



Penfield Strikers Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2010

Call to Order

L. Bourcy called to order the regular meeting of the Penfield Strikers at 6:30 pm on November 14, 2010 at Penfield Presbyterian Church.

Attendance

L. Bourcy, G. Pancio, B. Wells, L. Teglash, C. Pietak, G. Werner, R. Cappellino, J. Shufelt, K. Connor, L. Jackson, M. Conolly, J. Maurer, M. Cushman, C. Bell, A. Carroll, G. Vacca, K. Masters.

Meeting Minutes

L. Bourcy submitted the October meeting minutes with no amendments or corrections made. K. Connor made a motion to accept the October minutes; J. Maurer 2nd; all were in favor.

Director of Coaching Report

G. Werner reported on the season's first practice and skills sessions held on 11/13/10 at the Brighton Sports Zone. Field scheduling and integration of skills training went well. Goalie training was discussed, but particulars are not formalized and field availability at BSZ will have to be determined.

Treasurer's Report

B. Wells reported on the status of the club accounts as follows:

Operating Account: \$89,018.88

Savings/Overdraft: \$ 1,000.42

Registration Fees: \$ 84,625.00

- There remains unpaid club fees for 48 registrants. Once fees are collected, club accounts will be on target and balanced. Installment payments will be offered as an option for those with outstanding fees due.
- Every scholarship request was granted this year (7 in total).
- Equipment and Brighton Sports Zone contracts current.
- G. Werner, Director of Coaching, paid first of four contract payment.
- Funds will be provided for each team to participate in two tournaments.

Volunteer Coordinator Report

K. Connor reported on the status of volunteer responses from the annual club meeting. The registration list was used to form a volunteer pool that can be utilized on an as-needed basis with specific "one-shot" volunteer opportunities.

- Mary Carroll will assume club photo responsibilities; handle company bids, related paperwork and team correspondence.
- Janet Lurz will attend meetings on an as-needed basis in the capacity of Special Events Coordinator. Examples: 4th of July Parade, Annual Board Meetings, Charity/Community Outreach.
- Alex Carroll offered to explore club communications function. Will discuss further with L. Bourcy.

Uniform Coordinator's Report

C. Bell reported on the 11/9 uniform fittings. Missing only 17 fittings out of approximately 300 girls!

- Teams may specialize practice shirts: \$3 per shirt with team name; \$5 per shirt to personalize with girl's name.
- Coaching staff reminded there can only be 2 assistant coach shirts provided by the club.
- Developmental players will be provided shorts, socks and practice shirt only. If player is offered team position in the spring, a \$50 payment will be needed to cover full uniform cost.
- U8 through U10-3 teams will be assigned jersey numbers alphabetically.

- U11 through U19 teams may make jersey number requests. L. Teglash to e-mail coaches with team roster and numbers taken/numbers available with deadline to respond. Will forward final requests to C. Bell by 11/20.

Fundraising Report

Discussion had by all regarding fundraising ideas. Board members to submit ideas to L. Bourcy. L. Bourcy to meet with A. Carroll to discuss preparation of bullet item e-mails to be sent to all teams in the form of a club-wide monthly update, including notification of team fundraising events.

Developmental Players Report

L. Bourcy provided report on and explanation of developmental players within the club. There are two U7 academy program developmental players participating with the U8 team. Their annual club fee is \$150.

Annual Club Meeting Report

Discussion was had by all regarding the 10/24/10 annual club meeting. An estimated 160-170 people attended and it was felt that things went well.

- All Board elections were confirmed by votes cast.
- K. Connor reported that having registration/club fee collection offered both before and after the meeting was received favorably by attendees.
- A. Carroll submitted that the Medical Release form should be reviewed and perhaps revised to not include health insurance numbers due to potential fraud issues. The subject will be addressed further through discussion between A. Carroll, L. Bourcy and J. Getz for attorney input.

AGAS Report

B. Wells reported on the fall AGAS program. It was felt that generally all went well, with the weather cooperating wonderfully! While numbers were down from the 2009 AGAS program, there were approximately 150 girls who participated. Strikers coaches who participated did well, but it was felt that the commitment level from Strikers youth volunteers was problematic at times. Also, team configuration was at times a bit "lopsided" age and experience wise.

- C. Pietak submitted that the 2nd/3rd -grade age bracket experienced difficulties with one team being entirely 2nd graders that resulted in a negative experience for the players and families. As the AGAS program is considered a primary recruitment opportunity for the club, L. Bourcy suggested that perhaps the application form should be modified to inquire about previous experience and a better effort made next year to balance teams age wise.

Field Schedule Report

R. Cappellino reported that all field scheduling at Brighton Sports Zone has been finalized. Field assignments, skills training and team practice times are posted on the Strikers website on a week-by-week basis and have been forwarded to coaches.

- R. Cappellino also reported on field availability and scheduling for the US Youth Soccer Level E. licensing program to be offered in collaboration with New York West. Strikers coaches will have the opportunity to attend sessions January 14-16, 2011, with a minimum of 15 coaches required. Assistant coaches may register to attend as well, but the club will only pay for costs associated for head coaches. The Saturday, 1/15 session will be at Brighton Sports Zone, with details to follow regarding other sessions. L. Bourcy to e-mail head coaches with details.
- L. Bourcy submitted to the Board the possibility of Libbie Tobin (a Level B licensed coach) offering a special training session to the U14 and up players possibly on the same January weekend when field time and space is already paid for and available. This was discussed in conjunction with the fact that older Strikers players may be leaving the club to pursue training with "premier" clubs in order to obtain the experience they feel is necessary to compete for varsity and junior varsity school teams and an attempt on the part of the club to dispel that perception. L. Bourcy to follow up with Libbie Tobin on her possible availability for such a special training session.

Agenda Item #10 (Coordination of Team Additions) held in abeyance until December Board meeting.

Head Manager's Report

M. Cushman reported on status of team managers training. L. Teglash suggested that new managers be paired with experienced managers as part of a training effort. L. Bourcy submitted that the club must hold the line on team managers meeting attendance so as to avoid problems, i.e. check writing responsibilities and injury report filing. M. Cushman will notify L. Bourcy of scheduled team managers' meeting. L. Bourcy will e-mail all coaches to notify them to have their team managers contact M. Cushman to verify contact info in order to schedule training.

Agenda Item #12 (Post Tryout Paperwork) held in abeyance until December Board meeting.

Coaching Committee Report

K. Masters reported on upcoming RDYSL division placement. An explanation of division placement procedure and an example template of request narrative will be provided to coaches for use in their recommendations for Division 1-4 placement.

President's Report

- The RDYSL Presidents' Meeting will be held on Sunday, 11/21/10 at MCC from 7:00-9:00. The Penfield Strikers club will be receiving the Leadership Award for the second year in a row!! Congrats and thanks to all whom have contributed to this distinction. L. Bourcy has asked for a volunteer to attend in her stead as she has a previous commitment. L. Teglash and G. Pancio will advise on their availability.
- L. Bourcy reported on the presentation of the Elliott Award to a former Strikers player, Kayleigh Zornow. Kayleigh is a PHS senior varsity soccer player who was selected in recognition of her accomplishments in the sport of soccer and good sportsmanship and has been recruited to play for the U of R women's soccer team.
- L. Bourcy submitted a Community Service agenda item for the December Board meeting.

Other Business

- G. Pancio reported that Jeff at Brighton Sports Zone has approached him regarding the possibility of a 5-year contract with the facility. With one more year remaining on the current contract, an opportunity was offered to "lock in" a fee of \$40,000 for exclusive Strikers field time on Saturdays from 12:00-5:00, a \$5,000 annual but fixed increase over the previous annual contract fee of \$35,000. It was discussed that the club will certainly consider this proposal, but L. Teglash and L. Bourcy felt that an exit clause would have to be in place regarding change of ownership, quality of service and facilities, etc. G. Pancio, B. Wells and R. Cappellino will follow up on this item with input from club attorney, J. Getz.
- L. Teglash. New Board members must provide risk management requests.

Adjournment

K. Masters made motion to adjourn meeting; G. Vacca 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Minutes submitted by: C. Pietak.