



Penfield Strikers Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2011

Call to Order

Laura Payne-Bourcy called to order the regular meeting of the Penfield Strikers at 6:30 pm on September 11, 2011 at Penfield Presbyterian Church.

Attendance

Laura Payne-Bourcy, George Pancio, Cathy Pietak, Bob Wells, Linda Teglash, Dito Garcia, Bob Poetker, Ron Cappellino, Alex Carroll, Melissa Cushman, Lisa Jackson, Jason Sabel, Kelly Masters, Colleen Bell.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Wells reported on the status of the club accounts as follows:

Operating Account: \$12,393.74

Money Market Account: \$ 1,000.00

- As of August 31, 2011 the operating account reflected a \$10,776 net loss. This loss is attributed to the following:
- 2011 uniform expense of approximately \$15,000, which will be recouped in 2012
- A decrease in club fee revenue; \$115,000 anticipated based on preliminary registrations when, in fact, only \$105,000 was received
- Equipment purchases were slightly over budget

L. Teglash reported there are currently 279 players registered for the 2012 season. Based on that, the 2012 budget should be fine.

Registrar and Webmaster's Report

Linda Teglash reported that the 2012 registration process went smoothly. Tryout numbers were as follows:

- U7 - 1 Academy level player
- U8 - 4 players
- U9 - 19 players
- U10 - 40 players
- U11 - 46 players
- U12 - 31 players
- U13 - 36 players
- U14 - 36 players
- U15 - 28 players
- U16 - 7 players
- U17 - 31 players

Discussion was had by all, including the following:

- Given the low tryout numbers for the U8 and U16 age brackets, it was suggested that these age groups be combined with other teams; i.e., U8 players move up to a U9B team and some U15 players moved up to a U15/U16 team.
- Registrations are down this year; a total of 34 players who did not return with the biggest loss in the U12, U15 and U16 age groups. Discussion was had regarding the drop-off in registrations, especially in the U12 age group. Dynamo recruitment and election of other sports were cited as potential reasons.
- All Girls/ All Soccer (AGAS) was discussed as a primary recruitment opportunity for players in the U8-U9 age bracket. L. Teglash to send C. Bell AGAS info so she may follow up on recruitment of interested and eligible players.
- The primary goal is to register U9 players first and then consider a U8 academy-level team instead of a competitive team.
- D. Garcia noted his observations at tryouts were that some players, especially those in the older age brackets, after many years of tryouts, were perhaps too casual or flippant about the process. He suggested

that an explanation be given to all players prior to tryouts about what to expect and the role of the independent evaluators to refocus their efforts.

- L. Payne-Bourcy to forward to K. Masters previously created document (approximately two years ago) about tryout format and expectations.
- L. Teglash noted that the \$100 early registration incentive was not as successful as hoped; still had 70 late registrants. Will try incentive one more year.

Field Coordinator's Report

Bob Poetker reported that the Rothfuss fields are in great shape. However, the Town Hall fields have been damaged by a three-wheeler. Also, it was noted that there was a significant problem with bees at the Rothfuss pavilion and fields with a couple girls being stung during tryouts. Bob will contact the town regarding this problem for the future.

- R. Cappellino suggested that the club condense field use to the Town Hall and Rothfuss parks only so as to save money on field maintenance.
- R. Cappellino reported on the 2012 anticipated indoor skills training sessions; i.e., the number of teams, age brackets and time breakdown of skills and team practice.

Discussion was had by all, including the following:

- The suggestion that U15 to U17 teams consider beginning practices in January given the involvement of many players in other sports. Coaching Committee to be consulted.
- L. Teglash reported RDYSL has more grant money available in 2012 and perhaps the club should consider using down field time in November and December for clinic opportunities. This could potentially help recoup lost revenue.
- G. Pancio noted there may be BSZ contract repercussions and this would have to be investigated further.
- L. Payne-Bourcy to contact Chris Hershey regarding potential RDYSL E License training opportunity in November.
- The number of teams has to be finalized so educated, productive discussion can be had regarding scheduling and team practices.
- General consensus is to involve Libby Tobin more in upper-level skills training.

Head Manager's Report

Melissa Cushman is currently recruiting for the Head Manager's position. Lisa Jackson will consider the position once other possibilities are clarified.

Other Business

George Pancio reported rooms are reserved at PCC for the October 23, 2011 annual Board meeting.

L. Payne-Bourcy distributed last year's meeting agenda for review and suggestions.

Discussion was had regarding recruitment of Board members, including the open Board positions of President and Head Manager.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm

Meeting Minutes submitted by: C. Pietak