "the most dramatic growth of any team" she has coached.

Most years they start practice the beginning of May, with the first game the end of May. They usually have one full team practice before the first game. This year they started practice June 1 and did two-a-day practices since there was no school. They also had multiple full team practices before the first game on June 15.

The booster club bought helmets for every player, so no one had to switch helmets. They sanitized the bats, balls, and gloves between use. They had 23 players this year.

Alyssa Kellar had the second highest batting average for Treynor with 0.522 for 46 at bats. This year they had two 8th graders playing every game, Jadyn Huisman and Mailee McKern.

After winning six games in a row, they were disappointed to lose to St. Albert by a score of 4-5 in the first post season game. Fans turned out in record numbers this year.

Kara has spent a lot of time working with area pitchers. She said she won't work with anyone who Treynor will meet in post-season.

Kara's daughter Sydney went 6-1 this year at Central College in Pella. She is majoring in Actuarial Science and wants to get a double major. She started college with 21 credits. Her new season will start March 12. She has all in-person classes and wears a mask to class.

James, her son, is a Junior and is involved in football and track. He isn't interested in baseball.

Kara said she started teaching her daughter Jadyn to pitch in 4th grade. Kara said Jadyn wasn't really focused until 7th grade.

Kara is not teaching this year. She is over Curriculum and Professional Development at Treynor for K-12.

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, club president, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. There were fifteen members, plus two virtually, and two guests present (Justin and Kara Huisman). Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jordan Campbell gave the opening prayer.

Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton, and Jordan Campbell provided humor.

Dee Guttau won the 50/50 drawing and the attendance drawing.

Bragging Rights: (\$ to fund youth activities)

Chad Guttau announced that Jon Jacobsen had won reelection by a wide margin. Dee Guttau said she had completed her seed collection for this year. Gary Guttau brought a beet that filled a five-gallon bucket. Keith Denton contributed for Rem in baseball. Dale Willenborg contributed because he was almost done painting the outside of his house.

Birthday: The club sang to Mick Guttau over the phone for his birthday.

Anniversary: None recognized

Can Kennel: Can kennel sorting for the Boy Scouts will be Wednesday, November 11 at 2:30 p.m.

Gary Gutttau announced that the Glenwood Redemption Center is closed again. We will have to store bottles and cans until they reopen.

Note: The can kennel has been broken into several times. This week the thieves cut into the chain link fence on the East side. A police report has been filed.

Auction Items:

Dee Gutttau brought two gourds and Dennis White purchased them.

John Klein brought a 1944 Britannica World Events book and Jim Clausen purchased it for \$5.

Club dinner:

The Club will hold a get together dinner at Silo's on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Bill Vorthmann if you would like to attend. It is mainly a get together to support a local business.

Other business:

The club voted to accept Shelly Bailey as a new member. She plans to attend next week.

We forgot to pass the hat this week, so next week we will pass the hat to collect for the "Shop with a Sherriff" program. Last year \$200 was collected.

The JOI Club is requesting donations of a dozen Cookies for the Troops. Cookies should not have peanuts in them and be no wider than 2.5". They do not need to be individually wrapped. They need to be delivered to the high school by 8:30 AM Mon. morning, Nov. 9.

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Calendar

Nov 9 – 8:30 AM Cookies for Troops due at high school
Nov 18 – Treynor Optimist Dinner, Silo's, 7 PM

Birthdays

Nov 8 – Mick Gutttau (recognized)
Nov 18 – Phil Waggoner
Nov 18 – Dianne Willenborg

Anniversaries

Nov 2 – Kirk & Lynell Vorthmann
Nov 6 – Ken & Linda Graham
Nov 22 – John & Carol Klein

Programs

November - Jerry Hempel
December 6, 13 - Ken Graham
December 19, 26 - Chad Gutttau

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January - Keith Denton
February - Gary Funkhouser
March - Chad Gutttau
April -
May -
June -
July - Kirk Vorthmann / Doug Dillivan
August - Bill Vorthmann
September -
October - John Klein
November - Jerry Hempel

Speakers

Nov 14 - Travis Castle, Vision Treynor Group
Nov 21- Jeff Casey
Nov 28- Meeting, but no Speaker
Dec 5 - Travis Graham, Treynor HS Speech Improv Coach
Dec 12 –
Dec 19 - Jeanette Pavkov, Perfectly Crafted
Dec 26 –

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