



# *Penfield Strikers Meeting Minutes*

January 9, 2011

## Call to Order

L. Bourcy called to order the regular meeting of the Penfield Strikers at 6:30 pm on January 9, 2011 at Penfield Presbyterian Church.

## Attendance

L. Bourcy, G. Pancio, B. Wells, L. Teglash, C. Pietak, R. Cappellino, J. Shufelt, L. Jackson, M. Cushman, A. Carroll, K. Masters, J. Sabel, D. Garcia, J. Richiusa.

## Meeting Minutes

L. Bourcy submitted the December meeting minutes for approval. L. Jackson made a motion to accept the December minutes; L. Teglash 2<sup>nd</sup>; all were in favor.

## 2011 Board Meeting Schedule

L. Bourcy moved to set the 2011 Board meeting schedule. Discussion was had by all, with the following dates set: February 13, March 13, April 10, May 15, June 12, July 10, August (to be determined), September 11, October 16, November 13, December 11.

J. Shufelt made a motion to approve; G. Pancio 2<sup>nd</sup>; all were in favor.

## Director of Coaching Report

K. Masters and B. Wells reported regarding upcoming division placement requests. Discussion was had by all regarding division placement procedure and timelines. Requests are due 2/3/11. Examples of division request forms are available through the club to assist coaches in completing the forms.

- Coaching Committee meeting for all coaches is tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in January (specific date and time to be determined) at Penfield Community Center.
- B. Wells reported on the resignation of Angela Coca, the U15 coach. B. Wells has offered to assume the head coach position. Thank you, Bob! He noted there are currently only 13 registered players and the need to recruit additional players. L. Teglash confirmed that the league will allow the team to register with only 13 team members.
- L. Bourcy reported on the upcoming E License training the weekend of 1/15/11. Discussion was had by all.
- Chris Hershey from NY West will conduct the training, and there are currently 37 coaches signed up to attend - a huge turnout!
- L. Bourcy to confirm with Chris Hershey the exact times of sessions. Classroom and field locations also to be confirmed.
- R. Cappellino reported that he viewed the classroom at Brighton Sports Zone (BSZ), noting that it was appropriate and can accommodate 37 coaches. It was suggested that the club keep both the field and classroom training at BSZ. Ron will e-mail Chris Hershey this information.
- G. Pancio submitted that RDYSL has funds available (possibly \$1,000 - \$2,000 per club) to reimburse or assist in the cost of our club-sponsored E. License training. L. Bourcy requested that George write a proposal to RDYSL detailing this training opportunity and associated cost.

## Uniform Coordinator's Report

C. Bell was not present and submitted her report via e-mail as follows:

- Practice shirts were received on 1/9/11. Head coaches will be e-mailed to arrange for pick-up. Uniforms will be available by the end of February. All coaches shirts have been ordered.
- L. Bourcy reported that Joe Valenti approached her with a proposal regarding a "Group On" coupon opportunity for our club. \$50 Valenti coupons would be sold for \$39 with an additional 10% discount on store purchases.

- Discussion was had by all regarding this as a possible club-wide fundraising opportunity, noting that the timing will be important for best results. Possibly March before the season begins?
- Further discussion to be had at the February Board meeting.

### **Communications Report**

A. Carroll reported on the status of the club's first newsletter. Coaches have been contacted via e-mail for fundraiser information. Alex will consult with L. Teglash for additional input and assistance, noting that it should be distributed to club members by 1/15/11.

### **Field Coordinator's Report**

R. Cappellino's report on E License training and field accommodations has been incorporated into the Coaching Committee report above.

### **Special Projects Report**

L. Bourcy reported on the January training clinic with Libbie Tobin. Discussion was had by all. Laura will personally handle the details of this U14 and above opportunity, sending another e-mail to coaches to be sure that all are properly informed of the schedule and location.

- L. Bourcy submitted that in addition to the clinic, Libbie is available to attend some Saturday practices in a skills training capacity (12 to 13 hours total time.)
- G. Pancio suggested that lost field time at BSZ due to the Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends may be available also. Details of field availability and cost associated with this potential training opportunity with Libbie to be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

### **Head Manager's Report**

M. Cushman reported that she still needs complete roster information from some team managers.

- Three teams remain without managers: U10-3, U12-1, U16-2. L Bourcy to personally contact coaches for teams of concern. Discussion was had by all, resulting in the recommendation that team uniforms and checkbooks not be distributed until a team manager is in place.
- No team manager meeting has been scheduled yet, although it is anticipated it will happen at the end of February to coincide with uniform and checkbook distribution.
- M. Cushman to contact C. Bell and B. Wells to confirm meeting date so they may be present.
- Discussion was had by all regarding the implication of dual rostering players. The club will possibly lose three players due to RDYSL rules governing dual rostering.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

Operating Account: \$93,557.45

Money Market Account: 1,000.48

- Club accounts remain balanced.
- Club will be submitting final payment to Brighton Sports Zone in the amount of \$14,375.
- Club will be submitting 8-week payment due to G. Werner/SSI in the amount of \$4,400.
- L. Bourcy to e-mail Laura Cheney, Asst. Director, Penfield Recreation Department, in anticipation of upcoming club/town meeting, addressing the following issues:
- Club contribution to the purchase of new goals. The club's budgeted special equipment expense is approximately \$2,000. (Copy in Rangers)
- 2010 Town bill for field lawn mowing has not been received yet.
- Discussion was had by all regarding field/lawn maintenance, with the agreement that the club will discontinue lawn mowing services from the Town in August of each year.
- Discussion was also had that a review should be undertaken in order to condense field use at the Rothfuss and Town Hall fields.
- B. Wells reported that he will be undertaking the preparation of the 2010 club tax returns and not-for-profit documents.

- B. Wells inquired regarding remaining unpaid registrants. He will need updated team rosters in order to balance accounts. L. Teglash reported there are 303 girls registered and will forward to Bob additional requested information this week. (Copy in M. Cushman)

### **Registrar and Webmaster's Reports**

L. Teglash reported that, beginning in February, RDYSL registration activity will be in full swing as roster information, division placement requests, etc. will be gathered.

- L. Bourcy initiated conversation had by all regarding use of team pages.

### **Speed Training Report**

D. Garcia reported on his speed training efforts, submitting that it may be best not to recruit parents to help with the timing function due to a lack of consistency. After a review of his schedule, Dito is available to conduct speed timing himself for all teams on 2/5/11 and 2/12/11 from 2:00-5:00 at BSZ. A second timing procedure will take place sometime near the end of the season.

- D. Garcia spoke with Erich/SSI regarding teaching the fast-leg skill. Erich will introduce this during upcoming skills classes.

### **Sponsorship Coordinator's Report**

L. Jackson submitted no new updates. B. Wells to forward new sponsorships that have been sent to him.

### **Equipment Manager's Report**

No report submitted.

### **Photo Coordinator's Report**

A. Carroll reported on behalf of Mary Carroll. Mary to contact Amy Cutrona this week regarding photo company solicitations.

- L. Bourcy submitted that past experience with Upstate has been positive.
- Discussion was had by all regarding the best date for photo sessions given tournament schedules, school breaks, etc. May 1<sup>st</sup> tentatively proposed.

### **Vice President's Report**

G. Pancio reported and made inquiry as to the club's contract with G. Werner/SSI and whether it has been signed. L. Bourcy to contact George and follow up.

- J. Getz has requested that all club contracts (i.e., BSZ, SSI, Tobin) be gathered so he may review them for content and format.
- G. Pancio reported on his attendance at the November RDYSL meeting. Meeting discussion included:
  - Assessment of club fines due to late field changes and forfeits.
  - Team roster minimums: U11-U12, 9 players; U-13-U19, 11 players.
  - A reminder of the importance of coaches filling out referee reports for necessary feedback.
  - RDYSL grant opportunities (i.e., risk management, parent education, safety videos.)
  - Discussion was had by all, including the possibility of a goalie training clinic.

### **President's Report**

L. Bourcy submitted the Board consider a club goalie training clinic. Discussion was had by all.

- Suggested that it be organized by experience level rather than age.
- B. Wells suggested that BSZ field time available in April be offered for this opportunity, with all in agreement.
- L. Bourcy to contact G. Werner to proceed with planning.
- L. Bourcy reported that Laura Cheney from Pen Rec contacted her regarding a women's soccer team who has made inquiry of the town about affiliation with our club.
- Discussion was had by all regarding the pros and cons of such an affiliation, including a volunteering component in reciprocation of affiliation and use of town fields.

- L. Bourcy will follow up with Laura to gather more information with further discussion to be had at February's Board meeting.

### **Other Business**

J. Richiusa, U11-A coach, reported on skills training observations. Observations included a lack of organization and structure; inefficient use of field space; feedback from players that training not as challenging as they would like. Discussion was had by all, summarized as follows:

- The player to instructor ratio is too high.
- The range of abilities in some sessions is broad, making it challenging for the instructor and the players.
- Too many kids standing around versus being on task (a result from the previous two root problems.)
- Coaches may be unclear as to what they can/should do to assist the skills instructor and/or do not have the expertise to do so.
- Board consensus was we are willing to accept having fewer sessions per team in favor of a higher-quality training experience; targeted instruction to level of player ability.
- L. Bourcy and K. Masters to follow up with G. Werner ASAP regarding Board discussion for his input, with further discussion to be had at the February's Board meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.  
Minutes submitted by: C. Pietak